

LOUIS DICKERSON (LOU) HUDSON

Dealer, Spanish Colonial Coins
23 January 1942—5 March 2014

“Cobs” dealer Louis Hudson passed away on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, NC, with his wife Cora by his side.

Louis grew up on a tobacco farm in Virginia and was attracted to early colonial coins uncovered by his plow at a young age. In 1967, Louis moved to Argentina after responding to a Philip Morris ad to teach tobacco farming to the local community.

While there, Louis became fluent in Spanish and began visiting local silversmiths to buy coins. He brought those coins back to sell in the US, and this avocation led to full time dealing when the Philip Morris project ended a few years later.

In his younger years, Louis was an avid 4H member where he won many awards for Angus cattle and developed his love for hunting and fishing. He later attended Virginia Tech and remained a lifelong ‘Hokie’ fan.

Louis Hudson was one of the foremost authorities in Spanish colonial coinage. He was a fixture at coin shows and important auctions around the world. His knowledge and influence were evident in countless publications and numismatic collections, perhaps the most important of which was that of the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic, which he single-handedly appraised in 2002 for over 50 million dollars by today’s standards.



Louis was assisted in the last years of his career in the numismatic business by his daughter, Stephanie, who today continues Louis’ legacy.

Louis is survived by his wife, Cora Lee Hudson; a brother, Aubrey Hudson; a sister, Emily Ragsdale; his son, Brian Manley; and his daughter Stephanie Alicia Hudson. Louis also leaves behind a granddaughter, Tristan Manley; and an aunt, Ellen Keese Craver.

In lieu of flowers, kindly send donations to Patrick Henry Boys & Girls Homes, P.O. Box 1398, Brookneal Virginia 24528. Wilkerson Funeral Home [was] assisting the family, and condolences may be sent to www.wilkersonfuneral.com.