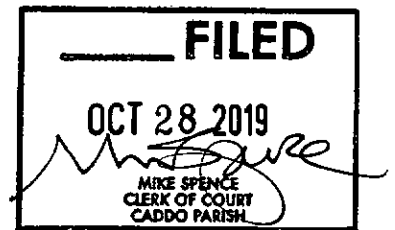


**MEMORIAL FOR
JACK ARLEN WILLIAMS**



**PRESENTED AT THE MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY
HELD IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

OCTOBER 29, 2019

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION

Jack Arlen Williams was born in Washington DC on July 7, 1933 to Ida Lee Kytile and Clyde Williams. He peacefully passed away on March 12, 2019 with his wife of 40 years, Linda McGehee Williams at his side. A fighter to the bitter end, Jack was determined to beat the B Cell Lymphoma and Congestive Heart Failure that has taken his once healthy body. This was one race he could not win.

Jack grew up in Kenner, La. in the home of his grandparents and three schoolteacher aunts. Jack attended school in Kenner, where there was little room to skip school with aunts in many of his classes. He joined the ROTC. He became a track star. He attended Southwestern University in Lafayette on a track scholarship. Sixteen days after graduating from college, Jack was drafted by the US Army and sent to Korea. Jack honorably served as a cook in the US Army where he prepared meals for up to 1000 soldiers at a time. Jack has an honorable discharge from both the Army and the Navy.

Following his military service, Jack returned to Kenner. He attended Loyola University School of Law while holding a job as a Sales Insurance Adjuster. Jack began his career as a lawyer in private practice in Shreveport with his stepfather, James T Jeter. He moved his family to New Orleans where he continued in private practice.

On February 14, 1979 Jack married Linda and returned to Shreveport. He practiced law for 50 years and retired from the Caddo Parish District Attorney Office after serving 15 years. His last 10 years at the Caddo Parish District Attorney Office, were spent in the Juvenile Division. He thoroughly enjoyed making a difference in the lives of thousands of youths in Caddo Parish. He referred to this job as the best job in town. He was known as a tough, but fair prosecutor. He strove to encourage the importance of following the rules. He was willing to help anyone as he many times stated, "You never know when you need a friend." He assisted many young attorneys in Caddo Parish as they launched their careers.

Jack was always game for an adventure. Whether it was swimming across the Mississippi River in his youth, to seeing each of the National Parks by car, van or motorcycle through the years. He never met a stranger and could talk to anyone. He loved to cook, but it was always with a huge pot. He could feed an army. He enjoyed many other hobbies during his life and one of them was riding his bicycle. He could ride a bicycle 100 miles in 5 hours. In fact, on one occasion he was stopped by the police on Captain Shreve for speeding on his bicycle. He was doing 35 mph in a 25-

mph speed zone! Jack & Linda rode their motorcycles from New Orleans to Williamsburg for the bicentennial in 1976. Later in retirement Jack traveled many backroads with his motorcycle friends of the Goldwing Riders and the Blue Knights. He loved to entertain his children, grandchildren, great grands, and other young friends. He was a lifelong member of the Elks. Jack was one of the original members of the Krewe of Gemini and the Super Derby. He volunteered at many of the downtown festivals. Jack loved photography and documented many of his journeys.

His favorite hobby was spending time with the love of his life, Linda. After Jack retired from the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office, he traveled the globe with Linda helping her with her sewing events. He loved to talk with anyone who would approach Linda's sewing booth. He could entertain a child with his knot tricks and taught a class about knots at the big show in Puyallup, WA. When asked if he would teach again, he replied, "That was a onetime deal."

Once you met Jack, you came away feeling like you had a friend for life. He never met a stranger.

Jack adored his girls. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Linda and his daughters, Liane Connor, Robyn Proper and Brenda Kulhanek; 7 grandchildren, Christopher, Lindsey, George, Colin, Michelle, Mike, and Korynn; 4 great grandchildren, Jonathan, Henry, Leilani and Charlie; sister, Janice Luck and 4 half-sisters, Lois, Lenore, Pat, and Dorothy; many nieces and nephews.

Jack lived with the philosophy that life is a river with hills and valleys. There will be storms, but afterwards the sun appears and there is a rainbow. He also tried to find the humor in any situation. Up to the bitter end, he accomplished that. Every time you find humor in a difficult situation, you win.

Jack is gone from this earth now, but he will live on forever in the hearts of his family whom he cherished and all who knew him, but especially his soul mate, Linda.

Respectfully submitted,

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