

James J. Coleman Sr.

COLEMAN James J. Coleman, Sr. Beloved husband of Dorothy Jurisich Coleman. Father of James J. Coleman, Jr., Thomas Coleman, Peter Coleman and Dian Winingder. Father-in-law of Mary "Minnie" (Cushing) Coleman, Dathel (Hull) Coleman, Jean (Nolan) Coleman, and Tom Winingder. Survived by one grandson, thirteen granddaughters and twenty-one great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. A native of New Orleans, Mr. Coleman received his BA and JD degrees from Tulane University in the Law Class of 1937. Along with many of his classmates, including Hale Boggs, he formed the Peoples League which helped clean up local and state politics before and after his graduation. In 1938 he founded Coleman, Johnson, Artigues & Jurisich Attorneys at Law. He is a member of local, state and national bar associations, and a former board member of the American Judicature Society. He served as the President of the Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society and Chairman of the Judicial Compensation Commission. His business, civic, educational and religious activities are numerous. One of his civic endeavors that he was most proud of was the Adult Education Center which gave job skills to minority women and successfully found them good jobs in the community. Mr. Coleman has been active in the terminaling business for more than 50 years. As founder of International Tank Terminals, L.L.C., with one small terminal in New Orleans, he guided its steady growth into one of the largest independent tank terminal groups in the world. He has been a leader in many real estate developments in New Orleans including the International River Center, the New Orleans Hilton, the Windsor Court, the Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome and many other developments Downtown and in the Residential areas. He also founded the Jimmy Club Summer Camp which continues under his granddaughter's direction. Mr. Coleman has served as President of the Chamber of Commerce of the Greater New Orleans Area, Junior Achievement, the New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony and is President Emeritus of the World Trade Center of New Orleans. He served as trustee of Principia College and was Chairman of Tulane University's Business School Council. Mr. Coleman is Honorary Consul-General of the Republic of Korea and was Vice-Dean of the Consular Corps of New Orleans. Mr. Coleman was a founding member of Crimestoppers and served as chairman for many years. He has received many national and international honors and awards, including decorations from Honduras, The Netherlands and the Republic of Korea. Because of his outstanding service to the community, Mr. Coleman received the Times Picayune Loving Cup for 1980, the 1984 Business Hall of Fame Award, 1984 Volunteer Activist Award, the 1985 C. Alvin Bertel Award, the 2000 American Red Cross Humanitarian Award, and the 2002 Junior Achievement Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Coleman has been a lifetime member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, serving as past First Reader, past President and was instrumental and took a leadership role in the rebuilding of the church after Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Coleman loved Mardi Gras and was a member of a number of carnival clubs and has not missed in the last 10 years walking with Pete Fountain's Half Fast Walking Club on Mardi Gras Day. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a graveside service at Metairie Cemetery, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd., New Orleans, LA, on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 11:00 AM. Visitation Wednesday morning at graveside from 9:00 AM until funeral time. LAKE LAWN METAIRIE FUNERAL

HOME is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Crimestoppers. To view and sign the family guest book, please visit www.lakelawnmetairie.com.

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