



J. Hubert "Red" Dumesnil, Sr.

October 20, 1931 - March 18, 2018

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette, LA for James Hubert "Red" Dumesnil, Sr., 86, who died on Sunday, March 18, 2018 surrounded by Gertrude, his devoted wife of 60 years, and his loving family. Rosaries and the Divine Mercy had been offered throughout the day by Gertrude, children and grandchildren for his suffering and a peaceful death. At 12:15 AM he left this world to be with his Savior.

Entombment will be in St. John Cemetery Mausoleum in Lafayette, LA.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 60 years, Gertrude Hebert Dumesnil; his two sons, James Dumesnil, Jr. and his wife, Denise; Emile Dumesnil and his wife, Katherine Cecil; his five daughters, Eileen Frugé and her husband, Dan, Catherine Hardy and her husband, Bo, Lucille Bourgeois and her husband, Edward, Gertrude Trahan and Yvonne Shelfer and her husband, John Ashley; sixteen grandchildren, Jason, Holly and Anne-Marie Frugé; Spencer Dumesnil, Clement Cecil-Dumesnil and Emile Laurent Cecil-Dumesnil; Will Hardy; Katelyn, Kelsie and Alli Bourgeois; Blair, Alex, Sophie and Mia Trahan; and Bailey and Andrew Shelfer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dumesnil of Lafayette, LA.

Hubert was born in Lafayette, Louisiana in 1931. He graduated from Cathedral High School in 1948. He then received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Southwestern Louisiana Institute, now University of Louisiana-Lafayette, where he played on the tennis team. From there, he earned a Master's Degree in Economics from LSU and began work on his dissertation at Tulane before finally enlisting for the Korean Conflict serving in the United States Army in Tokyo from 1954-56. Upon his return, he married Gertrude Hebert of Jennings, LA in September 1957. He began a "temporary job" at Guaranty Bank, where he remained for over forty years. As the story goes, he only lasted as a bank teller for one week because he could not balance the till. Utilizing his economics degree and his love of people, he found a long career in banking. Many companies and

individuals credit their existence and success to "Uncle Red", including Global Industries and Acadian Ambulance to name a couple. "Local banks take care of the local community. Lafayette is a community that works hard and is productive."

Hubert was involved in his church community. He was an active member of the St. John the Evangelist Parish, serving on the Finance Committee, served on the finance committee for Jesuits, a member and past president of the Serra Club, was Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and was a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

He was very active in the community serving on boards and committees including the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Association for Business and Industry, Louisiana Fiscal reform Committee, the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, the Beaver Club, Hospice of Acadiana, Women's Hospital Foundation and the St. Thomas More Foundation. Hubert was the first non-employee serving on the Board of Acadian Ambulance. He also helped reorganize and revitalize Junior Achievement and was awarded the Lafayette Civic Cup in 1993.

He is noted and quoted for many sayings, not least of which is, "There is no end to the amount of good you can do, if you don't care who gets the credit." and "The most important thing in the world is to get along with your brothers and sisters."

Pallbearers will be Jason Fruge', Will Hardy, Bailey Shelfer, Andrew Shelfer, Dan Fruge, William "Bo" Hardy, Ed "Tiger" Bourgeois and John Ashley Shelfer.

Honorary Pallbearers will be his tennis friends and the banking community.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Martin & Castille's DOWNTOWN location on Monday, March 19, 2018 from 11:00 AM until 8:00 PM and on Tuesday at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist from 8:00 AM until time of the Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM.

A Rosary will be prayed by Brady LeBlanc at 7:00 PM in Martin & Castille Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made in Mr. Dumesnil's name to Hospice of Acadiana. 2600 Johnston Street, Suite 200, Lafayette, LA. 70506 or visit www.hospiceacadiana.com.

A heartfelt appreciation is extended by the Dumesnil family to the ICU staff on the 7th floor of Lafayette General Medical Center. George, Blake, Jackie, Chris, Lauren, and especially

Holly Frugé, his granddaughter, for their dedicated care to our father.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com

Martin & Castille-DOWNTOWN-330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA 70506, 337-234-2311

Cemetery

St. John Mausoleum

914 St. John St.
Lafayette, LA, 70501

Events

MAR **Visitation** 11:00AM - 08:00PM

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Martin & Castille's Downtown Location
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US

MAR **Rosary** 07:00PM - 07:45PM

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MAR **Visitation** 08:00AM - 10:00AM

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Martin & Castille's Downtown Location
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US

MAR **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
515 Cathedral St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70501

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - March 19, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ His family, Lafayette and the country has lost a true Southern businessman.

Ben Peters, Sr. - April 04, 2018 at 02:40 PM



“ A fine man. Wonderful sense of humor. Hard worker. Involved in community. We will miss him. Our best to family.
Barry and Claire Bohn

barry bohn - March 26, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ A fun and loving Red a Great member of the Chart House board and friend of my husband Bob Luckey and family His smile made you feel good. Rest In Peace! Rose Luckey

Rose Luckey - March 23, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ A legend and wonderful person. Thank you for your guidance, inspiration and most of all your sense of humor. May God bless your family knowing he is with the heavenly angels on his way to meet our loving Lord. What a beautiful family and rich in faith. Sincerely in Gods Love, Mrs. Denise Richard Lanclos

Denise - March 21, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ I'm pretty sure if there's tennis in heaven that Elizabeth has a court ready for them to hit a few balls. Uncle Red will always stay in our hearts.
Diane and Karen Leflett

Diane Leflett - March 20, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ On behalf of Hospice of Acadiana Board Members, employees, and volunteers I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Dumesnil Family for their support over the years. In our early years Mr. Red's guidance , as a Board Member, was invaluable and is still seen today in our everyday practice. Like many other "budding" businesses throughout Acadiana, Mr. Red was instrumental in our success and longevity. His presence will be sorely missed, however, his generosity will live on for eternity.

Karl Broussard, CEO
Hospice of Acadiana

Karl Broussard - March 20, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ What an incredible story of an incredible man who leaves behind a most incredible legacy. Our heartfelt condolences. The Regenold/Hesson family

Betty Regenold - March 20, 2018 at 08:08 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. Hubert "Red" Dumesnil, Sr..



March 19, 2018 at 08:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J. Hubert "Red" Dumesnil, Sr..



March 19, 2018 at 05:28 PM



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Trudy and family, we are so sorry to hear that Mr. Red has passed away. He was such a prominent figure in Lafayette for so many decades, his loss will leave a vacuum for years to come. Daddy spent many many happy moments with your dad and it was always such a pleasure to see your dad out and about around town, he always had a good word to share or a funny comment! Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Tommy Michot, Milton, LA

Tommy Michot - March 19, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of J. Hubert "Red" Dumesnil, Sr..



March 19, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ Wonderful memory of Red and the late Yvonne Carter stepping back and letting my husband and I cut the cake at the 2004 George Washington Ball. This photo is from a few years later at the same event. Wonderful friend.



Katherine Hill - March 19, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ I only got to really know Nonc Red in the last few years we associated. I did not know that this man was such a pioneer in the development of Lafayette, nor that he was such a philanthropist to so many causes. And here was a man who told me he spoke to God and God answered him. Which leads up to this incident:

I went with him (he insisted I go) to a weekend retreat of silent meditation at Grand Coteau several years ago. No speaking was allowed during that period, he told me, so I took a book to read, thinking I could use the silent time for that if no conversation with God ensued. Well, I tried, silently in my head, of course, asking God why we were here and what was the purpose of it all. You know, the eternal question of all

mankind.

God apparently chose not to answer me, for He did not reply, so I pulled Nonc Red off the grounds so that I could voice my concerns. (Apparently it was okay to speak away from the area where we were staying). He followed along, his eyes twinkling and listened to my plaint.

"Am I supposed to hear a voice?" I asked.

He nodded. "God will speak to you if you listen."

"I'm listening, Red," I replied. "Do I have to believe in Him before He will speak to me?"

"He loves you. He will speak to you."

Well, I'm still waiting, but I do believe God spoke to Red because he was a good, kind, loving person who laughed easily and believed in God.

John Francois - March 19, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of J. Hubert "Red" Dumesnil, Sr..



March 19, 2018 at 11:57 AM



“ Red was certainly a “Man for Others” as the Jesuit motto says. He was a generous and wise advisor and friend. There are fond memories of the visits Red and Gertrude made to New Orleans for the financial advisory committee meetings and our gathering at Perdido Beach. Prayers for Gertrude and family. May the Lord console all who grieve his passing.

Bro. Larry Lundin, SJ

Lawrence Lundin - March 19, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ Adrienne Gardemal, Dave Reed, and Trip purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of J. Hubert "Red" Dumesnil, Sr..





“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of J. Hubert "Red" Dumesnil, Sr..



March 19, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ It is with great sadness that I learned of Red's passing. In the early days of Acadian, Red had a profound influence on both me personally and on our company.

Red was the first banker who was willing to take a risk on a fledgling ambulance company and his continued guidance over the years allowed us to grow in the company we are today. Every life Acadian saves is due, in part, to Red's guidance and mentorship.

Red was a man of great faith and he taught me the importance of giving back to our community and supporting charitable causes. That lesson, perhaps the most important lesson Red gave me, continues to bring me much joy today.

I take solace that Red is now at peace with the Lord he loved and served so faithfully. I, my family, and the entire Acadian family offer our most sincere condolences to his wife Gertrude and the Dumesnil family.

Richard Zuschlag - March 19, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ Mr. Red was an incredible part of our community. His generous works and acts of kindness will live on. Love and prayers to the family. RIP

Laurie Jankower James - March 19, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ Dennis, Kenny and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of J. Hubert "Red" Dumesnil, Sr..



Dennis, Kenny and Family - March 19, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ 210 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - March 19, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ I started with Guaranty Bank in 1981. Mr. Dumesnil quickly became know as Uncle Red. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word. He will be truly missed. The family is in my prayers and I will offer mass for him today.

Dallas Landry - March 19, 2018 at 06:03 AM



“ He will never be forgotten by anyone who knew him because he was a gentleman and a gentle man, and that is his greatest legacy. He serves as an example for all as he was so filled with love, joy, and commitment to values that matter. His loss for his family, friends and the community is felt deeply. When one who is larger than life leaves us, that huge space is never filled again. To his family, especially Yvonne, my heart is with you as you celebrate his life and embrace his legacy.

Ray Mouton

Ray Mouton - March 19, 2018 at 01:49 AM



“ A friend and mentor to myself and many of my peers. Always had a smile and a good word to all those he came across.
Prayers, blessings and condolences to Mrs. Gertrude and the entire family. He will be missed. RIP in the arms of our loving Savior Uncle Red.

Blake Williams - March 18, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ Uncle Red was a GREAT GREAT Man in SO VERY MANY WAYS, we lost a Gaint of a Man!! He did SO much for Lafayette and never asked to be thanked for his work.
May he Rest In Peace

Henry Mouton - March 18, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ I am going to miss Uncle Red. It is the end of an era. He reminded me so much of my own father. He always greeted me with joy and spoke from his heart. I loved him.

Tommy DeBlieux - March 18, 2018 at 09:28 PM



“ I was so blessed to have had Red in my life.
He was my boss/mentor/father/friend and confidant.
He was very honest . He told me once that I would be a lot smarter if I just kept quiet sometime. I worked with him on Jr. Achievement. He called me one day to tell me to go to the Hospice meeting Thursday, you are the new treasurer.
I never made a career change without consulting him.
I was able to visit with him a couple of days before he entered the hospital. When I left I kissed him on his head and told him I loved him.
I am so thankful that that was me last 3 words to him. Love you Red, thank you for helping me the man I am.

Buddy Webb - March 18, 2018 at 06:49 PM



“ Mr. D was someone I always respected and valued knowing. Through his Parenting I had wonderful and careing friends!

Dr Blake Escudier - March 18, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ My sympathy Gertrude n your family prayers are with you n your family he was such a great person love you Dorothea Sonnier

Dorothea Sonnier - March 18, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ “Uncle Red” was a dear friend to me and Sr. Mercedes Couvillion when we were putting together the St. Joseph’s Shelter For Men in the 1980’s. I know what a gentleman he was and appreciated all his kindness. May he Rest In Peace.

Br. Christian Rountree - March 18, 2018 at 09:19 PM



“ May he RIP, wish I could make the service. Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Les Familles Bodin

Larry D. Bodin - March 18, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of J. Hubert "Red" Dumesnil, Sr..



March 18, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ I WISH I COULD PUT INTO WORDS THE RESPECT AND LOVE I HAVE FOR RED. I OWE SO MUCH TO HIM. HE RAISED ME AND GUIDED ME IN MY BUSINESS CAREER. YES HE WAS MY BANKER, BUT ALSO A FATHER, MENTOR,AND I COULD GO ON AND ON. RED KEPT ME OUT OF TROUBLE AT TIMES BUT ALSO LET MEMAKE MY OWN MISTAKES AND PATTED ME ON MY BACK TO HELP ME. ALWAYS TEACHING AND GIVING. THANK YOU DEAR FRIEND RED. DON BRIGGS.

DON BRIGGS - March 18, 2018 at 05:19 PM