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ALLEN HARVEY BROYLES

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Allen Harvey Broyles, was known to us as "Harvey". He was a man of many facets - lawyer, a member of the Louisiana Bar for 54 years, naval officer, political activist, oil and gas producer, devoted family man and philanthropist. In all of these endeavors he earned the respect and admiration of those whose lives he touched.

Harvey was born to a distinguished central Louisiana family closely related to a former Louisiana governor and a United States Congressman as well as other leaders in the area. However, his family heritage was that of hard working people. Due to the early death of his father Harvey found it necessary to carry on the family tradition of hard work to survive during the Great Depression.

He attended public schools in Caddo Parish and upon graduation from high school enrolled in Centenary College where he pursued his undergraduate work. In addition he took law courses at Centenary and later attended Louisiana State University Law School. Due to financial conditions at the time Harvey was unable to continue in Law School. He was not deterred, however, as he promptly took and passed the Louisiana State Bar examination.

After being licensed to practice law, Harvey set up a law practice in Shreveport, which continued until the outbreak of World War II when he closed his office to accept a commission in the United States Navy. He served with distinction as a naval officer in the Pacific Theater of operations for almost three years.

At the close of World War II Harvey returned to Shreveport and resumed his law practice, having been

recognized by his peers as an excellent lawyer who was learned in the law and who vigorously pursued matters in the best interest of his clients.

From his early days political life had interested Harvey and after practicing law for some time he entered the political arena. His efforts met with success as he was elected to a seat on the Louisiana Public Service Commission. During his tenure, Harvey served as a Public Service Commissioner representing the North Louisiana District.

After completing his term of office with the Public Service Commission Harvey turned his attention to the oil and gas business in the 1950's. With his usual zest and from a very modest beginning he slowly developed what resulted in a thriving oil and gas business. It was not easy, but as an independent operator with an extraordinary ability to understand and deal with people, coupled with unyielding tenacity that was his trademark, Harvey was able to assemble and develop oil and gas prospects many of which had eluded his competitors. Once he undertook a project he would stick with it no matter what obstacles might appear. Harvey's patience and perseverance always saw him through. His forthright approach to business was the same as the conduct of his personal life - straight forward, always open, honest and fair. His business competitors respected him. His financial backers respected him; they knew they could always rely on what Harvey said and that his dealings with them would be fair whether the prospect resulted in a producer or a dry hole. And there were lots of dry holes.

Harvey was a devoted family man. He was married to his loving wife, Alberta Erskine, who shared the many trials and tribulations they encountered from

their very early struggles through the culmination of their successful oil and gas business. Their family included two sons, John and Allen; and a daughter, Joyce. Through good times and bad Harvey and Alberta always gave first priority to their children.

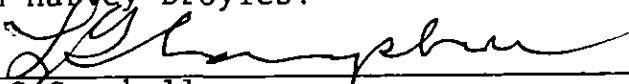
Harvey never forgot his humble beginning. He was extremely generous not only to his immediate family, but also to his extended family; however his generosity was not limited to his family. He always remembered his early days at Centenary College and was not only a member of the board of trustees of the college but also a leading financial supporter as well. He was a member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army and a generous contributor to that organization. Harvey and Alberta were sponsors of many civic projects too numerous to mention by name. Their generosity knew no bounds.

Allen Harvey Broyles stood high as a man, a husband, a father, one learned in the law, a successful business man of the highest ethics, and as a person who would lend every assistance, both personal and financial, where he saw a need that existed. He has left an indelible mark upon all with whom he came in contact and will long be remembered for the life he lived.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in this memorial we of the Shreveport Bar Association express the admiration and respect in which Allen Harvey Broyles was held by his fellow lawyers, his business associates and his fellow citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on behalf of each member of our Association we extend our sympathy to his family in their loss; that a copy of this memorial resolution be spread upon the minutes of the First

Judicial District Court; and that a copy be delivered to the family of Allen Harvey Broyles.

  
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