

**William Hammel  
Shannon**

November 6, 1923 –  
November 24, 2021

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Shannon, age 98, of New  
Orleans, died on



November 24, 2021. Mr. Shannon was

born in Birmingham, Alabama on November 6, 1923, the son of  
Lester Norman Shannon and Mary Kate Little. He was educated at  
The McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee and The  
Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. He attended Yale  
University until November 1, 1943 when he enlisted in the V-12  
Navy College Training Program and was commissioned in 1945.  
During the War he worked in Naval Intelligence. After the war, he  
returned to Yale where he belonged to Pierson College, was a member  
of The Wolf's Head Society, The University Soccer Team, The Fence  
Club, and The Aurelian Honor Society. He graduated in 1947. In  
Birmingham, Mr. Shannon partnered with his brother in an

investment banking business, after which he moved to New Orleans and worked in International Banking at The Whitney Bank. He met his wife, Frances Alma Hemenway, of New Orleans, and they married on April 13, 1950 at Christ Church Cathedral. After the death of his father-in-law he became President of the Hemenway Furniture company and later the W. H. Shannon Co., Inc. He travelled extensively to the Middle East, Cuba, Central American, Russia, India, and Western Europe. Mr. Shannon was a member of The Boston Club, The Rex Organization, The Yale Club, The Plimsoll Club, and was an avid tennis player and member of the New Orleans Lawn Tennis Club for more than fifty years.

William Hammel Shannon was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Kate Shannon, his two brothers, Lester Norman Shannon, Jr. and Jack Herbert Shannon, and his wife Frances Hemenway Shannon. He is survived by his children, Katherine "Tina" Little Shannon and Marie "Miggy" Shannon (Jay) Monroe; his grandchildren James Judson Monroe and William Hammel Monroe; and three great grandchildren, Lad, Fae and Cal Monroe.

Mr. Shannon lived a long and fulfilling life and touched many with his charm and wit.

Mr. Shannon was interred at Trinity Episcopal Church on Monday December 13, 2021 surrounded by immediate family. Donations can be given to Trinity Episcopal Church or to the Employee Fund at Lambeth House.