

MEMORIAL FOR JOHN MICHAEL MCDONALD
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
NOVEMBER 4, 2004
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT:

John Michael "Mike" McDonald was born on June 11, 1952 and departed this life on July 28, 2004.

Mike grew up in Heflin, Louisiana, and was a 1970 graduate of Heflin High School. I met Mike in the Spring of 1970, when he and I sat next to each other while taking the ACT exam for college.

As it turned out, Mike and I both attended Northeast Louisiana University the following Fall and we became friends. Mike graduated in 1974 with a Bachelors of Arts degree. Mike attended the LSU Law Center and graduated in 1974 with a Juris Doctor degree.

Mike was engaged in various areas of the practice of law. During the oil boom of the late 70's and early 80's, Mike worked for several oil companies as in-house counsel. Thereafter, Mike was engaged in a solo practice of law here in Shreveport until his death. The last few years, Mike concentrated his practice in the area of bankruptcy law and was actually engaged in his practice up until the time of his death.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife, Rebecca "Becky" McDonald, and their 2 children, Alisa, age 19, and John Michael, age 15. Additionally, Mike is survived by his dear sister, Betty McDonald Keating and her husband, Clyde L. Keating.

Mike McDonald had a wonderful sense of humor and he loved to laugh and tell jokes. Many an afternoon, Mike and I would spend telling jokes and laughing.

Mike's heart was as large as he was. Mike would do anything for anyone. Mike was generous and always eager to help out others in need.

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Mike's great joy in life was his family. He loved them dearly and took great joy in watching his children grow up. Mike marveled at how his Alisa was maturing and what a beautiful young lady she had become. Mike treasured his time that he spent with John Michael fishing on Black Bayou Lake or riding four wheelers together. Mike cherished his relationship with his sister, Betty and her husband, Clyde.

Mike was a good husband, a good father, a good brother, and a good lawyer. Mike was a friend of many and he is surely missed. The legal community is diminished by the loss of Mike McDonald.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of November, 2004, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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