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MEMORIAL FOR
JUDGE JAMES E. (JIM / BUCK) CLARK

PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 29, 2013
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

Judge James E. (Jim / Buck) Clark was born in Strong, Arkansas, on February 10, 1929, raised in El Dorado, Arkansas, and was a resident of Shreveport since 1957. He practiced law with the firm of Cook, Clark, Egan, Yancey and King (now known as Cook Yancey) from 1957 until 1972. In 1972 he was elected to the 1st Judicial District Court and served on the bench for 19 years. He then resumed private practice until his retirement.

Judge Clark served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an enlisted man, and after he graduated from law school, he joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve at Barksdale Air Force Base, serving as a Captain. In the Air Force Reserve, he provided legal support to service members and their families at Barksdale. During his legal career Judge Clark assisted with Legal Aid, now known as Legal Services of North Louisiana. Judge Clark also helped create the Indigent Defenders Office for Caddo Parish, now part of the Public Defender Board, a state agency in the Executive branch. Judge Clark served as Chief Judge for the First Judicial District Court and also served as President of the Louisiana District Judges Association.

While serving as a Judge, he required two qualities in every lawyer that appeared before him: Punctuality and Preparation. Lawyers who appeared late in court without very good reason did so only once. On one occasion, the courthouse crowd was worried that a lawyer would have a heart attack, having run two blocks to get to court on time. On another occasion, a lawyer came into court a quarter of an hour late and Judge Clark

asked for an explanation for how he could be so late. The lawyer said: "Because I just got here, your honor!" Buck was without words – a rare occasion– he just shook his head.

He was sometimes mistaken, but never in doubt. Blessed with a God-given amount of patience, he treasured it and died with it intact – having never used any of it in this world and certainly not in the courtroom. Although he could appear gruff and demanding, he always tried to help young lawyers do things the right way, and he always had a twinkle in his eye.

Judge Clark graduated from Louisiana Tech and LSU Law School, and he was active in both alumni associations. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at Louisiana Tech. He was a past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge #122, past President and director of the Rotary Club of Shreveport, and served on boards of the Red River Waterway Commission, the Petroleum Club and Live Oak Retirement Community. In addition to being a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary, he was a member of the El Karubah Shrine, a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters.

Judge Clark, affectionately known by his family as Pop, was happily married for 44 years to Susie Clark until her untimely death in 1994. He and Susie raised three sons, Chris (wife Jamie), David (wife Nell) and Jeff (wife Kathleen), as well as nine grandchildren, Michelle Finger (husband Jon), Camilla Jones (husband Thomas), Carey Clark, Mary Katherine Clark, Ashley West, Adam West, Jordon Ellege and Austin Ellege; great-grandchildren Annabelle, Abby and Lily Jones, David Clark, and Claire and Alexander Finger.


Judge Clark found love a second time around and married Linda Lewis Clark, who died in 2006. He was survived by Linda's children, Karen Rici (husband Brandon), Daphne Terzia (husband Ted), Pam O'Brien (husband Thomas), Natalie Miciotto (husband Ron) and Scott Lewis (wife Katie), and by Linda's grandchildren, Austin

Adams, Taylor Adams, Wilson Adams, Aynsley Rici, Grayson Lewis, Miller Lewis, Anna Scott Lewis, Cole Terzia, John Thomas Terzia, Claire O'Brien, Whit O'Brien, Isabell Miciotto and Gabe Miciotto. Judge Clark also was survived by his sister, Nancy Clark Turner, nephews Gene and Todd Turner, sister-in-law Dot Clark, and nieces Judy Salisbury, Janet Clark-Hooper and Terry Clark. He was predeceased by his brother, Dr. Carey E. Clark, and by his grandson Carey Andrew Clark.

Judge Clark had a full life, loved to travel and visit with friends and family. he treasured his family, loving birthdays and Christmas. He will be greatly missed. It is the prayer and petition of a grateful nation, the prayer and petition of a grateful profession, and the prayer and petition of a grateful and loving family that Jim Clark rest in peace.

On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, we submit this memorial to the memory of Judge James E. Clark, and we 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 29th day of October, 2013, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.


Charles R. Scott, for the Committee



Shreveport Bar Association

Memorial & Recognition Ceremony

*Tuesday, October 29, 2013
2:30 P.M.*

Courtroom G, Caddo Parish Courthouse



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**SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION
2013 MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION
CEREMONY**

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

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Opening of Court **HON. ROBERT P. WADDELL**
Chief Judge, First Judicial District Court

Welcome **WILLIAM F. KENDIG, JR.**
President, Shreveport Bar Association

Invocation **HELEN GODFREY-SMITH, SENIOR PASTOR**
Greater Provision Christian Church

General Eulogy **LAURA PETERSON BUTLER**
Ceremony Chairperson

IN MEMORIAM

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Introduction of New Attorneys **B. SLATTERY JOHNSON, JR.**
President, Young Lawyers Section
Shreveport Bar Association

Recognition of New Attorneys **HON. ROBERT P. WADDELL**

Benediction **THE REVEREND MARY B. RICHARD**
The Church of the Holy Cross, Episcopal

*"The precepts of law are these: To live honorably,
To injure no other man and to render every man his due."
Justinian, 527-565 AD*