



Alain R. Seligman

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Alain Robert Seligman passed away on December 28, 2012 at the age of 86 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Elizabeth Best Seligman, his parents Roger Adolphe Leonard Seligman and Jeanne Letitia David-Weill, both of Paris, France and his sisters Marie-Claire Orlins and Martine Boileau. He is survived by his daughter Claudia E. Seligman and his beloved menagerie, Kookie, Bitzie and Kittie.

A native of Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, he immigrated to the United States during WWII in 1940. He attended The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut and like most of his classmates left during his senior year to enlist in the service. He enlisted in the French Navy at 17 years old and was commissioned an officer and awarded his naval aviator wings when he was barely 18 years old, the youngest to do so. He subsequently was also commissioned in the US Navy. He was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross. He became a naturalized American citizen in 1952. After the war, he attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He subsequently moved to Texas and worked in the oil industry. In 1957, he moved to New Orleans and purchased the old Canulette Shipyard, renaming the yard Southern Shipbuilding Corporation. He remained President/CEO until closure of the yard in 1993. He so enjoyed shipbuilding and design, having designed and constructed a number of “firsts” in the shipbuilding industry.

During his retirement, he enjoyed engineering work with his daughter in her business. He was an avid snow skier, having raced downhill in the Harriman Cup and having taught skiing in Sun Valley, Idaho. He enjoyed cooking and always enjoyed trying new recipes. He was a former member of the Krewe of Olympia, St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation, Association of Naval Aviation, and the Rensselaer Alumni Board as well as several professional organizations. Most of all, he



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will be remembered as a loving and caring father throughout his entire life.

The family would like to thank Dr. Rab, Dr. Salam, Dr. Sachdev and Dr. Kesler for their unyielding support.

Burial services will be private.

The family would prefer contributions to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, www.lbda.org.



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PJ

Pamela Jones posted:

Claudia , Your Dad was my favorite uncle !! He gave me the name "Pee-Wee" which Peter thought was cool, so that was my name until we went away to college. I miss you all ! Please contact me at : psjones1283@yahoo.com Love , Pam

March 21 at 7:15 AM

DM

Donald C. Makofsky posted:

Claudia, i am so sorry to hear your father passed away. I know how much you and he loved one another. I am sure God will help you in your time of grieving and will help in restoring your life in managing without his guidance. God bless you. Don't hesitate to call if i can ever be of help to you.
Don

January 18 at 6:03 AM

BP

Bill Phillipott posted:

I knew Mr. Seligman through my business dealings with Southern Shipbuilding. It was always a pleasure to work with Mr. Seligman and the conversation over our many business lunches was always fascinating. He had an interesting life to say the least. Although I haven't seen Mr. Seligman in over 15 years, I often think of him and Southern Shipbuilding whenever I pass through Slidell. I was saddened to hear the news of his passing and wish to offer my heartfelt condolences to Claudia and the Seligman family.

January 16 at 7:35 AM

WG

Wayne & Jackie Garness posted:

We have very fond memories of our times with Alain. He was a good friend. great host. and we enjoyed being with him.

January 14 at 10:37 AM



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AS

Alfred Singer posted:

I had the pleasure of knowing Alain since the early sixties. I was first employed by Southern Shipbuilding in 1962. It was a little later that I actually had a chance to work in close contact with him. During which time I learned that Alain was a fair man who cared about his employees. Alain was knowledgeable in local, national and international business and brought many new ideas to the marine industry. Alain will be missed.

January 14 at 9:01 AM

LO

Lauren P. (Dr. Dennis' Office) posted:

We will miss seeing Mr. Seligman and our deepest sympathy goes out to Claudia & the family. I will smile every time I think of Mr. Seligman's t-shirt that says "Does this shirt make me look 85?". Our thoughts & prayers are with the family during this difficult time. God Bless. Love, Southern Pain Center Staff

January 11 at 8:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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