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**L**ouis M. Jones, an attorney and Life-long New Orleans resident, died on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at Christwood Retirement Community in Covington, LA.

He was a 1941 graduate of both the College of business Administration and the College of Law of Tulane University. Upon graduation, he was drafted as a private into the Army. He was discharged in 1945 as a combat intelligence officer in the Army Air Corps. He invented a survival vest for B-29 bombardment crew that was adopted by the Air Corps for which he was awarded a Bronze Star. In 1943 he was appointed by the Army to the Dixie Mission to Communist China to evaluate the military and political capabilities of the Communists with the idea of establishing a base on mainland China from which to launch an invasion of Japan. After the diplomatic mission of Gen. Patrick Hurley, the plan was abandoned.

He practiced law privately and, for a time, was in the mortgage banking industry as President of Eagle Mortgage Corporation. In 1964 he was President of the New Orleans Mortgage Bankers Association and in 1967 he served as President of the Louisiana Mortgage Bankers Association.

He served the State of Louisiana for approximately twenty years as a senior assistant attorney general on the staff of State Attorney General, William J. Guste, Jr. Upon his retirement, he served as a senior consultant to the law firm of Steeg and O'Connor. He was a delegate to the 1974 Louisiana State Constitutional Convention. He was a life-long supporter of the New Orleans Metropolitan YMCA. In 1994, he was awarded the Y's Humanitarian Award. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Y's Board of Trustees.

He married Valerie Elizabeth Powell in 1942. There was one child, Jeffrey Powell Jones. Both are deceased. Jeffrey in 1979. Valerie in 1982.

In 1982, he married Mary Elizabeth Matthews whom predeceased him in 2010.



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Survivors are Mrs. Ingrid Mary Booth and Mrs. Jane Reed Meyer.

The burial will be held privately in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Metairie, LA and has been entrusted to E.J. Fielding Funeral Home. Please sign the online Guest Book at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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SH

**Scott Hardie** posted:

Louis was a compassionate and thoughtful person that I was honored to know during the latter part of his life.

September 2 at 7:00 PM

KW

**Kaylie Whittington** posted:

Mr. Louis was an amazing person. I had the pleasure of taking care of him for approximately a week in the hospital. He amazed me with his stories from his life. I also took care of his wife in Christwood. They both were incredible people. I send my prayers to relatives and close family. He will be sadly missed.

August 25 at 7:00 PM

JN

**Jennifer Nielson** posted:

I know Mr. Jones from Waldheim, he was always so kind and such a gentleman. He will be deeply missed. Thoughts and Prayers.

August 21 at 7:00 PM

TO

**The Staff Of E** posted:

Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

August 20 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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