

**MEMORIAL FOR
DEAN RAYMOND VEATCH
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
NOVEMBER 3, 2022
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

GOOD AFTERNOON YOUR HONORS, MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT.

Family, friends, and fellow members of the bar.

Dean's wife, Bobbie, lives in an assistant living facility in San Antonio. She suffers with dementia. His only child resides in Virginia and neither are able to be here today.

Dean was a country boy. He was raised in Hickory Grove which is in rural Red River Parish.

His high school basketball talent found its way to Shreveport, and Dean was given a 4-year scholarship at Centenary College.

Dean was a very quiet man, and after working a few years in the business world, he decided to study law.

He and my dad, Tommy Wilson, Sr., opened the law firm of Wilson & Veatch where Dean practiced until his retirement.

He specialized in real estate/commercial transactions and successions, and did not care for the trial arena. So, he generally avoided litigation.

Ironically, Dean did represent a client in an "uncontested divorce" case where the husband was not represented. Sadly, the husband shot and killed his wife and her sister as they left the Caddo Courthouse. He also wounded his mother-in-law and took a shot at Dean as he fled the scene. That bullet was recovered from the wall of a local café across the street from the courthouse.

Needless to say, Dean's days of handling "uncontested" court cases came to an abrupt end.

Dean Veatch was a very fine attorney and had the unique ability to look at a complicated set of legal facts and break them down very much like a law professor.

I had the pleasure of working with Dean for the first 10 years of my legal career, and I must say I took advantage of his wisdom, his advice and his practical tips.

The country boy who became a basketball star at Centenary College was an accomplished attorney and indeed a credit to our profession, and I am proud to call Dean Veatch my good friend.

Your Honors, I now move to request that this Memorial Eulogy for DEAN RAYMOND VEATCH be duly recorded on this 3rd day of November, 2022, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and made part of the permanent record of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and that copies be delivered to Dean's family.

Thank you, Your Honors.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas A. Wilson, Jr.

