## MEMORIAL FOR TOMMY KEITH CRYER PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OCTOBER 30, 2012 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

Tommy Cryer was born September 11, 1949, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, to the late Thomas Preston and Marjorie Iva Gibson Cryer and was called home June 4, 2012, in Shreveport, Louisiana. He attended Sam Houston High School in Moss Bluff, Louisiana, graduating third in his class in 1967. Tommy received the American Heritage Award, Continental Oil Scholarship, T. H. Harris Scholarship, JFK Memorial Scholarship and the Civitan Award. Tommy was involved in numerous activities at Sam Houston High including Football, where he lettered, FBLA, Beta Club, a founder of the Drama Club and Literary Rally.

He attended McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he received his B.A. 1970 in Psychology, Sociology, Military Science and Pre-law with a 3.4 GPA, achieving a multi-major degree in three years Tommy attended LSU Law School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he earned his J.D. in 1973, was an honor graduate, Order of the Coif and was inducted LSU Law School Hall of Fame in 1987. Tommy gratefully served his country as Captain in the U.S. Army, Adjutant General Corps.

Tommy's professional accomplishments included the Louisiana

Constitutional Convention in 1973, where he served as Special Advisor and

Draftsman (Bill of Rights, Municipalities); Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey & Barlow,

Shreveport, Louisiana, 1973-1975, as an Associate engaged in Oil & Gas,

Corporate, Estate, and Personal Injury law; and private practice in Shreveport,

beginning in 1975. His practice has included virtually every aspect of the law.

MIKE SPENCE CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT CADDO PARISH both criminal and civil, with clientele consisting of many third generation clients.

Tommy had extensive trial experience, both bench and jury, including extensive litigation and trials in numerous Federal District and Appellate Courts from New York to California, and appellate experience including the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Tommy's civic activities consisted of membership in the Shreveport Jaycees serving on the Board of Directors, as legal counsel, as well as chairing numerous projects. A member of the Caddo Heights United Methodist Church where he served on the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Directors of Shreveport Optimist Club. Tommy was Past Master, W.H. Booth Lodge #380, F & AM; Past Master, First Masonic District Lodge; and the Louisiana Grand Lodge, where he served on the Law & Jurisprudence Committee, Board of Charities and Benevolences, and Education Committee; He was a Certified Instructor and a Lecturer at numerous Grand Master's Seminars across the State. He was a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, Shreveport Valley, 32nd degree, and the El Karubah Shrine, Shreveport, Louisiana. Past President, Shreveport High Twelve Club. Chairman, Shreveport Republican PAC, 1991-3, Delegate to the 1992 State Republican Convention; He oversaw or consulted for eleven successful political campaigns.

Tommy's personal interests included hunting, fishing, woodworking, and the study of history, Constitutional Law, and in later years, taxation, where he was committed to the promotion and growth of his website, truthattack.org. He was a licensed pilot, with a multi-engine rating.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; Johnny Lloyd Cryer, and his first wife; Carolyn Fisher. Left to share precious memories of Tommy will be his beloved wife Bettye (Dee Dee) Cryer, one sister; Susan Faye Cryer, four brothers; Timothy Ray Cryer, Danny Michael Cryer, Gary Lee Cryer,

and Randy Gibson Cryer, one sister-in-law; I.J. Lutz, one brother-in-law; Jim Bowman, along with many extended family members and nation wide friends.

On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, we submit this memorial to the memory of Tommy Keith Cryer, and 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 30th day of October, 2012, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

George E. Harp