

IN MEMORIAM

FRANK EUGENE MURPHY

Frank Eugene Murphy, affectionately known among his large circle of friends as "Jimmy" Murphy, was born in the City of Chicago on the 28th day of August, 1898, the son of Michael and Mary Murphy, who migrated to this country from the County of Monaghan, Ireland.

Frank received his early education in the public schools of Chicago, having attended and graduated with honors from St. Phillips High School. During his high school days he was quite proficient as an athlete despite his small stature, and before attaining manhood he won the Ice Skating Championship of the City of Chicago which was conducted under the auspices of the Chicago Athletic Club. He also participated in a number of six-day bicycle races, and held quite an enviable collection of medals in representation of his accomplishments in each of these branches of sport.

While only twenty-two years of age Jimmy came to Shreveport to make his home where he continued to live until his death. Immediately upon his arrival in Shreveport, he organized the Empire Steel Construction Company, with which company he was identified for several years as an officer and as Secretary-Treasurer, and played an active part in the success of that company until its business was sold to outside interests several years after its organization.

After severing his connection with the Empire Steel Construction Company Frank turned his attentions to the law, and in preparation for the practice he attended the Night Law School of Centenary College. At the same time, he was employed in the legal department of Humble Oil Refining Company and studied under the direction of Mr. Tinsley Gilmer. He passed the State Bar Examination in the month of January, 1928, and immediately engaged himself in and continued the active practice of law until his death. During his early days as a practicing attorney he was identified with the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, where his attention was given largely to the examination of land titles, and as a result of this experience he came to be known among the legal fraternity with which he was associated, as well as among many laymen, particularly builders and oil and gas operators, as a highly capable and dependable land lawyer.

He was of a sociable disposition, loved his fellow man in general and adored his family and friends in particular. Incident to his social and civic inclinations he became a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Protective Order of Elks; gave much of his time to the Shreveport Draft Board and was active until his death as district Air Warden of the Broadmoor District.

He married Azilee Wingo on December 16, 1927. At his demise he was survived by his wife and three children, Edwin Thomas, Betty Gene and James Robert, of whom he was justly proud.

He was at all times conscientious in all things and loyal, diligent and sincere with respect to every trust imposed upon him. Those who were fortunate enough to be counted among his friends realize full well that he always lived and conducted himself in such fashion that his actions were calculated to make his world a better place for all who came within its sphere.

He died unexpectedly at his home in Shreveport on February 14, 1943, and with his passing his family lost a kind, dutiful and loving husband and father, his friends lost a true and loyal friend, and the bar lost that type of lawyer which makes the legal profession the greatest profession in the world.

We take this means of extending our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family on behalf of each member of the Shreveport Bar Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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