

MEMORIAL FOR  
LARRY S. BUTLER  
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
OCTOBER 21, 2005  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

Larry S. Butler was born in Mount Vernon, Illinois on July 3, 1948. He was the oldest child of Bernard Marcus and Iva Railey Butler. Larry served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1969 through 1972 in Germany and then served as reservist from 1972 to 1975. Larry attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, graduating in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science and an ardent love of the LSU Tigers, a love he maintained loudly and with vigor until he died. Larry then entered LSU Law School obtaining his Juris Doctorate in 1977. He came to the Shreveport-Bossier area to begin the practice of law, and maintained his practice here for over thirty years. He practiced with the late, great maverick lawyer, Stacy Freeman and later with his friend and mentor, the late Maynard Cush. For a number of years before becoming an administrative law judge, Larry practiced in the office of Johnny Evans, his good friend. Throughout his career, Larry maintained a general practice, handling bankruptcy matters, business organization, criminal matters and family law.

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In June 2003, Larry was appointed to serve as Workers Compensation Judge. It quickly became clear that he loved this work. He studied it, he prepared for it. Reports from litigants and lawyers and court personnel confirm that Larry was a good judge, taking seriously his obligations to serve the cause of justice and the people who appeared before him. Larry had truly found his niche. Unfortunately, he had served less than eighteen months before his illness took him away from this work that he loved so much.

During his illness, Larry maintained the affable and easy-going nature that he had throughout his life. He never complained. He retained his sense of humor, uplifting the spirits of those around him, his family and friends, nurses, and other patients. He was a gem. Larry died on September 29, 2005 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Shreveport surrounded by his family and friends.

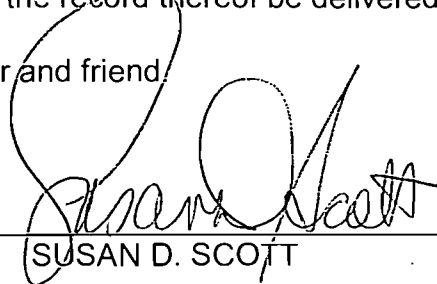
Larry was blessed with a wonderful family. Before his father's death some years ago, Marcus and Larry were often together, having similar interests and bound by kindred spirit as well as kinship. He kept in close contact with his sisters Judy and Cheri and his little brother Marty and was the favorite uncle of all of his nieces and nephews and of his great niece and nephew. He knew their interests, was active in their lives and lauded their accomplishments. He loved and watched over his mother, as a good son should.

Larry had many close friends here and across the state and country; many he had known for 25 to 30 years and many he had known only a few years. Many were

lawyers, some were judges; many were boon companions in his dart league or regulars at his favorite bar; some were golfing buddies; some were former employees, many were computer and technology savvy like Larry; some were not, like me; most were LSU Tiger fans. Because of the man Larry was, all were friends for life. Larry cherished his friends and they cherished him and will continue to cherish his memory as will his dear family.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Shreveport Bar Association and lawyers of Shreveport and Bossier, hereby affirm the respect and high regard in which we held Larry S. Butler for his ability and industry, skill and good works for those in need, and for his service on the bench. We extend to his mother Iva Railey Butler, sister Judy and husband Smokey Smith, sister Cheri Jamison, brother Marty Butler and wife Robin, nieces and nephews Beckie Childs and husband Larry; Courtney Jamison, Emily Butler, Shane Jamison and Ethan Butler, great niece Hannah Ransom and great nephew John Michael Childs our sincere sympathy in the loss of their dear son and brother and favorite uncle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial and resolution be made a part of the records of this Court and that copies of the record thereof be delivered to the members of the family of our departed brother and friend.



SUSAN D. SCOTT