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IN MEMORIAM
VANCE REED HOOVER

Vance Reed Hoover departed this life on January 25, 1997, precisely 51½ years following his birth in Atlanta, Georgia. Vance was born in Atlanta, educated there and received his B.S. degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1968, and his Juris Doctorate from Emory University School of Law in 1971.

Vance was not only a lawyer, but was also a Certified Public Accountant, duly authorized to practice in Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. Following the completion of his education and a short term with the South Central Bell Telephone Company, Vance practiced as a Certified Public Accountant for approximately seven years with the fine firms of Arthur Young, Touche Ross & Company, and a predecessor to KPMG Peat Marwick. Leaving public accounting, Vance took on the job of Director of Taxes for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, serving that company both in Akron, Ohio and Lafayette, Louisiana. After another seven years, new doors of opportunity opened, and Vance took on the position of Controller of Corporate Taxes for Texas Eastern Corporation.

After a couple of years in Houston with Texas Eastern, we were fortunate to have Vance join the Shreveport community. He accepted a position with Arkla Exploration Company and served the Arkla-NorAm Energy Corporation

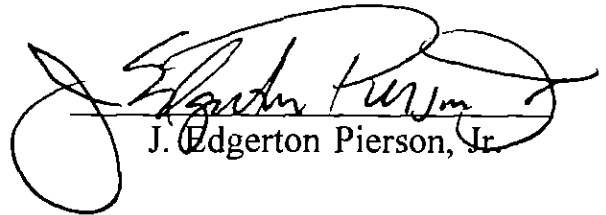
group in Shreveport from 1989, ultimately serving as Assistant Vice President of Taxes for NorAm. While Vance was only in Shreveport approximately seven years, he made his mark in our community. He was active in Broadmoor Baptist Church, served as a Director of the Tax Institute of the Ark-La-Tex and a member of the Board of Directors of the Shreveport Symphony. He also served his profession as a member of the Executive Tax Institute, and was past chairman of the American Gas Association Tax Committee. While Vance did not actively practice law in the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish courts on a daily basis as many of us, Vance truly looked forward to the Shreveport Bar Association meetings and regularly attended when he was in town. He enjoyed being a part of the association and feeling that special camaraderie we seem to have -- an appreciation of our own aggressiveness, tempered with mutual respect.

Not long after Vance's arrival in Shreveport, he met a wonderful lady, Debbie, whom he married. While Vance enjoyed his flying and spent untold hours with his beautiful, exotic parrots, the real mark of the man, Vance Hoover, was not, I believe, reflected in his professional accomplishments, hobbies or volunteer services in our community; the real mark of this man is reflected in his devotion and commitment to Debbie and their marriage. Not once in his six years of marriage did he ever fail to bring Debbie fresh flowers on a weekly basis.

Because of Vance's dedication and contribution to his professions and family, this remarkable and caring man will be missed by his wife, Debbie, his two

daughters Christy Thibodeaux and Mary Bagshaw, Debbie's daughters, Allison and Lauren Leopard, and by the members of the Bar.

Thus done for the Shreveport Bar Association this 30th day of October,
1997.



J. Edgerton Pierson, Jr.