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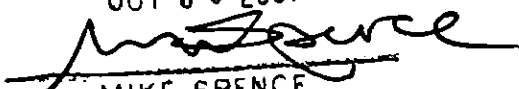
FRANK SCOTT KENNEDY was born on July 17, 1912 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma and died October 20, 2000 at the age of eighty-eight years. He was preceded in death by his parents, AD and Nellie Y. Kennedy. He was the youngest of six children, three brothers and two sisters. He grew up working on the family ranch in Okmulgee while attending its public schools. He attended Earlham College and graduated from the University of Oklahoma. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan School of Law. While attending the University of Oklahoma, he often told me the story of how his father had observed there was a direct relationship between extra, non-academic activities such as dating, polo and late night socializing and academic standing, resulting in his father making it very clear what Frank's priorities should be, which changed shortly thereafter resulting in a higher academic standing.

He was married May 27, 1941 to Margaret Baker Kennedy. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Peg.

Frank originally came to Northwest Louisiana with Carter Oil Company during the boom oil and gas days of the late 1930s early 1940s. He traveled throughout the outlying parishes of Northwest Louisiana examining the title to perspective lease tracts. He had the rare ability to do "a standup title" in the various Clerk of Court's offices which became the basis for the decision whether to lease and drill or not. In that era attorneys did not have all of the advanced equipment they now routinely use. Frank's "standup title opinions" were typed by him, many times late at time, after spending the day in a Clerk of Court's office examining the records. Many of the Clerk of Courts and staff remembered and knew Frank for some of his characteristics which stood out all of his life, hard work, courtesy and honesty.

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Upon returning to Shreveport after World War II, Frank became actively involved in his law practice and our community. He was one of the founders and Chancellor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for over 30 years and similarly a founder and Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 14, sponsored by the Church. He was one of the founding members of the local Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter and looked forward to its monthly luncheon. He was an active member of the Volunteers of America, Shriners, American Legion, La Societe Des Quarante Hommes Et Huit Chevaux, Voiture #137 (40 & 8) and Sojourners.

Frank was recognized among his contemporaries as an expert in Oil and Gas Law. He was known for his candor, civility and courtesy to one and all. He did not sugar coat things, believing it best to establish what the facts were and address them directly. His dealings with his fellow attorneys, jurists and everyone was the same, one of respect, fairness and equality.

Frank came from what some have called the "old school" of local practicing attorneys. The hallmark of many of these attorneys was courtesy and candor in their dealings, and attention to detail in their work. Their word was their bond. A change in circumstances did not effect an agreement entered into by them. Their representation of a client was full and complete in all aspects and many times went beyond the office setting. This high degree of professionalism resulted in Frank many times being able to accomplish more by a phone call to an opposing attorney than a voluminous filing in the Court. I sometimes think it is a school we all should strive to graduate from.

I am reminded of a story recounted many times about Frank. He was engaged in cross-examining a witness who was either feigning ignorance or being passively belligerent for which the result was the same, failure to answer his questions. After asking the same question, with some variation, several times with the same incomplete response, Frank stood up from the table he was sitting at, struck the table with his fist, and in a loud voice proclaimed to the Judge "Your Honor, I object to the way the witness is answering the questions. Let's get down to the meat cutting". The effect in the courtroom was immediate;

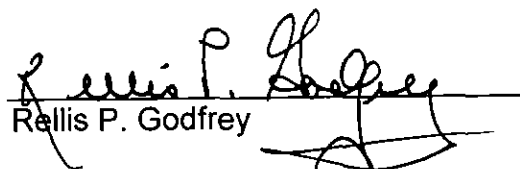
the Judge turned his chair around so that his change of stern demeanor to laughter would not be readily visible. A minute or two thereafter, the judge turned back to face the courtroom and then looked at Frank and asked if he could rephrase his objection; he felt the witness now understood and would answer the question fully and completely.

Frank was a man of many accomplishments and interests. When not involved with his beloved wife and children or the practice of law, he was involved with the other affection of his life, animals. His love for horses began as a little boy on the family ranch. When he came to Shreveport he brought with him three horses from the ranch which became the nucleus of his extended horse family. Over time the three horses grew to ten. Frank was extremely proud that the line of horses that had been in his family for over seventy-five years were permanently recognized and registered as American Quarter Horse Association horses. Many times I kidded Frank about having three natural children and ten additional, four legged children. As always, his sense of humor responded, that I was quit right and he didn't know which cost more to raise!

Frank is survived by his three children he dearly loved, Peggy Kennedy Connor, F. Scott Kennedy and John Y Kennedy, his grandchildren, Tom Connor and wife, Sharon, Scott Kennedy, Suzanne Kennedy, and Camille and Erin Kennedy and great granddaughters, Katherine and Kennedy Connor and many nieces and nephews.

On behalf of the many friends and colleagues of Frank Scott Kennedy, this brief memorial is respectfully submitted with motion that it be inscribed in the records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and certified copies be presented to his family.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of October 2001.


Rellis P. Godfrey