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**MEMORIAL FOR
HARRY REYNOLDS NELSON
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 24, 2003
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

Harry Reynolds Nelson, like many of his generation, grew up outside the major city in Northwest Louisiana. He was a native of Minden, Louisiana and graduated from Minden High School. Harry then went to Louisiana State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce. During his undergraduate years, he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. He then obtained his law degree from LSU Law School.

Along with all young men of that era, Harry Nelson served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He attained the rank of Lt. Col. in the Air Force Reserves and served on the Judge Advocate General's staff.

Harry Nelson's legal career spanned six (6) different decades here in Shreveport. He was a member of the Shreveport, Louisiana, and American Bar Associations. He served the State Bar as a member of the Board of Governors, and was also on the Law Reform Committee of the State Bar Association. He was also a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

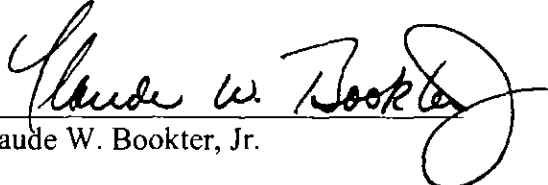
Harry Nelson passed away April 7, 2003 here in Shreveport. While Harry Nelson accomplished many things in his life, most importantly he was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Diane Nelson; his daughter, Felicia Ann Nelson Baker and her husband, Bert; his sons, Allen David Nelson and Clay Harry Nelson and his wife, Meredith; three grandchildren; and his brother, George Nelson.

Harry was not all work and no play. He was active in scouting, hunting, sailing and other wildlife related sports. His interest in gardening also showed more of his calm, gentile manner. Family memories include such things as family camping trips, which sometimes involved a lot of rain; LSU football games; after-school activities with the children; sailing in the Virgin Islands, which, through no coincidence, was a perfect trip for a former Commodore of the Shreveport Yacht Club; hunting trips; and traveling to Indonesia to see his daughter and grandchildren.

My personal involvement with Harry Nelson began in 1996/1997 when he served the Krewe of Justinian as King. Several of us "younger" members of the Krewe loved to dance and party, and Harry and Diane were right there with us on virtually every occasion. I last saw Harry one week before he died, and his energy and love of life was obvious.

To Diane, Harry's children and grandchildren, and Harry's other relatives, The Shreveport Bar Association wishes to express our sympathy and respect for Harry Reynolds Nelson. On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, we submit this memorial to his memory and move that it be inscribed 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 24th day of October, 2003, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.


Claude W. Bookter, Jr.