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GSA Procurement Officer

Claude Carolyn Colley Jr., 73, a retired procurement officer with the General Services Administration and past president of the Newark Street Community Garden Club in Washington, died of respiratory failure March 2 at Georgetown University Hospital. He had cancer.

Mr. Colley was a native and resident of Washington and a graduate of Eastern High School. He began his government career at the Washington Navy Yard in 1940. He later transferred to the David Taylor Navy research facility, where he was a model builder and machinist. He worked for the GSA from the late 1950s until retiring in 1974.

He was a member of St. Dominics Catholic Church in Washington. In the 1950s, he had coached CYO basketball at St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church in Washington.

His marriage to the former Marie Byrne ended in divorce.

Survivors include his wife, the former Kathryn MacPhee, whom he married in 1989 and who lives in Washington; seven children by his first marriage, Mikell Furhmann of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Joanne Colley of Charlottesville, Lynn Sharp of Croom, Vincent, of Fort Washington, Joe, of Falls Church, Sara Langley of Gardenia, Calif., and Margaret Colley of San Diego; a sister, Jeanette O'Meara of Edgewater, Md.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.