



# **Benjamin Franklin Eshleman, Jr.**

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**B**enjamin F. Eshleman, Jr. (“Benjy”) passed away on Monday, July 13, 2009. Beloved husband of Barbara Jane Doucet Eshleman. Father of Benjamin Franklin Eshleman, III (Melissa) and Corinne Augustin Eshleman. Grandfather of Corey, Casey and Carley Eshleman. Brother of Mettha Kathryn Eshleman Rapier (Michael J.), Martha Augusta Eshleman and Sidney St. John Eshleman Thornton (Norwood). Uncle of Michael J. Rapier, Jr., James W. Rapier (Marion), Jane Rapier Spence (Jason), and George Parke Thornton. Son of the late Mettha Kathryn Westfeldt and Benjamin Franklin Eshleman, Sr.

Age 71 years. A native of New Orleans, LA and a resident of Mandeville, LA for the past forty years.

Ben was born March 10, 1938 and was raised in New Orleans, La., attended Holy Name of Jesus Elementary School, St. Leo’s in Florida, and graduated from De La Salle High School. Before serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, he attended Tulane University and was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. Professionally, Ben was an owner of Concrete Controls, which produced chemical admixtures for industrial construction, and he worked with T.L. James & Co. on building the second span of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway. The company had plants in New Orleans, La. and Ponce, Puerto Rico. Later, Ben became a banker with First NBC, and then was a partner in the municipal bond firm of Ladd Dinkins & Co. for many years until his retirement. Ben was a devoted Rotarian, and a Paul Harris Fellow; he was also a member of the Louisiana Club, Sons of the American Revolution, Serra Club, Pontchartrain Yacht Club, Southern Yacht Club, Lakeshore Club, and several carnival organizations. Above all else, Ben was often described as a kind and tender-hearted person, which he was.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the memorial mass at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 312 Lafitte Street, Mandeville, LA 70448 on



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Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 11:00 AM. Visitation from 10:00 AM until service time.

The family will receive friends at Pontchartrain Yacht Club, 1501 Lakeshore Dr., Mandeville, La. immediately following the service.

Interment will be at a later date in St. Louis #3 Cemetery, New Orleans, LA.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to Northlake Mandeville Rotary Club, P.O. Box 246, Mandeville, LA 70470, Covenant House, 611 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, La. 70112, or a charity of your choice.



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JG

**John Gray** posted:

I am sorry to hear of Ben's passing. He was so kind when Corrine and I came to visit. I know he had more important things to do than to show me around but you wouldn't know it by his hospitality. His kindness and generosity will be missed.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

JF

**Julio & Marianne Perez & Family** posted:

Ben was a kind and interesting friend to Mariane and I. Always a gentleman and open to conversation. Please accept our family's sincere condolences and prayers.

July 22 at 7:00 PM

KA

**Karen Huval And Ali** posted:

Ben I'm sorry for the loss of your father. Your family is in our prayers.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

GT

**Gale Theriot** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mr. Eshleman attended many stockholders' meetings at Metairie Bank. He was a kind and considerate man.

July 21 at 7:00 PM

JW

**Jonathan Wilson** posted:

My family and I will miss you Mr. Ben. I hope that you are somewhere up there with the big, golden remote in the sky. With Love, Jonathan Wilson and Family

July 21 at 7:00 PM

TF

**Tony Gennusa And Family** posted:

Ben, Melissa and Kids, My deepest condolences regarding the passing of your father. I just heard about it and I'm sorry I missed the services.

July 21 at 7:00 PM



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JW

**John And Teresa Waller** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

July 20 at 7:00 PM

CD

**Cynthia "Dibbie" Wagner Dickinson** posted:

I have such fond memories of Benjy from Holy Name through Tulane. At Holy Name, he was notorious for trying to "cross the lobby" into the girl's side! The Nuns could give a boy quite a "beating" if they caught one. (rulers on the hand) He definitely was "kind", but also fun and witty. I remember the old car he had, always in front of the KA house, and ALWAYS needing a push! Everyone was happy to oblige, as cars at college were somewhat scarce in those days, and we all knew when it got started he would be happy to drive us anywhere...and he did. He was indeed "tenderhearted", as he agreed to escort me when I was a maid in Les Pierrettes, when the KA I went with at the time was going out of town that evening. He took pity on this girl, and needless to say we had a wonderful time! My prayers are with you all at this sad time...I will always remember Benjy with a great big SMILE!

July 19 at 7:00 PM

PW

**Paulann White** posted:

Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family of a distant cousin.

July 19 at 7:00 PM

SS

**Sylvia Schmidt** posted:

As a member of the PYC, please accept our sincerest condolences on the death of your husband.  
Sylvia Schmidt & Robert Warrens

July 19 at 7:00 PM

EC

**Emmett And Mary Corninbe'** posted:

Do to a doctor's appointment on Wednesday, we cannot attend the funeral services. With sincerest sympathy and condolences. Emmett and Mary Corninbe'

July 19 at 7:00 PM



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EG

**Eduardo Guevara** posted:

During his association with Concrete Controls, he was a highly professional assistant to the company and to myself. He will be sadly missed. Eduardo A.J. Guevara

July 18 at 7:00 PM

ZJ

**Zide Bowers Jahncke** posted:

Sincere sympathy. Fondly, Zide

July 18 at 7:00 PM

RW

**Ron Welch** posted:

Janie, Although Linda and I met Ben only once or twice, he must have been something special to have loved you. Please accept our condolences and love.

July 18 at 7:00 PM

MG

**Mike & Denise Gottschalck** posted:

Ben, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

AW

**Allison Williams Wanner** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Janie and family. Ben will be missed by all.

July 12 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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