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Julien McCall,100, Bank CEO, WWII Veteran, Sat on Boards of Many Community Organizations, Schools, Businesses

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St. Julien Lachicotte McCall, age 100, of Mountain Lake, Lake Wales, Florida and Pawleys Island, South Carolina, formerly of Cleveland and Darien, passed away peacefully in Florida on Aug. 17 with his three children by his bedside.

Born April 1, 1921 in Florence, SC to Julia Lachicotte McCall, who lived 102 years, and Arthur May McCall, Julien graduated from Florence High School, Davidson College in 1942, and Harvard Business School in 1947 and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1983 from Davidson College.

He served as a Captain in the U.S. Army, Ammunitions, in North Africa and Italy (Monte Cassino and

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Anzio) from 1942 to 1946.

Mr. McCall spent his entire career in banking. In 1948, he joined First National Bank of New York and left its successor, First National City Bank (Citibank), as senior vice president, in 1971, and moved with his family from Darien to Hunting Valley, Ohio, where he joined National City Bank of Cleveland and retired in 1986 as chairman and CEO of National City Corp., the holding company.

Mr. McCall served as a director at various times in his career of 15 business corporations, including Progressive Corp., Brush Wellman Corp., Atlas Copco, and Acme Steel Co., as well as a trustee at The Ethel Walker School, Davidson College, and Case Western Reserve University. From 1985-87, he served as a member of the Federal Reserve Board's Federal Advisory Council.

FINANCE Magazine named him "Banker of the Year" in 1978. OHIO BUSINESS Magazine featured him as "Ohio's Top Banker" in 1984.

On a civic level, he was a Trustee of United Way, Boy Scouts of America, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, and chairman of Playhouse Square Foundation, the largest performing arts center in the United States after Lincoln Center in New York City.

In 1980, he was given The Israel Humanities Award and Prime Minister's Medal for assisting Israel in selling bonds in the United States.

Mr. McCall is survived by his three children: Melissa McCall of Columbus, North Carolina, Alison G. McCall of Lyme and New York City, and Julien L. "Lash" McCall Jr. of Lake Wales.

He is also survived by three grandchildren, Blinn Cushman (Anna), Julia Curry (Bill), and Andrew Cushman (fiancé, Jenny Vasquez); and four great-grandchildren: Wick and Caroline Curry, and twins Julien and Alexandra Cushman.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 56 years, Janet Jones McCall, in 2006. Mr. McCall also leaves behind his beloved miniature schnauzer, Schatzi, the last of a lifelong devotion to his precious dogs.

He was born and raised a devout Christian in the Episcopal Church. One of his ancestors raised the money to build the old church, All Saint's, Waccamaw, in Pawley's Island, South Carolina, where the funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26, with interment in the church cemetery.

There will first be a visitation from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 23 at Marion Nelson Funeral Home in Lake Wales and a second visitation from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25 at Mayer Funeral Home in Georgetown, South Carolina. A larger memorial service will be held in March 2022 at his home in the Mountain Lake section of Lake Wales.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Mountain Lake Community Service Inc. in his name would be so

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appreciated (P.O. Box 832, Lake Wales, FL 33859).

Written and submitted by his daughter, Alison G. McCall.

— [an obituary](#) from Marion Nelson Funeral Home, where online condolences may be left