

**MEMORIAL FOR**  
**STEPHEN MORROW WALLER**  
**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,**

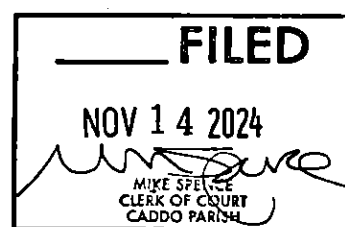
Family, friends, and fellow members of the bar,

Stephen Morrow Waller was born on July 16, 1947. He died surrounded by family on March 11, 2024.

Steve grew up in Haynesville, Louisiana, and played football for the Haynesville High School Golden Tornado. He graduated from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches before earning his Juris Doctorate from the LSU Law Center in Baton Rouge. He raised a family and lived the rest of his adult life in the Shreveport/Bossier area.

A dedicated public servant, Steve worked as an Assistant District Attorney for the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court. He finished his 29 year career with the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office as the head of the Homicide Screening Division. He believed in the rule of law and was committed to defending and preserving public safety.

Steve, an avid fan of all sports, also served his community by being a volunteer coach for numerous teams, from T-ball to high school football. Through coaching he loved and supported so many young players, including his own children and their friends. He was a staunch supporter of Haynesville High School



and LSU athletics. He loved spending time outdoors on the family farm and his retirement became a prodigious reader.

When I was an assistant district attorney in the early nineties, I remember many Saturdays spent with Steve, Paul Carmouche and Howard Fish among others. We would meet and play at different public courses all over Northwest Louisiana and East Texas. We would often play a game called skins; which involved a wager. We would partner up with another player and he often played with Howard. Steve was a pretty good golfer as was Howard. If I remember correctly, on a good day Steve could shoot in the seventies. In speaking with Howard about the times we all spent together; Howard recalled that me and James Moreland beat them pretty bad one time. I guess that was easier for Howard to remember because they lost. I know from past experience, we would have given them a pretty hard time about losing. It was always good natured fun.

Steve was a good mentor to younger lawyers in the District Attorney's office. He was a good listener, anyone that knew Steve can attest to that. He would let you fully explain your predicament, usually something pertaining to a defense attorney, and then with his vast experience provide a solution. I can't tell you how many times he helped me.

Steve was a good friend, a good citizen, and a good man who protected and provided for his family. He was utterly devoted to his wife and children who adored him.

He was predeceased by his parents, Kathaleene and Donnie Waller, and by his brother Jeff Waller. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Becky, and by his children, John and wife Mare Lea, Justin, Jeanne-Anne and husband Will Moore. He was Papa to his grandchildren, Michael, Paige, and Chelsea Waller, Nadia Waller, Anson and Beau Moore. His love for them knew no bounds. Clint

Broughton, Ryan Harris and Matt Harris are beloved nephews. He also leaves sisters-in-law Judy Waller and Nina Harris, along with cousins and countless friends.

Your Honors, I now move to request that the Memorial Eulogy for Stephen Morrow Waller be duly recorded on this 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Stephen's family.

Thank you, Your Honors,

Respectfully submitted,

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Honorable Donald E. Hathaway, Jr.  
District Judge, First Judicial District Court