

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM E. RANNEY

HONORABLE JUDGES OF THIS COURT; MR. PRESIDENT;
MEMBERS OF THE BAR; LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I have been requested by our President Elect, Mr. Robert K. Mayo, to prepare and deliver a memoriam to William E. Ranney, more widely known among his peers as Bill.

Bill was born in Custer, Oklahoma, in 1918 and graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1941 with a degree in Geological Engineering. He then entered the service with the United States Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. Monterey as a Lieutenant Commander. After World War II, Bill moved to Shreveport and became engaged in the oil and gas exploration business. He was subsequently admitted to the Louisiana Bar. The practice of law then became his principal profession, having been already successful in the oil and gas business.

After practicing law a relatively short time, Bill's health began to deteriorate, and he elected to retire in a quiet manner, which was an attribute he had had during his professional career. Bill died at his residence on June 21, 1981, and again in a manner compatible with his lifestyle, was laid to rest at Mooringsport, Louisiana. Bill was survived by a wife, his mother, and two sons.

BY THE COMMITTEE:

Respectfully submitted

Wes J. [Signature]

Thomas P. Fitzgerald

Robert M. L. Jeter, Jr.

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