



TUSCALOOSA, Alabama—Wade Hampton Coleman, III, age 91, died Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at

West Alabama Hospice. He was born June 24, 1932 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Mr. Coleman attended Tuscaloosa High School (Black Bears) before graduating from St. Andrews School

in Tennessee in 1950. At the University of North Carolina, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon

Fraternity, NROTC and earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He was commissioned in the Navy and served on the USS John R. Pierce (DD-753) and USS Davis (DD-937) from 1954-57. Later, Mr. Coleman earned a bachelor's degree in physics and mechanical engineering from the University of Alabama, as well as a master's degree in management science from Lehigh University.

Mr. Coleman was senior vice president of Citibank in New York, where he was division head of corporate services. He also worked as a research engineer for Western Electric Company and a management consultant for Booze, Allen & Hamilton. In 1972, he was sworn in as Special Assistant to the Secretary for Drug Abuse Prevention in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In addition, he served for many years on the board of directors of the Lower East Side Service Center in New York including serving as president of the board from 1986-1990. Toward the end of his career, he spent several years teaching math to at risk youth in New Jersey.

Mr. Coleman was preceded in death by wife Eileen L. Coleman; parents Wade H. Coleman, Jr. and Margaret James Coleman; sister Ann Ostrander. He is survived by daughter Lydie Coleman of Boston, MA; son Wade H. Coleman, IV (Tara) of Denver, CO; daughter Shannon Coleman Gray (Alan) of Tuscaloosa, AL; 9 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; sister Elizabeth Coleman of Mt. Shasta, CA and many nieces and nephews.