



Louis Lester Eames Jr

July 13, 2023

Louis Lester Eames, Jr. was born August 30, 1942 to the late Marguerite M. Eames and Louis L. Eames, Sr. He was baptized at Mt. Zion First Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He passed away on the morning of July 13, 2023, at the age of 80. Lester, as he was affectionately known, resided most of his adult life in New Orleans, Louisiana with his loving wife of 52 years, Leila Jacobs Eames.

As the oldest of six children, Lester was the first of each of his siblings to attend Southern University Laboratory School. He matriculated there from nursery through high school and became a competitive tennis player. After graduating in 1960, he remained on campus and attended Southern University A&M College, where he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He graduated from Southern University in 1964 with a degree in accounting and was drafted into the Army. While in the Army, he was stationed in Germany and worked as an accountant over payroll. He received the National Defense Service Medal and earned sharpshooter M-14 qualification. Lester was Honorably Discharged in 1969.

After serving in the Army, Lester continued to work for the U.S. Government as a contractor performing internal audits in Kansas City for a short time, then he took a position at Exxon Company U.S.A. in 1970 as an accountant. He went on to attain an MBA from Loyola University.

In 1970, Lester married Leila, and two children were born of their union: Endya Eames Delpit and Brandon Eames. Lester retired from Exxon after

more than 25 years of service, and started his own real estate investment business, Eames Enterprises, Inc. He was a successful businessman and entrepreneur for over two decades and handed the day-to-day operations over to his son, Brandon.

Lester was an avid hunter, fisherman and photographer. He also enjoyed travelling and spending time with his family.

Lester is survived by his wife, Leila J. Eames; children, Endya E. Delpit and Brandon Eames, daughter-in-law, Brandy Eames; five grandchildren who called him "Papa": Grant and Grace Delpit, Marcellus Tenette, Chase and Brandyn Eames; his sister, Nedra Lemons; two brothers, Marvin E., and Jaron K. Eames; a sister-in-law, Jacqueline Harris and brother-in-law, Smitty; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Lester is pre-deceased in death by his parents (Marguerite and Louis L. Eames, Sr.), brothers (Carl and Kirk Eames), sisters-in-law (Rita J. Eames and Lois Crawford), and brothers-in-Law (Kemper Jacobs, Lawrence Jacobs, and Alvin Lemons, Jr.)

Funeral services at Rhodes Chapel, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, La. 70125 on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The viewing will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Interment at Lake Lawn Metairie Cemetery, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd. New Orleans, La. 70124. Arrangements by Rhodes Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Lakelawn Metairie Cemetery

5100 Pontchartrain Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
3933 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125
(504) 822-7162
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Miss u papa*

chase - July 30, 2023 at 12:28 AM

RE

“ *Leila, Endyia, Brandon, and family, We were so saddened to learn of the passing of Lester upon our return home Wednesday. Indeed, we would have been there for the services Monday had we been in town. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and pray that you will be comforted by your faith and many good memories of your time together and sharing his fruitful and accomplished life. In sympathy, Rosa and Preston Edwards*

Rosa Edwards - July 21, 2023 at 04:40 PM

DB

“ *Sincere condolences! May you all find peace and comfort through the memories you share.*

James and Dale Bonds

Dale Bonds - July 20, 2023 at 11:55 PM

DH

“ *Deepest sympathy to Leila, Endya and the entire Eames family. Sending prayers up for coping at this difficult time.*

Sincerely,

Dr. Brenda G. Hatfield, Gonzales, Louisiana

Dr. Brenda G. Hatfield - July 17, 2023 at 02:28 PM

BF

“*"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."*

~ Thomas Campbell



Brenda B. Francis - July 16, 2023 at 10:21 AM

MS

“*My deepest condolences to the Eames & Delpit family. Endya, I wish I could be there with you just know that I am praying for comfort and strength for you and your entire family. Love, your LS*
Mylyn

Mylyn Smith - July 15, 2023 at 08:41 AM