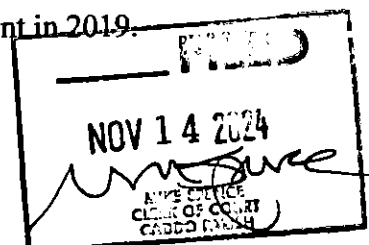


**MEMORIAL FOR  
KENNETH P. WRIGHT  
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
NOVEMBER 14, 2024  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

GOOD AFTERNOON YOUR HONORS, MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.

Family, friends, and fellow members of the bar, we are here to honor and recognize Kenneth Preston Wright, Attorney at Law! However, to know him, it was just KEN, no more no less. To know Ken, you would inevitably learn true Professionalism, Love of the Law, Family and Friendships! He had a way of personalizing in a common sense way in his interactions with people. He believed in fairness and respect. He understood fully ethical behavior and practiced professionalism before it was mandated. Being from New Orleans, I detected Ken had more "country" in him, than I did, so and when I first met Ken, I asked him where was he from (a New Orleans quirk); and he said Jena, La. I asked, where is Jena? He responded with do you know the song "Stairway to Heaven" and I responded of course, Led Zeppelin. He said correct and that stairway runs through Jena. I thought he was joking, but learned over time, he was not. I also learned, I already knew his wife, Linda, from church (here and at LSU) and we became immediate and forever friends with Ken and Linda i.e., with my wife, Barbara, and myself.

Ken was born in 1948 in Jena, La. to Dallas Edwin Wright and Glynn Miles Wright. He grew up and went through high school in Jena, until he enrolled into La. Tech in 1966, and then LSU Law School (now LSU Law Center) in 1971. As indicated in his obituary, Ken had a wonderful, rewarding, but constructive younger life. Throughout school he also worked, including through college. He nevertheless graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tech in 1970 with a B.A. in Business Adm. He served as President of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, also his business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, and his leadership fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa., all while at Tech. Ken also served with the La. National Guard in Jena and Bossier City. Ken graduated from Law School in 1974, then moved to Shreveport, La. to practice law with the prestigious law firm of Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey & Barlow. He left that firm to start his own firm with a couple of classmates, namely: Ronald Weems and Kent Abney, when they established Weems, Abney & Wright. Ken's practice was in real estate and in 1984 he formed Louisiana Title Company for the law firm. He established multiple offices and then with John Pou "spun" the Title Co. out from the firm and merged with Bill Peatross (Caddo Abstract) and they formed United Title of La. They established offices throughout the state, until they sold all of their interests to a subsidiary of Iberia Bank in 2007. Ken continued with United Title until 2009, when he first retired. He later worked with Bayou Title, until his second retirement in 2019.



and I were privileged to be included and relished. This continued until we lost Ken! Linda and family was there for him all the way. God Bless him and all of them.

We were friends and not just partners; and Ken had lots of Friends as mentioned in his obituary and by the attendance at his visitation and memorial service at St. Marks, where Ken was also an usher. When mentioning Friends like Ken: what comes to my mind are "Fox Hole Friends", those who you would want next to and behind you when the bullets began to fly. Ken, no more no less, would be in there with you.

To end this, we have lost a number of brilliant and wonderful attorneys that we are recognizing today, and I truly believe that the Stairway to Heaven does run through Jena and wherever else these great persons/attorneys that we are memorializing today have found each other. God Bless them all, Ken, Linda and your families.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carey T. Schimpf, former partner and  
Always Friends

Your honors, I now move to request that this Memorial Eulogy for Kenneth P. Wright be duly recorded on this 14 day of November 2024, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and made part of the permanent record of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, that copies be delivered to Kenneth P. Wright's family.

Thank you, Your Honors.

Respectfully submitted,

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CAREY T. SCHIMPF



Kenneth “Ken” Preston Wright died peacefully at home from complications of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis in Shreveport, LA, on July 28, 2024, surrounded by family. He faced his illness with strength and grace and educated himself and others throughout his 4-year journey since diagnosis.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 31 at Osborn Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 1 at St. Mark’s Cathedral, 908 Rutherford Street, Shreveport, LA, a reception will follow in the parlor. Officiating the service will be Father Thomas Nsubuga. A private burial service will be held for family.

Ken was born in Jena, Louisiana in 1948 to the marriage of Dallas Edwin Wright and Glynn Miles Wright. He grew up in Jena until attending Louisiana Tech University in 1966, and LSU Law School in 1971. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Louisiana Tech in 1970 with a B.A. in Business Administration. He graduated from LSU Law School in 1974, then moved to Shreveport after graduation to practice law with the firm of Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey and Barlow. He left there in 1982 to join a couple of his classmates in the newly formed law firm of Weems, Abney and Wright. Ken’s practice evolved into mostly a real estate practice, and in 1984 Ken formed Louisiana Title Company for the law firm. He managed Louisiana Title until 1992, when he bought the company from the law firm and together with John Pou merged it with Bill Peatross and Caddo Abstract & Title Company to form United Title of Louisiana, Inc. Ken and his co-owners in United Title sold it to a subsidiary of Iberia Bank in 2007. Ken continued to work for United Title until 2009 when he retired for the first time.

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After a couple of years of retirement, a friend of his in Gretna, LA, asked him to work out of his home and set up a commercial title department for Bayou Title, Inc. Ken enjoyed doing this until his second retirement in 2019. Ken and Linda bought a condo as a second home in Keystone in 1998 and continued to spend a lot of time there until his death, enjoying skiing and being close to his daughter Kendal and three of his grandchildren, who lived nearby. In 2011, Ken and Linda moved from Shreveport to Jupiter, FL, so that they could also be close to their other daughter, Allyson and his five other grandchildren. Ken and Linda kept their house in Shreveport, and continued to visit often, enjoying seeing their many long-time friends there.

Ken was predeceased by his parents and his older brother, Edwin Miles Wright. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Linda Sentell Wright, the greatest blessing of his life whom he loved dearly; his daughter Allyson Wright Lazarus (Brian) of Jupiter, FL, and their 5 children, Kylie, Taylor, Ellie Farris (Wesley), Darius and Luke; his daughter, Kendal Wright Vaille (Troy) of Dillon, CO, and their 3 children, Jeremiah, Lexi (and her fiancée Corey Johnson) and Miles. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Doris Evans Wright and two nephews, Edwin Wright and Chris Wright.

Ken had a wonderful life, and often said that he was the luckiest guy he knew. He had a happy childhood in Jena and had many lifelong friends from there. At Louisiana Tech, he served as President of his Social Fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, his Business Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, and his Leadership Fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa. At LSU Law School, Ken served as President of the Student Bar Association.

Ken had many interesting jobs throughout his life, beginning with his first paying job as a pinsetter in the local bowling alley while in high school. In high school, college and law school, he worked fixing flats and washing and changing oil in cars at his uncle's service station; at a men's clothing store; as a roughneck and as a roustabout in the oil fields of central Louisiana; as an abstractor for a law firm in Baton Rouge and serving with the Louisiana National Guard in Jena and Bossier City. While practicing law, Ken also worked as a contractor for Prodigy Services in the early days of the internet, building and maintaining Prodigy's web site on skiing and snowboarding, as well as a legal web site and maintaining Prodigy's legal bulletin board. At age 35, Ken discovered snow skiing and fell in

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love with it. He enjoyed many trips to different ski areas all across the country and he passed on his love of skiing and travel to his children and grandchildren. One of his favorite part time jobs was as a ski instructor for 13 seasons for Keystone Resort in Colorado. He had many good times on his annual guys' ski trips with Perry Pringle, Tom McNeely and Charlie Powers in ski areas in the US, Canada and Europe. He was a former member of The Rotary Club of Shreveport and was a Paul Harris Fellow. In 2003-2004 Ken served as King X for the Krewe of Justinian and developed many life-long relationships that he treasured.

Ken dearly loved his wife Linda, his daughters, his eight grandchildren, skiing and travel. He was fortunate to have many years to enjoy all of these and to have visited all 50 states and multiple countries in Europe. Ken and Linda were lucky to have been able to travel with each of their grandchildren and make memories for a lifetime. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Ken and Linda would like to especially thank Dr. Matthew Koslow at National Jewish Health in Denver for his many years of excellent care, compassion and knowledge of IPF. Not only did he help extensively with medical treatment, but also became a good friend and was a vital aspect of Ken's support system since his diagnosis.

The family suggests that memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, St. Mark's Cathedral, Amedisys Hospice or the charity of your choice.