

MEMORIAL FOR
WILLIAM HARVEY PARKER
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
NOVEMBER 3, 2006
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

William Harvey Parker was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas on August 13, 1928, and later moved to Shreveport with his family. He was the youngest child of six, and the only son, of his beloved parents, George and Gertrude Parker. Bill attended Byrd High School and graduated from Centenary College in 1949, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Bill received his law degree from LSU in 1953. While there, he was honored to have served as Freshman Law President, and to have been elected as Speaker of the Student Senate. He also enjoyed working for the Kantrow, Spaht Law Firm while attending LSU. He was inducted into The Order of the Coif in May of 1953, and later into the LSU Law School Hall of Fame in 1987.

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Bill was unable to attend that induction ceremony in 1953 into The Order of the Coif as he was required to report immediately for duty to the United States Army. He served with distinction in the counter intelligence corps until his honorable discharge in 1955. Upon that, he returned to Shreveport to begin his law practice.

When first starting, Bill practiced law with his dear friend, Paul Lee. He maintained a general practice, and especially enjoyed representing his clients in court. This reflected his great love of debate, his exceptional talent for public speaking, and his true passion for helping others.

Law continued to be a great influence on Bill as he ventured into other fields of expertise in business. His knowledge of the law was always a great added business tool. Among other things, he enjoyed being an independent oil producer and land developer throughout his career. Many of these endeavors continue today through his family.

Bill was blessed with a close family, as we were also blessed to have him. He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Beth Parker, by his daughter and my wife, Pam Brown, his son, Jann Parker, and his daughter, Piper Parker. He is also survived by his two grandchildren whom he adored, Parker and Amanda Brown. He is, and will be, greatly missed, but his influence will be felt throughout our lifetimes.

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 William H. Parker. We extend to the family our sincere sympathy in their loss.

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.


JACK R. BROWN