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IN MEMORY OF

ELMON W. HOLMES

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The undersigned, by appointment of the Shreveport Bar Association, submits this memorial to the memory of Elmon W. Holmes, a dedicated member of the Association, who departed this life on August 15, 1997.

Elmon W. Holmes was a native of Shreveport. Except for time devoted to service in his country's military, and a period in 1986-88, he lived here until his death at the age of 75. He graduated from Byrd High School in 1939 and from Louisiana State University in 1943, with a B.A. Degree. Immediately thereafter he went on active military duty in World War II. He was an Infantry Platoon Leader and became a decorated officer.

Upon his discharge from the Army in 1946 he enrolled in law school at Louisiana State University where he received his juris doctor degree in 1948, following which he went to work with the U.S. Corps of Engineers. He was recalled to military service in the Korean War in 1951, once more as an infantry officer. After leaving the military service in 1952 he again joined the U.S. Corps of Engineers where he worked until 1953, when he joined the law firm of Hargrove, Guyton, Van Hook & Hargrove. He continued to work for that law firm through its various name changes.

As a member of that firm his responsibilities included working with and for United Gas Corporation to obtain the rights necessary to build one of the early underground gas storage projects which later was to become known as "The Bistineau Project", comprising over 10,000 acres of surface area.

During that period of time he ably represented on behalf of the Hargrove firm such businesses as Texas Eastern Corporation, United Gas Corporation, and Norton Oil Company. In connection with those representations he made many trips to Washington, D.C., where he testified numerous times before the Federal Power Commission. He became, and was considered to be, an expert on work before that commission.

In 1965 Elmon married Miss Charlotte Noe of Wichita, Kansas. ~~Also In~~ ¹⁹⁸¹ ~~1985~~ he resigned from the Hargrove firm to become a candidate for a newly created position of Juvenile Judge at Caddo Juvenile Court. However, he was not successful in that effort and returned to work in legal representation.

From 1982 to 1985 he was associated with the law firm of Shuey and Smith. Then he and his wife moved to Lexington, Kentucky, where he obtained a position with the State of Kentucky, having been admitted to the bar of that state.

In 1989 the Holmes family returned to Sheveport. He did contract work with gas and pipeline companies from time to time, working primarily on pipeline development and rights-of-way, until he became chronically ill and had to retire.

Elmon and Charlotte Holmes had one child, a son named Steven Thomas Holmes. It has been this writer's privilege to know Steven T. Holmes, and, at his father's request, to encourage him in the pursuit of law. He has now graduated from SMU Law School and is presently an attorney with a firm of lawyers in Dallas, Texas. His father was justly proud of him.

Elmon Holmes was a life-long member of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, where he served in various lay positions. He also was a member of the Triple Triangle Class of that church. He was a member of U.S. Army Reserves for many years, retiring as a major. He served as President and a Board Member of East Ridge Country Club.

Elmon Holmes was a fine gentleman, quiet but forceful when necessary, polite while considerate of others, always friendly and warm-hearted to those with whom he had social and professional contact, a man upon whom you could depend. Professionally, he contributed much to the legal development of the gas transmission line practices and principles of our state. His permanent imprint on those principles will be recognized for many years to come.

Elmon Holmes is survived by his wife, Charlotte Noe Holmes, and their son, Steven T. Holmes. The Shreveport Bar Association extends to the Holmes family the sympathy of each of its members.

It is respectfully requested that a copy of this memorial summation of his life be placed upon the minutes of the First Judicial District Court, and that a copy be delivered to the family of Elmon W. Holmes.


Judge Gayle K. Hamilton, Retired