

Newman Trowbridge Jr.

Obituary

A resident of Lafayette, Newman Trowbridge Jr., 63, died Wednesday, May 20, 2009, while on a diving trip in the Bahamas with his family. Cause of death is acute pulmonary edema. Newman was greatly loved and possessed an energetic and joyful nature that was contagious. On Saturdays in the fall, garbed in the purple and gold of his beloved alma mater, he would proudly follow his LSU Tigers to wherever they might be. Mr. Trowbridge established a solo law practice in Lafayette in 2001 after practicing law for more than 30 years with a firm in Franklin. Newman had served as general counsel to the Louisiana Landowners Association since 1975, served as a member of the Legal Committee of Interstate Oil Compact Commission and had been a member of the Public Lands Committee of that organization. He had served as a member of the Board of Governors of the National Association of Royalty Owners and as a member of the Advisory Counsel to the Louisiana State Mineral Law Institute. During the Foster administration, he served as chairman of the Governor's Energy Committee and as vice chairman of the Comprehensive Energy Policy Advisory Commission. Mr. Trowbridge was also a member of the Coastal Conservation and Restoration Advisory Commission. He was also a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Lafayette Parish Bar Association and Federal Fifth Circuit Bar Association. He received a bachelor's degree from LSU in 1967 and a law degree from LSU in 1971. He is survived by his wife, Lee, of Lafayette; two sons, Donelson and Russell Caffery, both of Baton Rouge; a sister, Susan Trowbridge, of Santa Fe, N.M.; a brother, Harry Peterman Trowbridge, of Lafayette; two nephews, Jacob Trowbridge, of Lafayette, and Benjamin Trowbridge Eisman, of Santa Fe; and a niece, Sarah Trowbridge, of Lafayette. Mr. Trowbridge was preceded in death by his mother and father, Marjorie Peterman Trowbridge and Newman Trowbridge, who were of Franklin. Visitation will be held at Episcopal Church of The Ascension in Lafayette on Tuesday, May 26, from 10 a.m. until service at noon, with the Rev. Francis Daunt, of Franklin, officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Newman Trowbridge Jr. to Acadiana Outreach Center at 125 S. Buchanan St., Lafayette, LA 70501.

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