

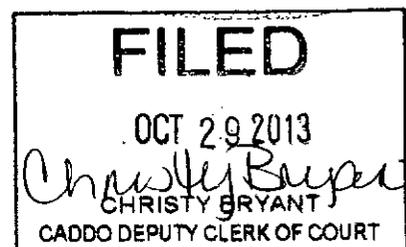
**MEMORIAL FOR
JUDGE CECIL C. LOWE
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 29, 2013
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

Judge Cecil Lowe died on February 25, 2013 at his home in Minden, Louisiana, where he was born some 89 years before. He grew up in Minden, and he graduated from Minden High School, where he was playfully known by his friends as "Baby Lowe". His Wife, Elizabeth Chapman Lowe, continued to call him "Baby" until the day of her death several years before her beloved "Baby".

After High School graduation, Judge Lowe attended Louisiana Tech University, and he then enrolled in Louisiana State University Law School. He was selected as a member of the Louisiana Law Review in 1943, just before he left school to proudly serve his country in World War II from 1943 to 1946. He was discharged as a Lieutenant (j.g.) USNR.

After his discharge, Judge Lowe returned to Louisiana State University Law School and again was selected as a member of the Louisiana Law Review in 1946-1947, thus demonstrating that his three year military service had not detracted from his scholastic abilities. He graduated from Louisiana State University with a law degree with honors. He then returned to his home town of Minden, Louisiana, where he opened his law practice as a sole practitioner. Later he was law partner with his friend John B. Benton, Jr. in the firm of Lowe and Benton.

Judge Lowe held the position of Minden City Attorney from 1949 until 1954, when he was elected Minden City Judge. He served in that Judgeship for the next 22 years until he was elected to the 26th Judicial District Court for Bossier and Webster Parishes in 1976. He served that court for the next 12 years until he retired from the bench in 1988. He also served a term as chief



judge of the 26th Judicial District Court. After his retirement, he served as an ad hoc Judge on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Judge Lowe was recognized as a very intelligent Judge and one whose integrity was respected by all members of the bench and bar who knew and served with him. He was known for his serious, almost stern demeanor on the bench, with little time for nonsense or humor.

However, on one occasion in Bossier Parish, Judge Lowe had a difficult time maintaining that serious demeanor. He had before him a female defendant for sentencing from a pre-sentence report. He intended to give the lady defendant a hard labor suspended sentence. Therefore he read through the report on the record, and he concluded with the imposition of the hard labor portion of the sentence. Then he looked down at the report and took a deep breath. When he looked up, the woman was gone. She had heard the hard labor sentence and fell to the floor in a complete faint. She had to be revived by the bailiff and other court personnel, so she could hear Judge Lowe say that her sentence was suspended, and she was placed on probation. What a relief! And it was reported that Judge Lowe did not crack a smile throughout the entire scene.

Judge Lowe presided over and decided several difficult cases, with difficult issues, parties and attorneys. One such case involved several major oil companies in a dispute concerning a Bossier Parish Oil Field. He spent several months in hearings, trials and writing a very complicated opinion. His opinion was affirmed by the Court of Appeals.

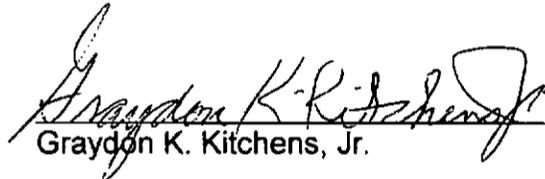
One of his last cases as a District Judge was a murder trial in Bossier Parish. That case became a very complicated and high profile case, with a very obstreperous defense attorney, who made many attacks and accusations against Judge Lowe. He confided in his fellow Judges that after 34 years in the judiciary, he was getting tired of that type treatment. Soon thereafter, Judge Lowe retired from the Bench, and his colleagues knew that case had hastened his decision.

Judge Lowe was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church in Minden, where he served in numerous capacities, including Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Stewards. He also served as President of the Minden Jaycees, and he was named young man of the year in 1956.

Judge Lowe is survived by his three children, John Paul Lowe and wife Vicki of Shreveport; Susan Elizabeth Lowe of Houston, Texas; and Mark Alan Lowe, Sr. and wife, Rebecca, of Lafayette, Louisiana; and three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, we submit this memorial to the memory of Judge Cecil C. Lowe, and we move that it be subscribed in the permanent records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that appropriate copies be presented to his family.

Respectfully submitted on this 29th day of October, 2013, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

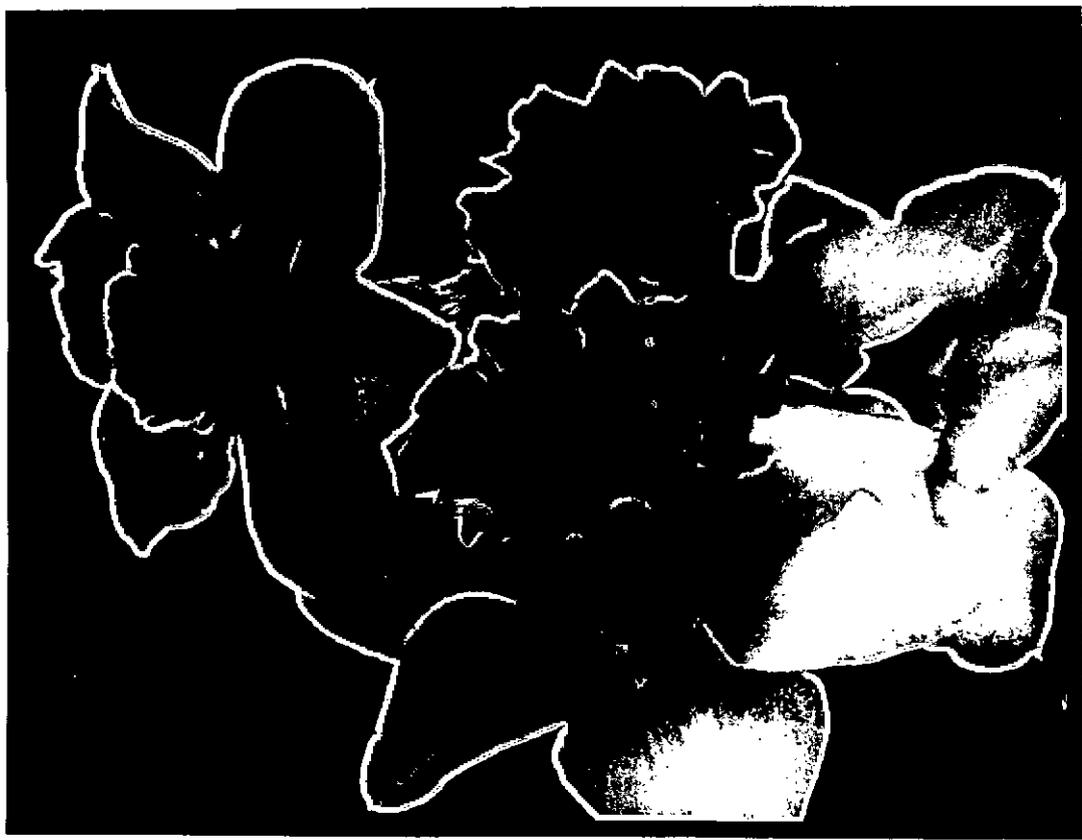

Graydon K. Kitchens, Jr.

Shreveport Bar Association

Memorial & Recognition Ceremony

*Tuesday, October 29, 2013
2:30 P.M.*

Courtroom G, Caddo Parish Courthouse



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**SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION
2013 MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION
CEREMONY**

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

Opening of Court **HON. ROBERT P. WADDELL**
Chief Judge, First Judicial District Court

Welcome **WILLIAM F. KENDIG, JR.**
President, Shreveport Bar Association

Invocation **HELEN GODFREY-SMITH, SENIOR PASTOR**
Greater Provision Christian Church

General Eulogy **LAURA PETERSON BUTLER**
Ceremony Chairperson

IN MEMORIAM

Donald L. Baker
Jack Raymond Brown
Honorable James E. "Jim/Buck" Clark
Alma Salter Jones
Honorable Cecil C. Lowe

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Laura Peterson Butler
Jacqueline Scott
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Introduction of New Attorneys **B. SLATTERY JOHNSON, JR.**
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Recognition of New Attorneys **HON. ROBERT P. WADDELL**

Benediction **THE REVERNEND MARY B. RICHARD**
The Church of the Holy Cross, Episcopal

*"The precepts of law are these: To live honorably,
To injure no other man and to render every man his due."
Justinian, 527-565 AD*