IN MEMORY OF RODDY SPIGENER PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NOVEMBER 4, 2004 UNDER-THE AUSPICES OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

I am honored to have been asked by the Spigener family to offer a reflection on the life and memory of Rod "Roddy" Spigener. It is not difficult to reflect on a person like Roddy; the hard part is remembering and accepting that he is gone.

Roddy had a very keen mind which was sharpened by his legal education. He primarily used his law degree in his family's real estate business. However, he would periodically undertake a "family" matter-as we all have been called upon to do from time to time-involving a succession, a will, or a review of a contract. He always did so willingly......anxiously wanting to achieve the best result he could for the family member.

Perhaps most of all, I remember Roddy's kindness. He looked outwardly rather than inwardly; he put others before himself. He was Christlike. I always found this quality to be remarkable in a world that seems increasingly self-centered.

Many times over the last 15 years, Roddy spent time at our family home on Delaware. He would often attend Midnight Mass with us. We often concluded the day with a prayer Roddy would recognize. I would like to share with you this prayer by John Henry Cardinal Newman:

"May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may he give us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen."

I know Roddy has now found his "peace at the last." I miss him. I will never forget him. I am richer for having known him.

Thank you.

Royal Alexander 11-04-04

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