

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES O. HARDEY

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On July 13, 1997, Charles O. Hardey, a prominent and well known attorney, died at his residence at the age of 73. He had been a practicing lawyer for more than fifty years and his loss to his family, his colleagues, his clients, and his many friends will be forever remembered.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ray Prescott Hardey, his three surviving children, James Prescott Hardey and wife, Penny, and Lynn Prescott Hardey and Robin William Hardey and wife, Martha, and four grandchildren, Kathryn Prescott Hardey, Charles William Hardey, Ryan Coulter Hardey, and James Coulter Hardey.

A native of Louisiana, Charles was born in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and was a graduate of St. John's High School (now Loyola College Prep), Springhill College in Mobile, Alabama, and Tulane University Law School. He was a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity. He was a long time member of the Shreveport Bar Association and the Louisiana State Bar Association. Prior to his death, the Louisiana State Bar Association recognized Charles as a fifty year member for legal services rendered during that time.

Charles also served his country honorably and well during World War II in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

After World War II, he began private practice of law in Shreveport and specialized in oil and gas law. He also went into the oil and gas business and founded, owned and operated The Hardey Company--Oil and Gas Production for many years.

During his many years of practicing law, Charles was known for representing his clients well. He worked long and hard for each client with great diligence and thoroughness.

Charles was a religious man, having been a life long Catholic and member of Saint Johns Berchman's Cathedral. He was also active in civic affairs. He was a member of the Shreveport Yacht Club and had a real love for sailing that he shared with his lovely wife, Ray, for fifty (50) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we of the Shreveport Bar Association, in this memorial, express our admiration and respect to the late Charles O. Hardey, whose life and conduct in the practice of law exemplified the best in advocacy for his clients in the finest tradition of the legal profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend to his family the sympathy of each member of our Association in their loss, and a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the First Judicial District Court, and copies of this memorial be delivered to his family.

Respectfully submitted,



Ben E. Coleman

Shreveport, Louisiana
October 30, 1997