

IN MEMORIA  
VAN WILLARD DAVIS

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Presented at the Memorial Exercises held in the First Judicial District Court under the auspices of the Shreveport Bar Association on September 16, 1963.

Van Willard Davis, 36, passed away in Shreveport on December 9, 1962. He was born in De Queen, Arkansas on May 17, 1926, the son of Mr. Rufus I. Davis and Mrs. Willie Esperence Davis. His family moved to Oil City where he attended school. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and was wounded in action. Following his discharge from the Navy he entered Centenary College in 1948 where he studied accounting and law. He was admitted to the Bar in 1957 and immediately began the practice of law in Shreveport.


Van Davis was married to Lillian Corrales and is survived by his wife, their daughter Theresa Fatima, his parents, his brother, Charles F. Davis, and his sister, Mrs. J. A. Wright.

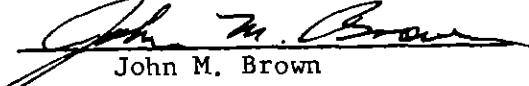
When Van Davis opened his office in the Ricou-Brewester Building and began the practice of law alone, he faithfully followed the long tradition of toil and struggle experienced by so many members of the Bar in their early career. During his grievously short career as a lawyer he was an active and eager advocate always maintaining high and exacting ideals of the legal profession. He was a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

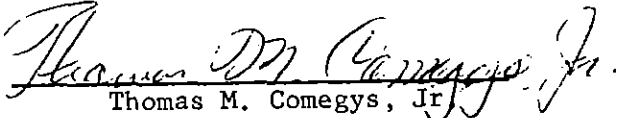
In addition to his professional interests, he was a member of the American Legion, a Thirty-Second Degree Mason, a member of the Scottish-Rite Shrine, the White Shrine, and the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church.

Van Davis enjoyed the friendship and respect of all who knew him both as a lawyer and in his private life. His untimely death is regretted by the Bench, Bar, and his many friends and fellow citizens of this community and state.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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