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EULOGY OF CHARLES E. TOOKE, JR.

It's a privilege for me to stand before you and eulogize Charlie Tooke, to give him high praise. To say that his family loved him very much is an understatement. We thank you, his colleagues, for being his friends, your friendship was part of his wealth.

I as Charlie Tooke's son in law, and as an attorney, and have had the privilege of being Mr. Tooke's ears in court for the last few years.

He was my co-counsel, my mentor, my law professor, my friend, my father-in-law.

Everyone has a different perspective of CET, Jr. To many of you he was Charlie Tooke, or just Charlie.

To myself and his other sons in law, Elizabeth's husband Bill Madole and Catherine's husband Winston McVea, was Mr. Tooke.

We called him that out of respect.

His daughter Marjorie and I have been married for 10 years.

3 of his 4 grandchildren, are our children.

He was the father of 6 children:

Catherine
Elizabeth
Sally
Marjorie
Tricia
Charles

and 4 grandchildren Robert, Adam and Sarah McWilliams, and William Madole.

He was married to Lucia Tooke, the mother of his children, until her death in 1981.

At the time of his death he was married to Thais Tooke, who is presently Judge Clark's secretary. Their second anniversary would have been Sept. 27, 1986.

We embrace Thais and her children Larry and Elizabeth as part of our family.

Our son Robert is 15, was very close to Papa. When we had to tell Robert on Saturday morning. She put her arms around him. Hugged him.

And said "Papa was a one of a kind guy" wasn't he. That's how we felt about Papa. We thank God for the time we spent with him. I am proud to be a member of his family.

CET, Jr. was born in July 19, 1912, in DeRidder, La. His family lived in Arcadia and Ruston. He had just turned 74 in July. He was an eagle scout.

He graduated from Louisiana Tech, and then graduated from Tulane College of Law June 12, 1935.

He was admitted to practice law in Louisiana on July 12, 1935.

He was a Lieut. Commander in the United States Navy during WWII, stationed in the Pacific at the time of the Battle of Midway..

He was an attorney for over 51 years, and on April 26, 1985 was recognized by the Louisiana Bar Assn. for 50 years membership.

He served two terms in the Louisiana Senate, taking the oath of office on May 10, 1948 and May 17, 1952.

Admitted to practice before the Interstate Commerce Commission July 2, 1953.

Citizens Charter Study Committee in 1970 which recommended our present form of government.

Charlie Tooke was a student of politics. Political souvenirs file. Letters from many people. Comments on speeches, etc.

Charlie Tooke had the good fortune to be raised by christain parents who planted the seeds of Christain principals in his life. I believe the fruit of these seeds were the qualities we so much admired in CET,Jr.

I first saw this fruit with family's Christmas morning custom of baking a cake and singing happy birthday to Jesus before opening Christmas presents.

house built on a rock will stand, when the storm comes.

Integrity-solid-you always knew where you stood with CET,Jr.

You always knew where CET,Jr. stood on an issue.

Lawyer's Title-29 years w.o. claim

theory of the case: This has helped me more than any one concept in my law practice. I encourage young attorneys to find an older lawer they can confide in, especially those who practice by themselves to gain advice and perspective from. He had perspective of oil business as cycles. ex: houses built w. oil money.

No greater love hath a man than he lay down his life for his friend.

I know many who are here could tell of times Charlie Tooke went out of his way to help you. He did more than just help when people asked, he looked for ways to help others.

He took my son Robert on train trip, went to Mexico.

Every member of the family can tell you that time after time CET,Jr. gave the things on their agenda priority to the things on his.

Faithfulness;

He had a way of including other people in whatever he did.

Honesty

He was always attentive to doing what he said he was going to do, whether it was be somewhere to help you or to file a law suit against you.

HE WAS A RICH MAN in a way many busy men overlook

He knew where his riches were- his family, his wife, his children his grandchildren, his friends.

But he had more than good works, he had the key to heaven, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, he recognized him as the risen savior.

There's a verse in the book of Ecclesiastes says that "the end of a thing is better than the beginning"

That verse has always been something of a mystery to me, but somehow I see it's meaning more clearly now.

CET,Jr. was born into this world as we all were, a helpless child, but somewhere along the way he became a helper. As I look out and see the people that are better since he touched their lives or spoke unto them, I begin to understand "the end of a thing is better than the beginning".

I always felt that CET,Jr. wanted to practice law until the day he died. The Lord honored his request.

Lord:

We thank you for the man we knew as Charles E. Tooke, Jr., Mr. Tooke, Charlie, Daddy, Papa, we miss him, we love him, our lives won't be the same without him, but we know he's gone to be with you, and somehow that's all right.

We come to celebrate your servant.

We come to sing your praise for placing CET,Jr. in our midst.

We come to comfort his children and grandchildren.

We come to comfort his wife Thais.

We come to reassure each other in the love of Christ and the importance of confessing Jesus as our Lord and Savior and putting God and his principals at the center of our lives.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Will E. Miller*