

John L. Randazzo

dies; founder of import company

A funeral mass for John L. Randazzo, founder and president of the European Import Corp. of St. Louis and Houston, will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Mera-mec and Maryland avenues, Clayton. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Randazzo, 72, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 1972, at Barnes Hospital after a long illness.

He founded his import house at 3000 Chouteau ave. in the early 1920s, moving it to Clayton in 1937 at the urging of the fledgling city's first mayor.

An early civic leader in Clayton, he was urged to run for mayor, but chose to remain in the background as adviser and confidant of mayors.

Mr. Randazzo, who lived at 200 South Brentwood bl., Clayton, was personally cited by the late Cardinal Joseph Ritter in the 1950s for his fund-raising activities in connection with the construction of Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital for Children.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Adelina H. G. Randazzo; a son, John Joseph G. Randazzo of University City; and two daughters, Mrs. Donald Stephen of Town and Country, and Mrs. S. Joseph McKenna Jr. of St. Louis County; a sister, Mrs. Carmen LaCavera of Houston, and eight grandchildren.