

IN MEMORIAM
CHARLES HUFFMAN LEWIS

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The mortal remains of Charles Huffman Lewis lie asleep in Forest Park Cemetery in Shreveport. His immortal soul was recalled to eternity by his Divine Creator on January 22, 1963. We know that he attained the reward of eternal life because his long sojourn of almost three score years and ten, on this earth, were years of distinguished service as a patriotic citizen, a wartime soldier, a Christian gentleman and a capable and dedicated attorney at law.

Mr. Lewis, known as Huffman to his wide circle of friends, was born in Ruston, Louisiana on January 27, 1894. Immediately following his graduation from the L. S. U. Law School in 1917 he enlisted in the Army of the United States. Though young in years his ability as a soldier gained for him three successive promotions to the rank of Captain, and he had just embarked for an assignment with the American Expeditionary Forces in France when the Armistice was signed in November, 1918. Upon his return to civilian life in February, 1919 he formed a law partnership in Shreveport with John Dallas Wilkinson, and another young army captain, William Scott Wilkinson, who returned later from France, to join the firm of Wilkinson, Lewis and Wilkinson. The rest of his forty-four years of varied and extensive legal activity was spent as one of the senior members of that firm, which has remained essentially the same with some changes in name to admit new members as the years went by. Loyalty to his partners and devotion to the interests of his clients were outstanding

characteristics of his highly successful legal career. The latter years of his life were largely spent in Public Utility and Administrative Law practice. His ability and prestige in those fields was soon recognized by his election to the Presidency of the Federal Power Bar Association whose membership includes distinguished counsel representing utility companies throughout the United States.

It has been said that law is the science of human wisdom, the ability to judge soundly and deal sagaciously with facts, especially as related to life and conduct - a routine philosophy founded upon principles of moral rectitude, modified it is true by authority and habits of mankind, but always striving to do justice equally to all parties, without reference to the power and dignity of any litigant. It was upon such ideals and principles that Charles Huffman Lewis lived his fruitful life as a member of this Bar.

Despite the exactions and demands of a busy and strenuous law practice Huffman Lewis took time to devote his talents to other fields of endeavor. He served actively for several years as President of The Hunter Company and the Gulf Coast Exploration Company which have large holdings of oil and gas producing properties, real estate, and farm lands requiring skillful executive and administrative judgment and ability. He was also a director in other business corporations, and was a member of the boards of several educational and religious foundations.

Huffman Lewis was ever mindful of his debt to Almighty God, and gave generously of his time, money, and talent to his church. He was a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church in Shreveport and was Chairman of its Building Committee from 1935


to 1941 when the present church edifice was greatly enlarged and improved.

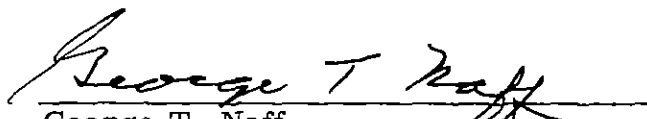
The home and family life of a man is an interpretation of his inner soul. Huffman Lewis was happily married to Jen Moore Lewis and was truly proud of his two children, Susan Lewis Ford and Charles Huffman Lewis Jr., and the three lovely grandchildren who survived him.

Whereas the passing of Charles Huffman Lewis has taken from the ranks of the Shreveport Bar one of the distinguished and respected leaders in the professional, civic, and business life of this community,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shreveport Bar Association adopts and records this memorial as a testimonial and tribute to the memory of its departed friend and attorney, Charles Huffman Lewis, and that copies of this resolution be delivered to his bereaved family.


W. Scott Wilkinson, Chairman


Sumter P. Cousin


George T. Naff

September 16, 1963