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MEMORIAL
JAMES EDWARD BOOKTER
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 30, 2001
UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

James Edward Bookter was born on October 3, 1928 in Bossier City, Louisiana and died on November 25, 2000 at the age of 72. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur Edgar Bookter and Edna LaCroix Bookter and his brother, Charles. Jim is survived by his wife, Frances, his sons, Jim and Brad, sister Barbara Alexander and brother Claude.

Jim graduated from Bossier High School in 1945 and from LSU in 1950 with a degree in accounting. He operated his own accounting service in Bossier. After practicing that trade for several years, Jim returned to LSU Law school and graduated in 1962. He practiced law in Bossier City for 38 years.

Jim took an active part in the community. He was a long time member of the Bossier Optimist Club, serving as its president from 1971 to 1972. He then went on to serve as Lieutenant Governor of the Louisiana Zone of Optimists Clubs International. Jim was a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the El Karubah Shrine Temple. He was also a charter member of St. George's Episcopal Church in Bossier City.

For approximately fifteen years, Jim served as the City attorney for the Village of Greenwood. He advised the Greenwood officials in numerous areas. One of the many projects in which he was involved was the rights of way for the new water system in the late 1970's.


One of Jim's favorite parts of the practice of law was when Judge Billy Ross Robinson, Bossier's City Court Judge, would go on vacation. Jim would serve as the *ad hoc* City Court Judge. While other attorneys in Bossier would also sit *ad hoc*, I believe Jim was on the top of the list.

In his leisure time, Jim also had a variety of interests. He liked to gripe about LSU football - as do we all. He also liked playing cards. I remember back in the 1960's going down to LSU football games with Jim and my father on the train. Jim was always successful in finding a "booray" game in the Club car.

I had the pleasure of working with my uncle for approximately two and one-half years in Bossier. Some of my best memories were of Friday afternoons. We would go out for lunch, then, after "working" a short time, we would go to George Dement's Holiday Inn for coffee and a round table discussion with whomever was there. One last return to the office, and then we would shut it down for the weekend.

To Jim, the practice of law was a privilege which he dearly loved. And now, Mr. Clerk, I submit this Memorial to the memory of James Edward Bookter and ask that it be inscribed in the records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that certified copies be presented to his family.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of October, 2001.



CLAUDE W. BOOKTER, JR.