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Thomas Joseph “Sonny” Champagne, Jr. passed away on Monday, March 2, 2009. He was born on January 19, 1923 to the late Thomas J. and Madolin Hodge Champagne and has been a life resident of Covington, LA.

The beloved husband of Hilda Crowe Champagne for 66 years, he is survived by one son, Thomas J. Champagne, III, his wife Erin Sweeney Champagne; one brother, William M. Champagne and one sister, Althea Davis Beaujeaux. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert R. and Justin “Buck” Champagne and his sister, Olive C. Hendry.

Mr. Champagne served his country during World War II in the Army Air Corps. He was instrumental in creating a local Civil Air Patrol and owned and operated Champagne's Furniture Store in Covington for 32 years. He was also dedicated parishioner of St. Peter Catholic Church and a life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral mass on Friday, March 6, 2009 at 11:00 AM from the Chapel of E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave., Covington, LA 70433.

Visiting hours will begin at 9:00 AM.

Interment will follow services at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens in Covington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of choice.



Tribute Wall

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TB

Theresa Schlenker Braun posted:

Sonny was like a father to me. Always kind, always interested in others, always giving, always telling a joke or story to brighten your day. I have so many wonderful memories of him to hold in my heart. What a wonderful man! He will be sorely missed, and my prayers are with Tom, Hilda, and the rest of the family.

April 18 at 7:00 PM

OB

Oliver Bradford posted:

Sonny was a dear friend, and I will miss him.

March 5 at 7:00 PM

RW

Robert Warner posted:

My heart felt condolences go out to Hilda and all of the Champagne family. Sonny was the man that got me into flying. He took a personal interest in getting me started on the right foot which led to an airline career. He was a man of honesty and integrity. I will surely miss him.

March 5 at 7:00 PM

RW

Richard Warner posted:

A great man has flown west to a better place. Sonny, taught me to fly. It was because of him and a couple of others that were in the Civil Air Patrol that I went on to a career flying for Delta Air Lines. My condolences to Hilda, Tom, and the rest of his family. May God watch over all of you.

March 4 at 7:00 PM

JG

Jack Gaines posted:

I express my sincere condolences to the Champagne family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of passage. Sonny was one of the first adults who took an interest in me as a young adult and was a profound example of honesty and integrity that served me in later years. Jack Gaines

March 4 at 7:00 PM



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CG

Col. Richard L. Gaines, Ret posted:

My sympathies go out to the family of this fine gentleman. Sonny taught me how to fly after he and several others formed the Covington Squadron, Civil Air Patrol in 1953. His efforts gave me a big head start in a very successful Air Force career. Certain people stand out during a lifetime and certainly Sonny has been one of those people.

March 4 at 7:00 PM

BS

Blanche Schlenker posted:

MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

March 3 at 7:00 PM

BG

Barbara Grogan posted:

I was very saddened to hear of Sonny's death. The world is a sadder place because he is gone. My prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. Love, Barbara Grogan

March 3 at 7:00 PM

JC

Jon Shepard Champagne posted:

Sonny was always kind and loving to me. A smile, a pat on the back and a kind word are three things that I always got from Uncle Sonny. The world is a better place for having had Sonny here. May God bless you and I pray that His love may console you in this time of heartache. Love, Jon

March 2 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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