

# Robert French Sr.



Robert “Bob” P. French Sr., 88, of St. Simons Island, Ga., passed away Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, from complications of COPD. He was under the compassionate care of Hospice of the Golden Isles.

Bob was born July 29, 1930, in Malvern, N.Y., the son of the late Paul French and the late Keron Coleman French. He grew up in Nashville, Tenn., and attended Montgomery Bell Academy. In his early teens, he moved to Atlanta, Ga., where he graduated from North Fulton High School, and was co-captain of the varsity basketball team. Bob attended Georgia Tech and served in the Naval Reserves for eight years. He enjoyed being a “Buckhead Boy.” Bob began his career in textiles with West Point Pepperell, and later formed his own manufacturers representative firm, the Robert P. French Co.

Inc., that marketed industrial textiles and marine products for over 30 years.

In 1955, Bob married Claudette Ogilvie of Jacksonville, Fla., and they resided in Atlanta. Upon retirement in 1993, he and Claudette moved to St. Simons Island, Ga., where Bob enjoyed the “Island Life.” He especially enjoyed golfing and boating.

Bob was a past member of Cherokee Town & Country Club in Atlanta, and was a founding member of the Sea Island Golf Club. He also served as an officer on the Board of Directors of the Sea Island Seniors. Bob was a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International, and a member of St. Simons Rotary Club serving on their board of directors for two years. Bob was a member of St. Simons Presbyterian Church, and a volunteer for Seafarers International. Bob’s last years were lived at Marsh’s Edge Retirement Community on St. Simons Island, where he and his wife, Claudette, applauded 63 years of marriage.

Bob was preceded in death by a beloved son, Claude Ogilvie, better known as “Judge”; a brother, Paul French; brothers-in-law, Charles Ogilvie and Morgan Ogilvie.

Bob is survived by his wife, Claudette; son and daughter-in-law, Robert “Rick” P. French Jr. and his wife, Susan; granddaughters, Caroline Piletsky (Genry) and Elizabeth French, all of Roswell, Ga.; and a nephew, Chuck Ogilvie (Nonie) of Jacksonville, Fla. Several other nephews and cousins also survive.

Bob will be laid to rest at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, at Arlington Memorial Cemetery, in Atlanta, Ga., next to his son, Judge.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Michelle McClendon for her loving and excellent care. They will always be most grateful to her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Golden Isles, the Humane Society of South Coastal Georgia or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are entrusted into the care of Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home, [www.edomillerandsons.com](http://www.edomillerandsons.com).