



# Robert H. Crosby, Jr.

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**R**obert H. Crosby, Jr. passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at Christwood.

He was born on October 5, 1920 in Picayune, MS to Robert Howell and Ethel May Crosby. He has been known by numerous titles though the course of his 88 years – patriot, husband, father, grandfather, entrepreneur and philanthropist are the most prominent. After completing over three years of service in the U. S. Army during World War II, Crosby made Louisiana his home. He and his wife, Elizabeth would become part of those returning veterans and their spouses known as “the greatest generation.”

Not only did he become a successful and highly regarded businessman, he endeavored to better his adopted state. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he settled in DeRidder, Louisiana in 1945 where he immediately opened Crosby Chemicals, Inc which has evolved into Crosby Land & Resources. As recently as 6 years ago he served as Chairman of the Board. Throughout his career, Crosby devoted time to various corporate boards, including Central Louisiana Electric Company, Whitney National Bank, Pan American Life Insurance Co., Ochsner Medical Foundation. He served as Chairman of the LSU Foundation and the Louisiana Forestry Association. He also served as Grand Master of the Masons of Louisiana, as a member the Boy Scouts of America National Council and as a member of the National Explorer Scouting Committee.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, Richard and Thomas Crosby and 1 sister Mary McDuff. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth Hendricks Crosby and four children, Betty Bergin, Lillian Maurin, Carla McClelland and Robert H. Crosby, III; Nine Grandchildren and six great grandchildren; one sister, Margaret Cox; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend memorial services on



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Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 10:00 AM at St. Timothy Methodist Church, 335 Asbury Drive, Mandeville, LA. Visitation on Saturday will begin at 9:00 AM. In lieu of flowers the family request contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Louisiana Chapter, 2605 River Road, New Orleans, LA 70121, (504) 849-9081; North Oaks Hospice, 15790 Paul Vega Md Drive, Hammond, LA 70403, (985) 230-7620, or St Timothy Methodist Church, 335Asbury Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448, (985) 626-3307.



## Tribute Wall

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BB

**Bob Blackmon** posted:

Robert, my wife and I were in Baton Rouge and happened to see you dad's obit in the paper. We are saddened by you loss. Although I never met your father, I have known him since my time at La Tech by his reputation as a major player in the forest industry. I know you take great pride in his service to society.

October 20 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Julie Landry Bruhn** posted:

I was saddened to hear about the passing of your father. I know he, as well as his dear family, has been through alot. He was such a humble and great man and boss!!!! I miss those days --- Crosby Chemicals was my learning ground. I need to come to Covington and see Betty and Robert and catch up. Maybe one day. You guys take care and know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Julie L. Bruhn Ponchatoula, LA

October 14 at 7:00 PM

PN

**Pat Newsom** posted:

Carla, What a lovely man your father must have been--you look so much like him! I miss seeing you, but still think fondly of our BSF days. You and your family are been in my prayers-asking God to enable you to go through this time with grace and strength and to remember the wonderful times you shared with your loved one. Pat Newsom

October 14 at 7:00 PM

PC

**Pam Coltharp** posted:

We are all thinking of you and sorry for your loss. He was such a lovely man.

October 13 at 7:00 PM

JH

**Joy Hodges** posted:

Remembering a true gentleman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Joy Hodges and the Hodges family

October 12 at 7:00 PM



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BW

**Bert And Anne Wilkins** posted:

Lillian and Jimmy, we were so sorry to read of Mr. Crosby's death. Please express our sympathy to your whole family and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Anne Wilkins

October 10 at 7:00 PM

ME

**Mary Eaton** posted:

We love you all very much and will be thinking of you today. Elizabeth - We will plan a time to get together soon. Mary and the Eaton Family

October 10 at 7:00 PM

HS

**Hank Smart** posted:

Robert, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Your Dad's name was recognizable with Southern forestry since my days at La Tech. I know that the acorn does not fall far -- as is certainly the case with you.

October 10 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Mary And Ernie Malone** posted:

Lillian Ernie and I are so saddened to learn of the loss of your father. I remember him as a kind and gentle man. Please know that you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mary Malone

October 10 at 7:00 PM

EB

**Epney Brasher** posted:

Sorry for your loss. God Bless.

October 10 at 7:00 PM

RV

**Rich Vlosky** posted:

Robert, I am sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Warm Regards, Rich

October 10 at 7:00 PM



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PF

**Paul Frey** posted:

Robert & Family ; My deepest sympathies on your loss. Mr. Crosby was a true "forestry pioneer" and visionary in our state. While we mourn him here on earth, heaven rejoices in his presence. God Bless, Paul Frey Retired LA State Forester

October 9 at 7:00 PM

KW

**Kirk And Cindy Williamson** posted:

Mr. Crosby has always been so kind and the perfect Southern gentleman. I know he is greatly loved, respected, and admired by not only his lovely family but by all of us in this community. He will be dearly missed. Love, The Williamson family

October 9 at 7:00 PM

BR

**Billy Rose** posted:

Mr, Crosby was the epitome of character, kindness, and class.....a true Southern gentleman.

October 9 at 7:00 PM

CH

**Chuck Hughes** posted:

I am saddened to hear of the passing of such a great and respected man. My thoughts and condolences are with the family. You should all have fond and proud memories.

October 9 at 7:00 PM

CC

**Cathy Cronce** posted:

Memories of Uncle Robert are flooding my mind right now, but the one that stands out as my favorite is him riding his bike to come visit Daddy and then the two of them having a conversation that only they could understand. He was a very special man and a source of strength to all of us through the years.

October 8 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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