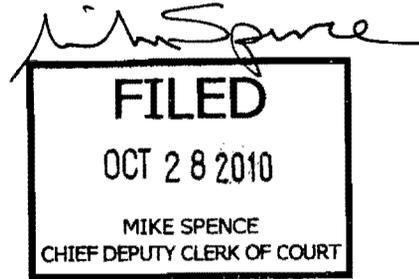


**MEMORIAL FOR  
HARVEY PRESTON DELAUNE  
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
HELD IN THE  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
28 OCTOBER 2010  
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**



Harvey Preston DeLaune was born 26 November 1923 in Hope Villa, Livingston Parish, Louisiana, and died 30 September 2009 at home, in Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. Among many greater achievements, he apparently outlived his home town; Hope Villa does not appear on the current *Official Louisiana Road Map*.

Barely 18 years old at the outbreak of war with Japan, Harvey enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps. He fought WW II in the western Pacific, seeing combat at Bougainville, Guadalcanal, and Guam. In 1946, he married Aileen Ada Moore in Newtown, Australia, a union that endured until her death in 1994.

Post-war, Harvey attended Louisiana State University, graduating its law school in 1950. He was soon recalled to active duty. Imbued with the maturity and wisdom gained through experience in the Marines and at LSU, he chose the Air Force. He served as a judge advocate during the Korean and Viet Nam wars until his retirement, as a lieutenant colonel, in 1968.

Harvey established residence and practice in Bossier City, where he served as Assistant District Attorney for Bossier and Webster Parishes (1974-1977), Bossier City Attorney, and attorney for Bossier General Hospital (1977-1983), and president of the Bossier Bar Association. He ran to serve as the Ninth District delegate to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1973, a role that would have fit him like a Brooks Brothers suit. Alas, he was outpolled by a young upstart named Charles "Buddy" Roemer, who used his unlikely victory as a springboard to further political success. Harvey, typically, was as generous in defeat as he would have been in victory, having nothing but good things to say about Mr. Roemer. He founded the firm of DeLaune & DeLaune with son Jeff, in which he was active until his death. Like Custer, and all good warriors, Harvey "died with his boots on."

Harvey DeLaune was predeceased by his parents, his first wife, Aileen, his son Wade Johnston DeLaune, a great grandson, Victor DeLaune Bankert, a sister, Cannie Strickland, and brothers Herbert DeLaune and Johnston DeLaune.

He is survived by his loving wife of twelve years, Kathleen Sherwin DeLaune, son Jeffrey Scott DeLaune and wife Linda of Bossier City; daughter, Claudine DeLaune Blondeau and husband "Chip" (a Baton Rouge attorney), two sisters, two brothers, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Harvey may be best remembered by his many friends for the sheer pleasure of his company. He was a *bon vivant* in the best sense of the term, not reveling in material hedonism but in the warmth and stimulation of companionship and intellectual intercourse, which he savored like a good meal or fine wine. A consummate conversationalist, he delighted in serious discourse with good companions. No word or nuance escaped his notice and consideration. He appreciated every point of view, although he almost always had a better one. He made you feel smarter than you were, a Boswell to his Johnson. When he spoke, his mind was as clear and hard as a diamond, and everything he said was worth listening to. Harvey was gifted with a huge heart and keen intelligence. He shared his gifts generously.

His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man!" Harvey DeLaune: soldier, scholar, jurist, patriot; loving spouse and father, faithful friend. He was a man; take him for all in all, we shall not look upon his like again.

On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association, I submit this memorial tribute to the memory of Harvey P. DeLaune, and move that it be inscribed in the permanent record of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that appropriate copies be presented to his family.

Respectfully submitted on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010, in open court, at Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

  
John Zachary Blanchard, Jr.