

This is a transcription of a death notice published in *The Advocate* newspaper, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 15-JAN-2004. Richard A. Erbland was the son of [Charles Samuel Erbland](#) and Anna R. Leoppke.

ERBLAND, RICHARD A. "DICK"

Richard A. "Dick" Erbland died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, of natural causes at his home in Baton Rouge. He was 80 years old. A native of Canton, Ohio, Dick Erbland moved to Baton Rouge following his discharge from the Army after World War II, wherein he served with decorated distinction. He graduated from LSU with a degree in business. Together with his characteristic outgoing love of helping people, he soon became a prominent and successful member of the Baton Rouge real estate community, in due course being elected president of the Baton Rouge Board of Realtors. He subsequently built a second successful career as a mortgage banking executive, serving until his retirement as a vice president of Louisiana National Bank. Whether creating at will an addition to his home, a complete French provincial bedroom suite, or an exact replica of Oak Alley Plantation simply to house purple martins, in his leisure time Dick Erbland was an intuitive master craftsman in any given medium, seldom without a project. He took great pleasure in his colleagues, friends and family, and loved to surprise them with the perfect hand-crafted gift, personally chosen card or special occasion. Throughout his life his love of the great Louisiana outdoors found him fishing both the fresh and salt waters whenever possible. He is survived by a son, Richard A. Erbland Jr. of Dallas, Texas; a daughter, Marcia Louise Erbland of Little Rock, Ark.; and two granddaughters, Diane Keisler and Gail Keisler, also of Little Rock. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., preceded by family visitation at 2:30 p.m., at University United Methodist Church, 3350 Dalrymple Drive. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the LSU Alumni Fund.