

**MEMORIAL  
FRANK O. LOONEY  
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
OCTOBER 30, 2001  
UNDER THE AUSPICES  
OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

**FRANK O. LOONEY** was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on December 31, 1906. His life was celebrated in a funeral mass at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans, Shreveport, Louisiana, on September 6, 2001.

I submit the following observations with respect to the life of Mr. Looney:

**Family:**


Mr. Looney married Beatrice Burgoyne of Monroe, Louisiana, in 1941 who remained by his side for sixty (60) years. Together they were the proud parents of Michael, Margaret, Joseph, and Mary Ann; and the grandparents of Marianna and Helen.

**Religious Affiliations and Commitments:**

Mr. Looney was *President and long-time member* of St. John's Holy Name Society, the Sierra Club of Shreveport, and the St. John's Parish Council. He was a trustee of the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans and assisted in many projects involving not only St. John's Church, but also St. John's Grade School, Jesuit High School, and St. Vincent's Academy. Just prior to his death, Mr. Looney had taken a Bible course and was still teaching a Bible study group. In partial recognition of his service to the Church, the Pope named Mr. Looney a Knight of Saint Gregory, and in that capacity, Mr. Looney joined bishops, archbishops, and Pope John Paul II on his visit to New Orleans.

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### **Sports Interests:**

Mr. Looney was an advent baseball fan; he loyally followed the Shreveport Captains and the Swamp Dragons. During his last illness he commented, "I love baseball."

### **Education:**

Educated in private grade schools and at the old St. John's College (now Loyola College Prep), in Shreveport, Mr. Looney graduated Maxima Cum Laude from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama.

### **Professional Career:**

After years of reading the law books in his father's office, Mr. Looney was admitted to practice law in 1929, at the age of 22. He practiced law in Monroe, Louisiana, for eight (8) years and was legal counsel for the United Gas Company where he retired after twenty-five (25) years of service. Mr. Looney was a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association for seventy-two (72) years during which time he was presented certificates recognizing his fiftieth and seventieth years as a lawyer.

### **Mr. Looney's Standard of Professionalism:**

The Preamble to the Code of Professionalism for lawyers as adopted by the Louisiana State Bar Association states in pertinent part:

**"the standards [of professionalism] are designed to encourage us, lawyers and judges, to meet our obligations to each other, to litigants and to the system of justice, and thereby achieve the twin goals of professionalism and civility, both of which are hallmarks of a learned profession dedicated to public service".**

Mr. Looney exceeded these standards of professionalism as exemplified the most by his twenty-five (25) years of serving the client community of Northwest Louisiana Legal Services as a volunteer attorney. His significant volunteer contributions will always be remembered:

- \* The Library at Legal Services was named the Frank O. Looney Law Library and his portrait hangs there in his honor.
- \* Annually, an outstanding employee is recognized with the Frank O. Looney Employee of the Year Award.
- \* And the Shreveport Bar Association, along with Mayor John Hussey, proclaimed and celebrated June 22, 1988, as Frank Looney Day in Shreveport.

On a personal note, Mr. Looney was very serious about his commitment as a pro bono attorney. During my tenure as Director of Legal Services, I found it amusing that Mr. Looney would always arrive at the office around 9:00 a.m. and made it a point to walk by my office to let me see him coming to work. But oddly enough, if for some reason Mr. Looney was late, he would avoid walking by my office. But more amazingly on those rare occasions when Mr. Looney was absent from the office, he would always explain by saying, "Mr. Director, **MS. LOONEY** had some other things for me to do." He never said that **HE** had other things to do.

**NOW TODAY**, we memorialize the legal career and life of Frank O. Looney who practiced law and achieved beyond the hallmarks of our learned profession dedicated to public service.

To Mrs. Looney: Rhonda Fazio and I present these roses to you in sincere appreciation for your support of Mr. Looney's voluntarism to this community.

And to his family, host of friends, and to this Honorable Court, on behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, I submit this memorial to the memory of FRANK O. LOONEY and ask that it be inscribed in the records of the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that certified copies be presented to Mrs. Beatrice Looney.

Respectfully submitted on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

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