



# Maxime Joseph Derbes

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**M**axime Joseph Derbes, III passed away at his home on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

He was born December 19, 1947 to the late Kathleen McCoullough and Max J. Derbes, Jr. in New Orleans, LA and has been a resident of Covington since 1960. He graduated from St. Paul's High School in 1965 where he was student council president for both his junior and senior years. He received his B.A. in Administrative Sciences from Yale University in 1969. He was also captain of the Yale judo team and won the Connecticut State Championship in 1968. Max was a loving and devoted husband of 42 years to Julianne Pott Derbes and is survived by three children:

Alexander Benjamin Derbes, Zachary John Derbes, Christina Claire Derbes; one brother, David Stephen Derbes and two grandchildren, Mia Marie Derbes and Max Benjamin Derbes and daughter in law Kelly Marie Derbes. He will remain in their hearts as a great and loving husband, father, brother and grandfather forever.

As President of Max J. Derbes, Inc., his life work was in the Real Estate Industry. He was actively involved in the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, Counselors of Real Estate, CCIM, the Elmwood Business Association and Legatus Northshore. Max won numerous awards over his career in Real Estate, most recently was the top overall industrial agent by volume for 2007 and handled the largest industrial real estate transaction during that year. He was also a parishioner and Eucharistic minister of Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the wake on Friday, February 15, 2008 at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave. Covington, LA from 6-9:00 PM. and to attend the funeral mass on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 11:00 AM at the chapel at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1501 W. Causeway App, Mandeville, LA 70471 with visitation beginning at 10:00AM.



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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church.  
Much love and thanks to all of you, The Derbes Family.



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DC

**Daniel P. Lewis, Sior, Cicm** posted:

Julie, Alex, Zach and Christina: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. MAX Derbes, SIOR, CCIM was the true meaning of what SIOR is all about. – professional, honest, giving and family who always wore a smile and a warm heart. He was a professional; he was honest; he was a very giving person in business and in his community; he was a mentor to young SIOR's and CCIM's; he was a 2nd generation SIR/SIOR; he was a friend to all; he was a husband and a wonderful father. That's what the SIOR designee is all about. Love Dan, Elizabeth, Julia, Mary and Philip

February 20 at 7:00 PM

SW

**Stuart Weese** posted:

To the Derbes Family, I send my best wishes in this difficult time. I don't think there is a person in the real estate industry in New Orleans that Max didn't help at one time or another. He certainly helped me, and for that I am eternally grateful. New Orleans has lost another great soul. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

February 19 at 7:00 PM

LR

**Leonard & Becky Rohrbough** posted:

We are sorry to have heard of Max's passing. We were so hopeful tht he would win this battle. Max is not only a loss to the family but also to the St. Paul's and Mary Queen of Peace families as well. God Bless and keep you and the family in this sorrowful time. Becky and Leonard

February 19 at 7:00 PM

DW

**David M. Weiner** posted:

A great SIOR and a very fine person. I offer all my sympathy and best wishes for the strength to move on in Max's memory.

February 18 at 7:00 PM

FS

**Frederick J Panici, Sior** posted:

Although I only met Max briefly at SIOR conventions, it was clear he was a good man. His loss will be felt for a long time but the principles he used to live by will be with us always. FJP

February 18 at 7:00 PM



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JS

**John F. Herwick, Sior** posted:

MAX WAS A GREAT SIOR AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

February 18 at 7:00 PM

BC

**Bill Cox** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

February 18 at 7:00 PM

RC

**Rollin Caristianos** posted:

Max was a very special man. I was friends with Max and we had lots of fun at the SIOR meetings and playing tennis together. He will be greatly missed but his memories will be remembered by all of us he touched . He is in a much better place now and for that we are thankful. I pray that all those who are around the family will comfort and bless them in their time of need. In Christ, Rollin Caristianos

February 18 at 7:00 PM

TB

**Trish Boughton** posted:

Dear Julie, Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. I worked for Max many years ago and have always fondly remembered those times when he first opened his office in Elmwood with Randall. I wish my husband could have met him. You and your family will be in my prayers. Max was a wonderful, thoughtful person and I know you will miss him terribly. He brought fun and happiness to all he met. Sincerely, Trish Boughton (Fox)

February 18 at 7:00 PM

FC

**Frank V. Caccavo Jr.** posted:

Dear Derbes Family, My sorrow for your loss. Although I never met Max personally we conducted business together over several years and I held him in high regard. Sincerely, Frank Caccavo

February 18 at 7:00 PM



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PR

**Paul Richard** posted:

To the family of Max, On behalf of my Father Murdock Richard and me, we are sorry for the passing of a truly good guy. Max was a tribute and a role model for our industry. He was always a gentleman first, and a pleasure to work with. He will be greatly missed. He was a true professional in all respects. May he rest in peace. He shall remain always in our prayers. Paul & Murdock Richard

February 18 at 7:00 PM

DC

**Dean P. Cotlow** posted:

This is a very sad moment in time. Max was a good friend and always cared about the person he was speaking with more than himself. Words will not described how much he will be missed.

February 18 at 7:00 PM

DZ

**David J Zimmer** posted:

Max was introduced to me in the late '80s when I first joined SIOR. Since then, and without fail, whenever he saw me, he made a point of coming across the room and saying hi. Always interested in what I was doing, not what he was doing. A true friend and perfect gentleman. I considered him friend and my heart is heavy about the loss of such a quality person. He will be missed by those whose lives he touched. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Derbes family at this most difficult time.

February 18 at 7:00 PM

JD

**Jerry Delahoussaye** posted:

My sincerest condolences to the entire Max Derbes family. Max truly was a giant in our industry. The eulogies presented by Ben, David and Gus were very touching. I will keep the entire Max Derbes family in my prayers. Again, my sincerest condolences. Jerry Delahoussaye

February 18 at 7:00 PM

MJ

**Michael B. Jacobus** posted:

Max~We will miss you and cherish memories of past dinners and jokes we will never hear again. Pam and Michael

February 18 at 7:00 PM



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SW

**Skip Weber** posted:

Max and I go way back to the early '70's where we met in a CCIM class in Houston. We made friends there, and our friendship deepened when I started leasing industrial properties in 1999. Each time I would come to his office to borrow a key or pick up a lease, he would welcome me and tease me about a variety of things from our past. He was always a gentleman, had an impeccable reputation, and was a joy to do business with. I will miss him very much, for he was one of the great ones that we all look up to. Skip Weber

February 18 at 7:00 PM

GN

**Glenn Nordgren** posted:

Julie, I was surprised and sadden to hear of Max's departure. There will surely be times of grieving by you and your family, I hope Psalm 55:22 will give you the needed strength and encouragement to sustain those moments. "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

February 16 at 7:00 PM

RR

**Robert Richardson** posted:

Julie & Family, My deepest sympathies and my heartfelt prayers are with you. Max was my dear friend and i will miss him very much. He was a man of exceptional honor, integrity and kindness and the world is a better place because of him. Robert & Lisa Richardson

February 16 at 7:00 PM

DD

**Dave Diamond** posted:

Dear Ben and Kelly, We've been running frantically, and I am ashamed that the funeral slipped by without my being aware of it. Your dad, Ben, was admired by my family all the way back into his high school days when he was a classmate of my brother's and a friend of my sisters' as well. There was never any question about his character, integrity and kind heart; it was fitting that he married the most beautiful girl in town. I spoke with Debbie the other day that somehow, in the battle against cancer, he rose to even a higher plane in his faith and Godly influence upon others. I look forward at some future date to being able to share time with him again. God bless you! You should be very proud. Dave Diamond

February 16 at 7:00 PM



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RC

**Renee Castro** posted:

We are saddened to learn of Max's passing. Our prayers are with you at this most difficult time... The Castro Family (Dale, Renee, Mike and Jenn)

February 15 at 7:00 PM

KH

**Kathleen (Nolan) Heausler-Hipp** posted:

Julie, and Derbes Family, My condolences and prayers to you and the children, and the Derbes family. I will always remember Max from St. Paul Days and college days. His big smile and jovial laugh. I wish you God's peace and enveloping love. Kathy

February 14 at 7:00 PM

RH

**Robert(Bobby) Hebert** posted:

WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. HE WILL BE MISSED A LOT BY EVERYONE. BOBBY

February 14 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Jimmy Baum** posted:

To the Derbes family, My deepest sympathy for your lost. I've had the honor of knowing and working with Max for many years. The single most thing that I will remember is that regardless of the situation, Max was always the ultimate Gentleman.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

GT

**George-Ann Stokes-Townsend** posted:

Dear Derbes Family, It is with great sadness that we learned of Max's passing. May kind thoughts and cherished memories comfort you in your time of sorrow and bring you peace. We remember with great fondness Max, David and his wonderful family. Mr. & Mrs. Derbes were close friends of my parents in Covington Country Club Estates. Deepest Sympathy to you and your family at this time. George Williams Stokes,Sr.,family

February 14 at 7:00 PM



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BG

**Bernard J "Chick" St. Gernaine** posted:

It was a pleasure to have known such a professional gentleman as Max. My wife Gerry and I were associated with Max thru the board of directors of Elmwood Industrial Association. We both offer our deepest sympathy to the Derbes Family Et Al. Chick and Gerry St. Germaine

February 14 at 7:00 PM

VB

**Vickie Duracher Burr** posted:

EVEN THOUGH OUR PATHS HAVE NOT CROSSED OVER THE YEARS I WAS A FRIEND OF YOURS IN HIGH SCHOOL AT SSA. WE SHARED MANY GOOD TIMES THERE WITH OUR MUTUAL FRIENDS DIANE, JUNE, KAY, AND MANY OTHERS. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME. I CAN REMEMBER YOU BEING HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEARTS THRU OUR YEARS AT SSA.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

JN

**Jimmy Newton** posted:

Max gave me the opportunity of a lifetime. I will miss his laughter in the office more than anything.

February 14 at 7:00 PM

YC

**Yvonne Garcia Crawford** posted:

Julie, I am so very sorry to hear about Max. Though I have not seen you in many years, I still have many memories of our high school days. I remember you coming to New Orleans to stay with John and me on your way to visit Max at Yale. Where have all the years gone? My prayers and thoughts are with you during these most difficult times. Take care, Yvonne Crawford

February 14 at 7:00 PM

RU

**Rufus U. Lea** posted:

Thank you for the opportunity to know Max. He inspired me to persivure.

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DC

**Dr. Charles Cohen** posted:

It is with deep sorrow that I learned of Max's passing.He was a long time friend.I will always remember him and he will certainly be missed. CHARLES COHEN

February 14 at 7:00 PM

KT

**Kenny Tucker** posted:

Zac, you and your family have my deepest sympathies on the loss of your beloved father. Thinking of you all at this difficult time, Sincerely,

February 14 at 7:00 PM

RH

**Robert Haeuser** posted:

Please accept my most sincere condolences for your loss.

February 13 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Saul A. Mmintz** posted:

Our hearts prayers go out to you.His loss will be felt by so many!It was a priviledge to know and work with him. Saul A. Mintz

February 13 at 7:00 PM

AM

**Albert And Linda Mintz** posted:

I have known Max and his father for many years.I am an attorney as well as an investor in real estate. I had many transaction with them over many years and had the hightest respect for them.I worked more with young Max the most and his people.I really will miss him,for he was kind, friendly and knowledgeable. My wife(Miss Linda of RomperRoom TV) and I send our condolences to you and the family. Albert Mintz

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CM

**Charles Mullin** posted:

I want to express my sincere condolences. Max was one of the finest people that I ever had the pleasure to meet. As a colleague in the commercial real estate industry, I interacted with him many times over the past 28 years. He was one of the most intelligent, optimistic, and honest men that I've ever known. He will truly be missed by many.

February 13 at 7:00 PM

AS

**Adam Metcalfe, Sior** posted:

My deepest sympathy..

February 13 at 7:00 PM

SC

**Sandra Corrigan** posted:

Julie, the news that Max has passed has deeply saddened me. He was such a great man, husband and father. My thoughts are with you and your family today in hopes that your faith will give you strength to get through these most difficult days. Sincerely, Sandra Corrigan

February 13 at 7:00 PM

BG

**Bill Gunn** posted:

We will all miss Max, thankfully we are blessed to have known a true gentleman of great character and reputation.

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TS

**Tony De Marco, Sior** posted:

Dear Derbes Family, I was saddened to hear of Max's passing. I came to know Mr. Derbes and Max through Heidel Brown some 40 years ago. Mr. Derbes and I had lunch several times at continuing education classes and I know that he was so proud of Max . I consider it a privilege to have known both father and son. They were men of honor and integrity. Max will be missed by many in our industry. The last time I spoke with Max was at our Grandchildren's soccer game in Mandeville, about a year or so ago. He made me feel comfortable about his illness and stated that he would enjoy each day as blessing from GOD. I'm sure that you all will miss him terribly and know that our Lord has given us words of faith for times like this. I had to refer to these words many times when I lost my Mom & DAD. "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has prepared for those who love HIM." I know that Max loved the Lord and I will trust in these words as I hope they bring you comfort as well.  
Tony De Marco Baton Rouge, La

February 13 at 7:00 PM

SS

**Stephen L. Sontheimer** posted:

Julie.....I had heard Max was ill and wrote him an e-mail some weeks ago but I wonder if he saw it. Please know that Caroline joins me in sending our best to you and family. I recall with great fondness the fun times we shared together many years ago. Those were great days! We are thinking of you.....Stephen and Caroline Sontheimer

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BE

**Barry Escher** posted:

My sincere condolences, I considered Max a friend and a tremendous asset to the Real Estate Industry. He will surely be missed. With respect, Barry Escher

February 13 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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