

# Charles Tingey, founder of Colliers International in Fresno, has died

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Charles Tingey, of Colliers Tingey, a premiere real estate company in the Valley on April 25, 1999.

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Charles Tingey, the man who founded the Fresno commercial real estate firm Colliers International, has died.

Mr. Tingey, 74, had Parkinson's disease for 14 years. His health was in decline and he died on Sunday night, said Bobby Fena, senior vice president and principal at Colliers.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Fig Garden Swim and Raquet Club.

Mr. Tingey started a one-man commercial real estate company, called Charles Tingey Associates, in 1968 and built it up into one of the leading commercial realty firms in the central San Joaquin Valley.

One of the biggest lease transactions Mr. Tingey worked on, with Fena, was Gottschalk's move from downtown Fresno to the first Class A office space built in the River Park Corporate Center now known as Park Place in the early 1990s.

“It was 90,000 square feet,” Fena said. At that time, “it was the largest office transaction that had ever been done here. A year later, we leased the balance of the building — 65,000 square feet — to the McCormick Barstow law firm.”

While Mr. Tingey had a lot of business accomplishments, he was most proud of the people he got to interact with, said his stepson, Eric Jans.

“He was proud of the people he got to interact with — family, partners, friends. His greatest joy was seeing other people he was related to or associated with succeed.”

Check back Tuesday for more about Mr. Tingey, an icon in the Valley’s real estate industry.

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