

MEMORIAL FOR
DONALD R. MILLER
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 28, 2009
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

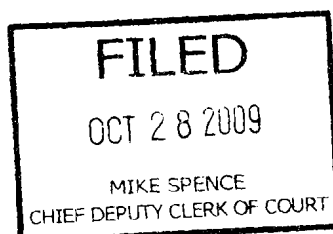
Donald R. Miller was born February 4, 1934, in Baton Rouge, to Ernest Floyd and Eva Denham Miller, the latter a descendant of Mercy Hogue and William Denham, original settlers of Denham Springs, Louisiana, and for whom the city is named. He passed away peacefully at his home in Shreveport, Louisiana with his family on August 18, 2009.

Don attended Woodlawn Elementary and Baton Rouge High schools in Baton Rouge. He went on to attend Tulane University on a football scholarship, receiving his BA degree in 1957. While at Tulane, he served as senior class vice-president, president of the Baptist Student Union, and Cadet Colonel in the Air Force ROTC. He was a member of Scabbard and Blade, the Honor Board, the Arnold Air Society, Who's Who, and Young Democrats. Don was co-captain of the football team, with four varsity football letters, in the positions of center and linebacker. His fortitude on the football field played a very pivotal roll in Tulane's win over number 1 ranked Auburn in 1955 and then top ranked Ole Miss in 1956.

Don went on to law school at Tulane, receiving his LLB/JD in 1960 from Tulane School of Law. During his years at Tulane Law School, he worked as an assistant football coach, and was a member of the Moot Court Board, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and La Societe du Droit Civil.

Don served as Captain on active duty in the Base Legal Office, Barksdale Air Force Base, prior to opening his law practice in Shreveport in 1963. He was involved in many civic and professional activities, serving as Caddo Democratic Executive Committee Chairman and working with the State Committee of Affiliated Political Party, YMCA, and Broadmoor Neighborhood Association.

He was a true mentor to attorneys and judges a like, who often sought out counsel and advice from Don. A very active participant in the Democratic Party in North Louisiana, Don often assisted and organized many political and judicial campaigns. He



was a respected attorney from both sides of the bar, and known throughout the State of Louisiana as a “straight-shooter.” Many defense attorneys knew that what Don said was the value of the case *was* the value of the case.

After starting his private practice in Shreveport, Don became one of the first attorneys to use the jury system in North Louisiana to increase monetary awards for his clients. His actions broke the mold of historically low awards.

He was one of the original organizers of the local Red Mass Society. Don received the Red Mass Society Dedication Award, and chaired the Red Mass Society Banquet honoring United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

Don served as a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates and on the LSBA Board of Governors. He was a member of the Harry V. Booth and Hon. Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court. Don was an active member of the Shreveport Bar Association, having served as its President in 1993. He was a member of the Holiday in Dixie Ambassadors Club, and the Krewe of Justinian (serving as both Duke and King). Don was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve as Judge Pro Tempore of the Shreveport City Court. He truly enjoyed listening to the attorneys’ arguments and assisting those parties who appeared before him.

Since 1971, he owned, bred, and showed Arabian horses, and served as Region IX, IAHA Director, a member of its By-Laws Committee, and chairman of its Probable Cause panel.

For many years after moving to Shreveport, he refereed area high school football games.

Don was always athletic. He was a regular at the handball courts at the Downtown YMCA. He rode off-road motorcycles (Bultacos), often racing them in enduros (long distance races in the woods and hills North of Shreveport), as well as touring bikes, from BMWs to Goldwings. Then, in 1993, he played a round of golf with his sons in Corpus Christi, Texas, and picked up the game of golf with a passion. For the next 14 years, he would play just about every day. Don enjoyed taking his grandchildren out to play with him whenever he could.

Don Miller was preceded in death by his parents and by his grandson, Phillip Ray Livigni. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sarah Guelfi Miller; children, Suzanne

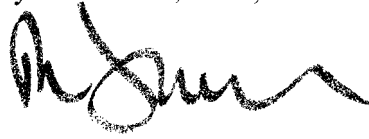
Allen and husband Cecil, Melissa Arnold and husband Chuck, Michael Miller and wife Pam, Eric Miller and wife Carla, and Marc Miller; eight grandchildren: Brian and Ben Allen, David Miller, Grant Livigni, Mary Katherine and Amy Miller, Michael and Marshall Miller; and two brothers, the Rev. Ernest L. Miller and wife, Eva Mae LeBlanc Miller, and Archie B. Miller and wife, Bobbie Knighten Miller.

Respectfully submitted on this 28th day of October, 2009, in Shreveport, Caddo

Parish, Louisiana



Herschel E. Richard, Jr.



Ronald J. Miciotto