



## Charles Lawrence Sarthou

April 15, 2008

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Charles Lawrence Sarthou, age 88, died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at his family farm near Oxford, MS.

A graduate of Mississippi State and of the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Sarthou had lived in the Oxford area for the last 18 years and, in recent years, in Madison, MS. His experiences as a veteran of the U.S. Army and as a P.O.W. during World War II led him to serve as a professor of chemistry and an experimental agronomist in several countries. Because of his love of soil and grasses, he helped start an agricultural and technical college in Ethiopia by working with Oklahoma State. Mr. Sarthou worked for the State Department in Paraguay and Korea teaching people practical ways to feed themselves. He was an executive for several companies of which one was Hudson Bay in Toronto, Canada, where he worked as the vice-president of marketing. He received the Bronze Star for his service in World War II, was an Eagle Scout, and a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oxford, MS.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church followed by a chapel dedication at the family's farm near Oxford, MS, with Rev. Taylor Moore, Rev. Ollie Rencher, and Rev. Austin Johnston officiating.

A reception at the family home will be held after the dedication. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Sarthou of Oxford, MS; four daughters, Sharron E. Sarthou of Oxford, MS, Cynthia M. Sarthou of New Orleans, LA, Alice Coleman and Ginny Windham; one brother, Peter Sarthou of Midland Hills, NJ; five grandchildren, Nicholas Moorhead, Gabriel Moorhead, Gideon Moorhead, Elizabeth Coleman, and Collins Coleman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Peter's Leap Frog Program in Oxford, MS or the Chapel of the Cross in Madison, MS.