



## Richard Barry Sobol

March 24, 2022

Richard Barry Sobol died March 24, 2020, in Sebastopol, CA. Richard was a civil rights attorney who practiced in Louisiana between 1965 and 2011. He is now best known for handling a case involving the prosecution of Gary Duncan arising out of the integration of the Plaquemines Parish school system. Matthew Van Meter's book *Deep Delta Justice* and Nancy Buirski's documentary *A Crime on the Bayou*, both released since Sobol's death in 2020, tell the story of Gary Duncan's and Sobol's successful struggle against Leander Perez Sr. Richard's family is having a Gathering to Remember Richard on May 12, 2022, at 10 a.m., at D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

IL

“ As a young attorney with the successor law firm of Collins, Douglas and Elie, I fondly recall meeting Mr. Sobol and intently listening to descriptive stories about an amazing and sometimes death-defying journey of service to marginalized communities. Robert Collins, Nils Douglas, Lolis Elie, Richard Sobol, and Jack Nelson were an unstoppable team of legal eagles. Their collective successes in constitutional civil rights and criminal law cases before the U. Supreme Court are some the earliest and still standing precedents taught in law schools across the nation. With heartfelt gratitude to the Sobol family for keeping their loved one's memory alive and inviting us to do the same...

Ivan L. R. Lemelle - May 12, 2022 at 04:52 PM

AS

“ Attorney Richard Sobol inspired me to become a lawyer when he volunteered to represent me and other student protesters expelled from Grambling College. He was a role model for justice!

Attorney Willie Matthew Zanders, Sr. - May 12, 2022 at 09:31 AM

LS

“ I have many memories of Dick concerning his wonderful litigation skills, Jazz Fest and sitting around talking. However, my fondest memory is the tremendous kindness he showed me when I was a law clerk in federal district court in Louisiana and he invited me to join him for a lunch with Ruth Bader Ginsburg. I am so sorry that I am unable to attend the memorial service and want to send my condolences to Annie and the rest of his family. Lynne Rothschild Stern

Lynne Rothschild Stern - May 11, 2022 at 11:06 AM

MS

“ *Marcus and Sarah Smith. Richard and Annie Sobol, both strong vivid presences.*

---

**Marcus Smith** - May 09, 2022 at 11:18 AM