

MEMORIAL
LYNDON BLAINE ALLEN
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Lyndon Blaine Allen was born in the town of Winnfield, Louisiana on the 15th day of June, 1918, the son of the Honorable A. Leonard Allen and Mrs. Lottie Mae Thompson Allen. In the prime of life, and in apparent good health, he died in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, on the 3rd day of November, 1963 at the age of forty-five.

If the length of a man's life is to be measured, not in the number of years he lived, but in how he lived them--as we believe it must--then his was a long, lengthy, rich and rewarding life.

Lyndon, as he was known to all of those who knew him, received his elementary and high school education in Winnfield, Louisiana, and played on the high school football team. Upon his graduation from high school, he entered Louisiana State University and graduated in 1941 with a Bachelor of Arts and L.L.B. degree.

Upon his graduation from Louisiana State University he became an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and served with distinction with that Department in various parts of the United States. In 1943 he was called to active duty as an officer in the United States Army and served in the Counter Intelligence Corps in England and in France and was attached to the Third Army in its march across the Continent.

A collection of his many bizarre and unusual experiences while serving his country in the F.B.I. and in the Army would make an interesting, exciting and humorous book. No matter how fraught with danger the experience might have been, when reminiscing about those days, it was always the humorous and laughter provoking side of the tale that he liked to tell about.

Upon the conclusion of the war, Lyndon moved to Shreveport,

Louisiana and entered the practice of law in a partnership with Bryan E. Bush and Hugh M. Stephens.

He brought to the practice of law a bright, keen, retentive and analytical mind. This, coupled with an affable and pleasant personality, a ready wit, a winning smile, an infectious laugh, a fighting spirit and an unusual ability to express himself, made him a top flight attorney. Those who crossed his way in the Court Room, or sat across from him at the conference table, always without end found a man who capably and fully and completely represented his client in the best of the legal tradition.

And yet, it can not be denied that if, in truth--as they say she is--the Law is indeed a jealous mistress, she was jealous of Lyndon; for the field of geology and the oil and gas business were, if not his first, certainly his overriding, loves.

Among those of us who knew him best there can be little doubt that his pulse did not really quicken, nor did his whole being seem fully alive in the professional field, unless he was involved in the mapping of contours, the drawing of faults, the correlation of logs, the evaluation of core analysis or the weighing of possible drilling prospects. He made, on his own, a thorough study of all the practical aspects of the oil and gas business, and so familiarized himself with the field of petroleum geology that those who did not know him well were heard to say, "That geologist sure seems to know a lot of law."

Although he never ran for political office, true to his Winn Parish heritage he had a deep seated love for politics and enjoyed a good political battle. Every two years he, together with his brother, Harwell L. Allen, now Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court, would hit the campaign trail in support of their father, the Honorable A. Leonard Allen, who served with distinction in the Congress of the United States for a period of sixteen years until his retirement in 1952.

Lyndon was a member of the Shreveport and Louisiana Bar Associations, American Legion, Shreveport Country Club and Petroleum Club.

He was a man of deep religious convictions and was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Shreveport.

He married Kay Bateman Allen in 1947 and they had two lovely daughters, Donna Karen Allen and Peggy Lynn Allen. Lyndon was a kind and loving father and took a real, close and personal interest in the varied affairs of his two teen-age daughters.

To his widow, Kay, to his brother, Harwell, to his mother, Mrs. Lottie Mae Thompson Allen, to his father, Honorable A. Leonard Allen, to his daughters, Karen and Peggy, and to his host of friends and to this Court, we, the undersigned, offer this brief memorial to the memory of Lyndon B. Allen, and ask that it be inscribed in the records of the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of September, 1964,



Hugh M. Stephens



I. Henry Smith, Jr.



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