

NEEDHAM WARREN GRAVES
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION
MEMORIAL SERVICE OCTOBER 26, 1995

NEEDHAM WARREN GRAVES was born December 23, 1917, in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest peacefully on December 14, 1994.

Warren, as he was known to friends and family, received a B.A. from Centenary College in 1939. From there he attended Tulane University and received his L.L.B. in 1942. During this time, he became a member of Phi Delta Phi.

Upon graduation from law school, everyone expected Warren to immediately begin his law practice. Warren had other ideas when he decided to join the U. S. Army Air Corp. He proudly served his country during the days of war and for many peacetime years. Mr. Graves returned to Shreveport after retiring from his last assignments with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Air Force Systems Command at Andrews, AFB, Maryland, in 1969.

Often times, in early career days, attorneys will take a position with the District Attorney's Office to obtain experience and expertise. In 1972, Warren became the oldest Assistant District Attorney in Caddo Parish. Warren arrived at the Courthouse early each day and rose to all the challenges of prosecuting criminals and carrying out the other duties assigned to young prosecutors.

In 1974, the First Judicial District Court Judges came to Mr. Graves and asked him to oversee the renovation work that was about to begin at the Caddo Parish Courthouse. Mr. Graves accepted the position and became the First Judicial Administrator. The present day courtrooms, judges' chambers, conference rooms, hallways and other locations are the product of Warren's long hours and hard work. Warren

was devoted to this project and saw it through to its completion in 1979.

Warren had yet another uncompleted dream, to practice law with his son James. Together in 1981, they formed the law firm of Graves & Graves. Today the firm known as Graves, Graves & Hanna, includes partner Robert M. Hanna, and continues to be located in the Slattery Building on Marshall Street. As a boy, Warren sold newspapers at the Slattery Building, and oddly enough it is the same location where he spent the last day of his life. For fourteen years, Warren successfully practiced succession, real estate, and bankruptcy law. He gave much wisdom and experience to the younger members of the firm.

Warren Graves married Marian Kirk Loe on September 3, 1944. Warren and Marian celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary shortly before his death. Warren was once quoted as saying that "Marian could have done a whole lot better, and I could have done a whole lot worse". Together, Marian and Warren had three children. Marilyn, James and Amy. Warren also was honored to raise his stepson, Roy. Warren and Roy shared many things that some fathers and sons only dream of.

Warren's war stories, personal adventures, and family outings will long be remembered. Those closest to Warren knew him as an avid hunter. Warren's good humor could put a smile on your face no matter what the verdict. Warren displayed the kind of good moral character that most people rarely experience these days. Warren's clients, colleagues, and co-workers all have deep admiration and respect for his accomplishments and achievements. He is sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to have known him.

The Committee is pleased to offer the following resolution:

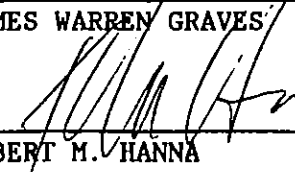
Be It Resolved that the admiration and respect in which N. Warren Graves was held by the Shreveport Bar Association, his fellow lawyers, and by his many friends, as expressed in this memorial, be spread upon the minutes and made a permanent part of the records of The First Judicial District Court.

Be It Further Resolved that we extend to his family the sympathy of each member of our Association in their loss and that a copy of this memorial and resolution be delivered to the family.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMES WARREN GRAVES



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