

MEMORIAL FOR
KENNETH "KEN" RIGBY
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION
CEREMONY
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 30, 2012
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

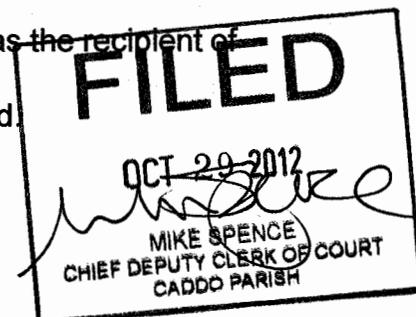
Kenneth Rigby was born on October 20, 1925 and was one of four children born to Samuel and Mary Elizabeth Rigby. He died October 13, 2011.

His parents were immigrants who grew up on the same street in England. The family moved to Shreveport when his Father took a job with J.B. Beard Corporation, but a short time later decided to move back to England where Ken was educated from age 7 through 13. They returned to Shreveport and opened a grocery store known as Rigby's Cash and Carry Grocery on E. 70th Street. Ken told me that he didn't know he was poor because everybody he knew didn't have a lot of things and the first time he became aware that he was poor was when he started going to Byrd High School. He graduated from Byrd in 1943 and enrolled in a program at Barksdale to learn to be an aircraft mechanic on B-26s. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. from 1943-1946.

After his discharge from the service, he entered Louisiana State University on a GI Bill where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree, Magna Cum Laude in Business Administration. He entered LSU Law School receiving the Bachelor of Law Degree and Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree Summa Cum Laude in 1951. He was number one in his class throughout law school, was the Editor-in-Chief of the Louisiana Law Review, and was inducted into the Order of the Coif.

After law school he commenced practicing law with Sam Love, Sr. and made his first court appearance before the Louisiana Supreme Court on a case that he had worked on as he was an intern; years later he appeared before the United States Supreme Court. After Mr. Love's death in 1974, Ken became the senior partner in the Law Firm which is now known as Love, Rigby, Dehan & McDaniel which position he maintained until his death. He trained and advised various members and associates of the firm, some of whom are still practicing law in Shreveport including myself.

He served as president of the Shreveport Bar Association and was the recipient of the Shreveport Bar Association's Second Annual Professionalism Award.



Ken served in many capacities in the Louisiana State Bar Association and was a frequent lecturer at continuing education seminars throughout the state. He was a member of the Louisiana State Law Institute from 1980 until his death, having served as a member of several committees including the Louisiana Civil Code Revision Committee and is responsible for many of the revisions and legislation in the area of matrimonial regimes and family law. He was selected for inclusion in the original listing of the Best Lawyers in America and was a fellow in both the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was the author of seventeen of the nineteen Louisiana Papers presented at the annual symposia of the Family Law Counsel of the 8 community property states.

Ken and Jacqueline, the love of his life, were married on June 10, 1951. They were avid travelers and took annual trips throughout the world. They had three children, all of whom he was very proud: Brenda Colleen Rigby of Cary, North Carolina, Kenneth Wayne Rigby of Clifton Park, New York, and Robert Glen Rigby of League City, Texas.

Ken was an accomplished instrument rated pilot, owned his own plane, and logged over 3,300 hours of flight time, having successfully landed on I-20 when mechanical difficulties arose.

Ken loved to teach and was an adjunct Professor at LSU Law School where he was the author of ten published law review articles. He not only taught law to the various members of his firm, but continued to advise ex-students when they called the office asking for Professor Rigby. He would sometimes direct them to cases and statutes not knowing that the former student was now my opponent. In my opinion, his most astonishing accomplishment was that he flew his plane once a week for 18 years from Shreveport to Baton Rouge to teach his matrimonial regime class at LSU Law School without missing a date. When I asked him a legal question and he didn't know the answer, I knew the next morning I would have a memo on my desk directing me to the correct source.

Being a religious Methodist, and knowing that he is looking down as I speak, I am sure my friend stands ready to correct any misstatement made in this memorial as Kenneth Rigby was the most detail oriented lawyer I have ever known.

On behalf of the Shreveport Bar Association we submit this memorial to the memory of Kenneth "Ken" Rigby and move that it be subscribed in the permanent records of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and that appropriate copies be submitted to his family.

Respectfully submitted on this 30th day of October, 2012, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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