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IN MEMORIAM JAMES TINSLEY JETER

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We, the undersigned members of the Shreveport Bar Association, were designated by it to memorialize the late James Tinsley Jeter, a fellow lawyer who died at his domicile in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, on September 15, 1967.

Each of us had scant knowledge of him and, in supplement of our personal information, we went on a quest into the life and character of this man. Here are our findings which we present in memoriam:

James Tinsley Jeter was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on March 30, 1903, grew up and was educated in its public schools. His formal legal training was at Louisiana State University and he began his law practice in the City of Shreveport on November 13, 1924, making him at the time of his death one of our oldest practitioners.

He practiced his profession here until interrupted by World War II, in which he served as Armorer, receiving an honorable discharge. Immediately following his discharge he became Chief of Claims of the Veterans Administration in New Orleans and was there engaged for a time, after which he returned to Shreveport to resume his profession until his death.

His father, John T. Jeter, predeceased him, but his mother, Lillie Belle Gribble, of Shreveport, survived him. He is also survived by his widow, Ida Lee Kytte, of Shreveport and Kenner; his son, James T. Jeter, Jr., of Dallas; his daughter, Judy (Mrs. Frank Eichman), of Dallas; his daughter, Janice (Mrs. R. M. Luck), of Shreveport; his brother, John Robert Jeter, of Phoenix, Arizona; his stepson, Jack A. Williams, of Kenner, Louisiana, and his five grandchildren.

Among his affiliations were the Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, Louisiana and American Bar Associations, the American Legion - 40 & 8, Elks, Masonic Lodge No. 115 F&AM, Disabled American Veterans, and the American Camellia Society.

Now, about the man himself and his qualities as a lawyer:

He was quiet, courteous, even gentle, neat and trim, poised and assured. None of this was affectation and it earned him the affection of his friends to whom he was known as "Jake", "Jim", "J.T.", and "J.", and it earned the acceptance and approval of the people of Caddo Parish, they having honored him with four successive elections to the Caddo Democratic Executive Committee.

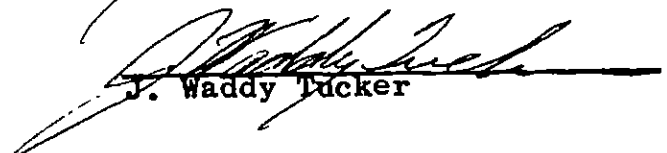
As a lawyer he was more of a counsellor than a barrister, not that he was wary of the courts but he contrived to keep his clients out of court. It is the very essence and chief purpose of a lawyer to obviate litigation. Unfortunately, the public entertains the illusions that only the courtroom antagonists are the leaders of the Bar, contrary to the real fact that the great bulk of the legal work done by the profession is non-litigious, and the lawyer serves best who saves his client the trauma and expense of litigation.

Our brother lived, breathed, had his being, raised his family and supported them here among us and leaves us without scars or bitterness. What more is there to this earthly journey, and what more or better can we say of him?

By the Committee:


Leonard L. Lockard, Chairman


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