

IN MEMORIAM  
MICHAEL LEWIS POE

We are here today to honor the memory of Michael Lewis Poe, a member of this bar association, who departed this life on August 7, 1996.

Mike was taken away from us very prematurely being only 49 years of age.

Mike was born in El Cerrito, California, and grew up in Norwalk, Connecticut, where he engaged in numerous activities including All State Chorus. After his graduation from high school, Mike attended Centenary College, and upon his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served for four (4) years during the Vietnam War. After completing his military service Mike worked as a newsman holding positions at various times with the Bossier Press Tribune, the Shreveport Times and the Shreveport Journal, among other organizations.

In the mid 1970's, Mike decided to change careers and enrolled in Loyola Law School, from which he graduated in 1981. After graduation, Mike was associated with several law firms in Shreveport and Bossier City and then took a job at Northwest Louisiana Legal Services, as a staff attorney. It was while he was employed at Northwest Louisiana Legal Services that he was able to exercise his compassion and interest in providing representation for the poor people of the Caddo Parish and surrounding areas. Mike stayed at legal services for several years and then reentered private practice where he continued to represent the interests of the plaintiffs and the economically disadvantaged.

Mike also had many other interests, being a member of First Baptist Church of Greenwood, an avid singer, and was at the time of his death, a speech writer for Paul Chachere, the democratic candidate for congress, from the 5th Congressional District. He was in truth a happy and contented man, with a marvelous sense of humor, and very interested in serving his clients and his community.

Mr. Poe was proud of his family -- he left behind his wife, Kay Poe, two daughters, Jennifer Poe Umphrees and Kara Poe, and one son, David Roy Poe.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Shreveport Bar Association adopts and records this memorial as a testimonial and tribute to the memory of its departed friend and attorney, MICHAEL LEWIS POE, and that copies of this resolution be delivered to his bereaved family.

  
ROSS E. SHACKLETTE  
Chairman

  
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