



Richard Crosby Sealy

January 23, 1923 - June 28, 2020

Graveside Service for Mr. Richard C. Sealy will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Calvary Mausoleum of Lafayette, with Father Gary Schexnayder officiating the services.

The family requests visitation be held from 8:30 AM until 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Martin & Castille's Funeral Home DOWNTOWN location. Masks and any COVID personal protection are encouraged, but not required, to attend the visitation and services.

Acadiana has lost a great supporter, a kind and generous mentor to many, an inventor, and a special father and grandfather. Richard Crosby Sealy (January 23, 1923- June 28, 2020) left his earthly home for another kind of paradise, to be rejoined with his beloved Sybil, and their son Richard Timothy who predeceased them both.

His autobiographical book (a set of essays) in 2005 left us all with a precious gift of his personal memories, his wonderful humor, and stories of his family. New Iberia native, Richard C. Sealy, a licensed professional engineer, graduated from SLI (now U-L) with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering and continued his education at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He left as a commissioned officer and served on active sea duty for the next two and a half years in the Pacific theatre during and after WW2- first on a light cruiser as a division officer and later as assistant chief engineer on a small aircraft carrier.

In 1946, he married Sybil Beaulieu of Jeanerette and fathered three children: Lindrea, Richard (deceased) and Virginia.

He began his career as a mechanical engineer for a manufacturer of sugar cane harvesting machinery, as a plant engineer for a chemical company at Weeks Island, Louisiana, and as a sales engineer for a New Orleans company selling construction and industrial equipment.

In 1954, he started a wholesale supply business in Lafayette, selling equipment, parts, and supplies to dealers and contractors in the new industry of air conditioning and refrigeration. When the company was sold in 1980 it included 40 employees and branch operations in New Iberia and Lake Charles. During this period his firm was a member of Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Wholesalers, or ARW. After representing our Region 12 for several years, he was elected to the thirteen-member National Board of Directors, serving until his retirement.

Success inspired him to develop other enterprises that required invention and business skills, including water purification, home construction and a 19-year investment in laundry equipment on the USL (now U-L) campus.

Richard is survived by his two daughters Virginia Sealy and Lindrea Sealy, his grandchildren Juliette Owens, Celia Howes, Hannah Caplan, Grant Caplan, and five great grandchildren (Gavin and Benjamin Owens, and Louisa, Sybil and Teddy Andersen).

The family is grateful for the tender and loving care in recent months of Priscilla and Sarah Anson, and home health nurse Leslie Carrere.

Special appreciation is felt for the loving attention given by his daughter Virginia during his final years.

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

Cemetery

Events

Calvary Mausoleum

355 Teurlings Dr.

Lafayette, LA, 70501

JUL **Visitation** 08:30AM - 10:00AM

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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown Location

330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

JUL **Graveside Service** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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Calvary Mausoleum

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Comments



“ Sending love and sympathy to you both, Virginia and Lindrea. I enjoyed knowing your Mom and Dad, such great people. Catherine Maloney

Catherine Maloney - July 02 at 07:04 PM



“ Gin
I have fond memories of walking in the yard talking with your dad. H liked to talk about that Martin birdhouse.
All the best and very sorry for your loss.
Fred Gwin

fred gwin - July 02 at 12:20 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr Sealy. He was always a friend and great person to work with. He made the best pecan pies for our team at Morgan Stanley. He will surely be missed by all that loved him God Bless.
Gladys Perry

Gladys Perry - July 02 at 09:18 AM



“ Love, Terri and Riley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Crosby Sealy.



Love, Terri and Riley - July 01 at 02:23 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Crosby Sealy.





“ Condolences from Brian and Cindy Poirot. We will keep all of you in our prayers

cindy poirot - July 01 at 10:48 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Crosby Sealy.



June 30 at 06:28 PM



“ Gin and Lin, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. My condolences to both of you and your families.

Ken Courtade - June 30 at 03:13 PM



“ What a great person, Mr. Sealy. Years ago I worked for Jack Voinche who partnered with "Sealy" as Jack affectionately called him, in the washer and dryer business for the ladies dormitories at USL. Now and again it was my duty to fetch the quarters out to the machines and deliver them to Mr Sealy. I was nervous for the first couple of trips but Mr Sealy assured me that i would be fine--how fast can a thief run toting two forty pound bags full of quarters he would ask. After making a couple of trips, and as usual, he was correct--those bags full of quarters were heavy. He always had a smile and something nice to say to me.

Chook Cloninger

Raymond Cloninger - June 30 at 03:11 PM



“ The College of Engineering at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is mourning the loss of a great Alumnus, benefactor, and friend, Mr. Richard Sealy:

<https://engineering.louisiana.edu/news-events/news/20200630/mourning-loss-great-alumnus-benefactor-and-friend-mr-richard-sealy>

Ahmed Khattab, Interim Dean.

Ahmed Khattab - June 30 at 02:17 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.

terri Cummins Cormier - June 30 at 10:00 AM



“ What a wonderful, funny, loving man-just like his soulmate, Mrs. Sybil. I can't even imagine that huge smile on her face when Mr Sealy entered the pearly gates. I know my daddy was happy as well! Virginia, you have been his lifeline and guardian angel which he greatly appreciated. Thinking of you

Sherrill Smith Rothmier - June 30 at 12:48 AM



“ Our prayers to RC s family
My dad loved your father like a brother and he was such a kind man to both dad and us

We think RC and dad are playing a round of golf today in heaven
I still remember taking dad to your moms wake and dad said “ Camille , I want to stay here at the funeral home for awhile but I don't want to stay here permanently as I am not ready to die”
Dad wanted to be present for his friend

We love you all and thank God for people like your dad and mom
Great souls
Camille Pavy Claibourne and bill claibourne and the Pavy children

Camille Pavy Claibourne - June 29 at 07:46 PM



“ R.C. was a great friend to my parents, Larry & Evelyn Karl. They enjoyed many RV trips with R.C. & Sybil. Dad loved his coffee visits too. It was fun that his granddaughter, Juliette worked with and became good friends with my daughter, Kibbe in Austin.....grandparents and granddaughters—quite a connection.
Wonderful memories!

Estelle Karl Miller - June 29 at 01:42 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working for R.C, for a number of years and learned a lot from him (much that I still use to this day). We have lost a great person. He will be missed. My condolences to the family.
Kevin Bernard

Kevin Bernard - June 29 at 07:10 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Crosby Sealy.



June 28 at 06:21 PM