

**MEMORIAL FOR
HERSCHEL M. DOWNS
PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND
RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD BY THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OCTOBER 28, 2021
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION**

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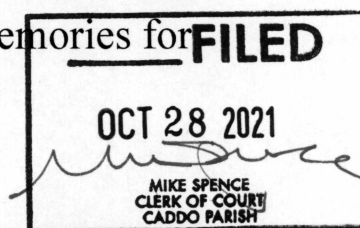
Herschel M. Downs was born October 2, 1922. He died June 5, 2021, at the age of 98. Herschel graduated from Fair Park High School as valedictorian of his class and went on to the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.

He proudly served his country in W.W.II aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Bogue and the Hobson, a destroyer, in operations and with the British Home Fleet and during the invasion of Normandy (D-Day), Cherbourg and Southern France. In 1943, he married the love of his life, Margaret Saunders. After his military career he attended L.S.U. Law School.

Upon graduation in 1950, he and his wife and daughter returned to Shreveport. At that time, he accepted a job with Placid Oil Company in their Shreveport office. In 1956, he opened his own law practice. During the years 1974-1977, he served as Vice-President, then President of Franks Petroleum. In 1977, he resumed his private practice until his retirement in 1989. Herschel was always the gentleman and was a great oil and gas attorney. His clients loved him and he was very knowledgeable, thorough and meticulous. I can personally attest that he was a very tenacious opponent.

Mr. Downs was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret in 2005, and his parents, Omie and Horace Downs. He is survived by his daughter, Margaret and husband William R. Hargrove of Shreveport; grandson, Scott Saunders Hargrove of Portland, Oregon, granddaughter, Margaret Emily Archilla and husband Evan Monroe Archilla; great granddaughter, Idalia Corrine Archilla; and great grandson, Owen Anders Archilla of Fredericksburg, Texas; brother, Donald R. Downs and wife Eunice of Shreveport; and sister, Betty Jopling of Monroe, Louisiana.

Traveling with his wife Margaret, was a great joy to him. The grandchildren joined in some of these trips which left great memories for



all. Herschel loved bridge, tennis, and participating in the exercise facilities at the Y.M.C.A. He also taught the Maida Mickel Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church where he was a lifetime board member.

Herschel will be remembered as a man of integrity who approached every challenge in his life as though it was an adventure. He was always eager to learn new things and master any task set before him. All of this was done with a love for God, Country and family. His generosity, humor and ability to forgive and forget is a legacy he leaves for all who knew him and those who love him dearly.

I am honored to offer this memorial in memory of Herschel Downs, and move that it be filed and made a part of the permanent record of the First Judicial District Court, and that copies be presented to Herschel's family and forwarded to the Louisiana Supreme Court for further recordation as appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wm. Timothy Allen III