



COLES

OTIS C. COLES, JR. passed away on Sunday, February 16, 1997 in El Paso, Texas. He was born in El Paso on August 30, 1909, attended Crockett School, graduated from Principia High School and Junior College in Elsah, Illinois, and from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California in 1931 with degrees in Business and Geology. Following graduation he was a Marine Insurance Adjuster for the Cravens Dargan Company of Houston and a member of the Allegro Club in Houston, Texas. He joined the Army Air Force at the outbreak of the Second World War and served in the African and European Theatres achieving the rank of Major. After completing his service duties he returned to El Paso and joined his father, Otis C. Coles, in the Coles Brothers Real Estate Firm. He had business interests in New Orleans, Louisiana where he also established the Suncrest/Nu-grape Bottling Company.

He and his family later moved to Shreveport, Louisiana where he founded the Coles Drilling Company and Coles Energy Services. He held numerous U.S. and Canadian patents on equipment for use in the oil and gas fields and for more efficient methods for exploration of geothermal energy. After returning to El Paso, he remained active in business until his semi-retirement four years ago. He was a lifelong member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts and the Caballeros Club in El Paso. He is survived by his wife, Helen Susan, daughter Suzanne Elizabeth Hubbard and her husband Bruce Hubbard of El Paso, his son Otis Calvin Coles III and daughter-in-law Ruth A. Coles who reside in Abilene, Texas, grandchildren Courtney, Ashley and Otis Calvin Coles IV also of Abilene, Texas. Services will be held on Wednesday, at 2:00 p.m. at Western Hills United Methodist Church, burial services following at Restlawn Cemetery, El Paso, Texas. Visitation hours will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 1997. Pallbearers will be Dorr Miller, Granville Green, Eugene Green, Ellis Mayfield, Tom McKnight, Frank McKnight, Thomas Daeuble, James Arthur Lyle and Joseph Hammond. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Caballeros Club. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be made to a favorite charity, Hospice of El Paso or Western Hills United Methodist Church.