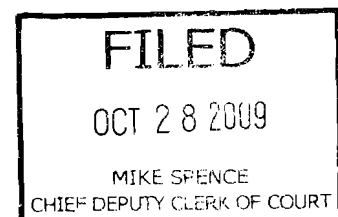


MEMORIAL FOR  
JUDGE GARNER ROWE MILER  
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
HELD IN THE  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
OCTOBER 28, 2009  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

Garner Rowe Miller died December 11, 2008. He was born March 2, 1927 to Eugene B. and Louella G. Miller in Crowley, Louisiana. His family subsequently moved to Shreveport where he grew up on East Lister Street among wonderful friends and neighbors, who he recalled fondly all of his life. Judge Miller attended Alexander Elementary School and St. John's High School in Shreveport. He is a World War II Veteran having enlisted in the United States Army after graduation from high school. Upon discharge from military service he attended Rice University graduating with a B.A. Degree. He then earned his Law Degree from Louisiana State University where he served on the Law Review. He practiced law in Baton Rouge and Shreveport. In 1960 he was appointed an Assistant District Attorney for Caddo Parish. He served in this position until his appointment as a City Court Judge on November 18, 1968 by Governor John A. McKeithen. Judge Miller served as Judge, Division "A" of the Shreveport City Court from 1968 to 1990 when he retired after twenty-two years of service.

During his tenure as a Shreveport City Court Judge he acted with the highest ethical standards. His integrity, ethics and professional competence guided successive judges in the performance of their duties and ethical service. Judge Miller was a constant student of the law. His office was cluttered with advance sheets marked with his notes, comments and questions. He had the keen mind that could take the law and create the hypothetical situations in which the law in question would apply and then distinguish those situations by varying the hypothetical. He loved the challenge of analysis and for many of us that is the most difficult aspect of the practice of law. He was also conservative, maybe thrifty, well frugal. Judge Miller would use the back of old dockets to take notes. The Court did not buy much note paper and to this day judges at the City Court continue to use the backs of old dockets for trial notes. It is a tribute to the honesty and discipline of our predecessors such as Judge Miller.



Judge Miller served his community and his profession with integrity. He was a member of the Shreveport Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He served as Chairman of the North American Judge's Association Committee for Liaison. He was a member of the American Legion; an avid bowler, he served on the Board of the Northwest Bowling Association. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Four Square Bible Class, where he served as President.

Judge Garner Rowe Miller was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Louella Miller, his first wife of forty-three years, Myrleen A. Miller, and his stepson, Frank Minor. He is survived by his loving wife of over five years, Melba P. Miller; daughter, Cathy Eubanks; two grandchildren, Courtney Eubanks and William Eubanks of Shreveport; stepdaughter, Susie G. May and her husband William H. "Bill" May, Jr. of Kingwood, TX; three step-grandchildren, Tia Pickens and her husband Gary Pickens of Ft. Polk, LA; Chris George and his wife Hilary of Weatherford, TX and William H. "Billy" May III of Baton Rouge, LA; three step-great grandchildren, Anna Laura George, Nathaniel Winston Pickens and Margaret Suzanne Pickens.

On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, this memorial is submitted to the memory of Judge Garner Rowe Miller. We hereby move that it be inscribed in the permanent records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that appropriate copies be presented to the family of the Honorable Judge Garner Rowe Miller.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of October, 2009 in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

  
Charles William Kelly, IV  
Presiding Judge  
Shreveport City Court