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David D. “Mickey” Coleman, 86, of Memphis, Tenn., passed away Monday, June 16, 2014. He was born in Miami, Fla., to the late David Dewitt & Alma S. Coleman on August 1, 1927. When he was 13 years old, his father passed away, leaving Mickey the farm. Mickey attended the University of Tennessee (UT) in Knoxville, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and lettered in swimming. He also served in the U.S. Air Force. In 1986, Mickey sold the farm, and through keen business insight and investing, he became a great entrepreneur. In addition to being an avid golfer and fisherman, Mickey was an enthusiastic and generous supporter of UT Knoxville, as well as the UT Health Science Center and UT Hamilton Eye Institute (HEI) in Memphis, Tenn. Through the years, Mickey made many donations and established several endowments at UT and HEI in honor of his father. His support of HEI resulted from his admiration for HEI’s director, Barrett G. Haik, MD, FACS, and its namesake, Ralph S. Hamilton, MD. Mickey was also a very generous supporter of the Lutheran Church in honor of his mother. He is survived by longtime companion Donna Schaffer and many very close friends, including Larry Garber, Barrett Haik, Mike Rutherford and Reed Lowrance. In lieu of flowers, it was Mickey’s wish that donations be made to the Hamilton Eye Institute at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, 930 Madison Ave., Ste. 100, Memphis, Tenn., 38163. Services will be held Wednesday, June 18, at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, Tenn. 38119. Family and friends are invited to gather at 9:30 a.m., prior to the 10 a.m. graveside service. The family will continue to receive friends beginning at 10:30 a.m. until the memorial service at 11:30 a.m. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, 901-767-8930, “Behind the Stone Wall”.



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MS

Msinger posted:

To Mickey's family, friends and caretakers...Mickey was a good neighbor all these years. As his health changed we mostly saw the friends and caretakers coming and going day and night. So "well done" for being so attentive and caring through the years. We will miss him being in his spot on our cove, stopping to talk and always a wave. We are sorry for this loss and pray that remembering his life today will enable all to face this loss. With deepest sympathy, Mary and Peter Singer

June 18 at 1:39 PM

DK

David Kelly posted:

My thoughts & prayers are with the friends & familyDavid Kelly Memphis Tn

June 17 at 3:20 AM

Jl

Jimmy posted:

I'm saddened to see you go, my friend. You were truly one of a kind. Your smile, charm, sense of humor and wit will be deeply missed. You were a big man with a gracious and humble way about you. Thanks for your friendship for the past 20 years.Godspeed.Jimmy

June 16 at 6:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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