

**In Memoriam**  
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**Jon Knox Rhodes, '37**, died February 16, 2005.

**Garland F. Smith, '37**, died June 4, 2005, at 93. Smith practiced law in Weslaco, Texas in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. He won two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Smith served as General Attorney for the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, Water District #9. He was instrumental in drafting and passage of the Texas Water Rights Adjudication Act. He also served as member and later Chairman of the State Water Board Committee, Weslaco City Attorney, and President of the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce. Smith was the organizing agent for Mid Valley State Bank and served many years as Chairman of the Board and later, as President, helped organize and served as Director of Magic Valley Savings and Loan.

**J. Paul Painter, '39**, died September 26, 2004.

**Guy W. Shaw, '41**, died May 7, 2004, at 90. Shaw served as Taylor County Attorney for two years in the 1940's. From 1950-1985, he practiced with the law firm of Byrd, Shaw and Weeks, which in 1986 became the firm of Shaw Wilborn and Johnson. Shaw taught business law at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and served as president of the HSU Alumni Association. He received the John J. Keeter Alumni Award from Hardin-Simmons University, the highest honor ever to be bestowed on an HSU Graduate.

**Ernest Lynn Sample, '47**, died in 2003 at 85. Sample was a practicing attorney until his death.

**Parker Frank Wilson, '47**, died May 12, 2005. Wilson worked in Sears' Regional legal department for 30 years. He served as a full-time pro bono lawyer at Projecto Adelante for 18 years.

**M. Parker Ellzey, '48**, died July 24, 2004.

**T. Lawrence Jones, '48**, died August 25, 2004, at 83. Jones was Assistant Attorney General of Texas (1957-60), general counsel for the Federal Maritime Administration (1961-63) and Deputy Federal Highway Administrator (1964-66). In 1967, he became President/CEO of the American Insurance Association, New York, where he served for 20 years. During this time the AIA conducted national programs in insurance rate law, automobile insurance, and product liability law. From 1986-99 he served as Senior Counsel to the law firm of Hunton and Williams.

**C. Daniel Molloy, '48**, died December 3, 2004.

**Wallace H. Scott, Jr., '48**, died April 25, 2005, at 84. Scott was a captain of the 1941-42 University of Texas football team and was a big supporter of UT athletics, having co-founded the Longhorn Club, the predecessor of the Longhorn Foundation. Scott was the

first attorney hired by the Oil and Gas Division of the Texas Railroad Commission. He later opened a private law practice and became a successful and respected oil and gas attorney. In 1976, Scott and Frank Douglass founded the Austin law firm of Scott, Douglass and McConnico.

**G. Bradley Bourland, '49**, died May 24, 2005. Bourland was Assistant Attorney General of Texas and Former Securities Commissioner of Texas before starting a private law practice.

**Geraldine Browder Tennant, '49**, died November 24, 2004, at 82. When Tennant was in law school, she was one of only three women. Tennant started her law career as a civil and corporate attorney and was elected in 1982 as Judge of the 113<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court, a post she held until retiring in 1996. In 1995, Tennant founded the Geraldine B. Tennant Endowed Presidential Scholarship at UT Law and through it donated thousands of dollars to help women attend law school.

**Bill W. Waters, '49**, died August 4, 2004, at 79. Waters practiced law in Pampa since 1949, retiring just prior to his death. He was elected Gray County Attorney in 1950, serving four years in that office, and was elected District Attorney of the 31st Judicial District in 1954, serving 14 years. In 1965, he was president of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. Waters left public office and began full time practice in 1969. In 1978, he was elected as district director of the State Bar of Texas. He was later a member of both the State Bar of Texas Professional Ethics Committee and the committee which drafted the Texas Model Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys. He was a life fellow of both the Texas Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation. In 1989, Waters was named Pampa Citizen of the Year following his service to the community as chairman of the Prison Steering Committee, which successfully procured a state prison facility. In 1992, with Waters again chairing the Steering Committee, Pampa obtained a prison expansion as an intermediate sanction facility.

**Pat McKinney Baskin, Sr., '50**, died May 27, 2005, at 78. Baskin dedicated himself to bettering public schools, and was a lifetime member in the Parent Teacher Association. He also served The University of Texas Ex-Students Association, leading scholarship efforts, serving as a district officer, and serving on the statewide Executive Council. Baskin served Midland as City Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem (1968-1972). A practicing attorney for more than 25 years, he served as a municipal court judge for 5 years (1953-1958) and was elected to the 142nd state district court in 1980, where he served for 12 years. Upon retirement, he took a senior district judge status, practicing as a visiting judge until early May 2005.

**Elizabeth Nowlin Craver, '50**, died August 19, 2004. Craver worked as an attorney at law and was the first woman assistant district attorney in Bexar and Lubbock counties. She returned to Plainview in 1995.

**William R. Barnes, '51**, died October 20, 2003.

**Edgar Herman Eggert, Jr., '51**, died July 10, 2004.

**Donald A. Edwards, '52**, died May 12, 2004, at 75.

**William M. Cotton, '53**, died April 18, 2005, at 80.

**Bernard O. Dow, '56**, died December 26, 2004, at 72. After serving in the U.S. Air Force as a law instructor from 1956-1959, Dow practiced law with his father, uncle, and a family friend, Ed Cogburn. Years later, brother-in-law Abe Friedman joined the firm, which was named Dow, Cogburn and Friedman. In April 2003, Dow joined his son's law firm Dow, Golub, Berg and Beverly. Dow also conducted numerous continuing education seminars for the State Bar of Texas, UT Law School's Mortgage Lending Institute and Southern Methodist University's seminars on mortgages and leasing. In 1994, Dow was recognized by the College of the State Bar of Texas as the first recipient of the professionalism award. He was also the first to receive the lifetime achievement award in real estate law in 2000 from the State Bar's real estate, probate and trust law section. In 2002, he was named by *Texas Lawyer* as one of the top five real estate lawyers in the state. In 2003 and 2004, he was on the list of "Texas Super Lawyers." In 2004, UT School of Law honored Dow with its lifetime achievement award. The school also announced that beginning in 2005 its continuing legal education seminar on real estate leasing would be known as the Bernard O. Dow Leasing Institute.

**M. L. "Bud" Null, '56**, died May 20, 2005. Null was a prominent attorney and partner with Anderson, Smith, Null and Stofer.

**Joe V. Boerner, Jr., '58**, died April 27, 2005, at 72. Boerner practiced law with Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam in Lubbock for 35 years, serving on their operating committee for 5 years and as managing partner beginning in 1991. In March 1993, he formed the law firm of Boerner and Dennis, with whom he was associated until his death. Boerner was Director of the Junior Bar, which he helped establish, and the Senior Bar Association of Lubbock, where he also served on the State Bar Forms Committee. He lectured and emceed various CLE programs for the State Bar. Boerner was a Charter Member of Associated Republicans of Texas, which was the organization instrumental in making Texas a two-party state.

**Pat Cain, '58**, died November 20, 2004. Cain served in the House of Representatives from 1963-1967, when he resigned to join the Texas Attorney General's Office.

**W. Payne Roye, '58**, died June 4, 2005, at 72. Roye was a successful Criminal Defense Attorney with his own law practice, and was President of both the Graham Jaycees and the Young County Bar Association.

**Benjamin F. Knight, '59**, died December 25, 2004.

**Thomas Eugene Wood, '62**, died May 27, 2005, at 74.

**Mike Joplin, '63**, died February 17, 2005. Joplin worked to develop the corporate practice for Strasburger & Price, who established the *Strasburger & Price, LLP Scholarship in Law*, dedicated to his memory. Joplin always made time for business development and attorney recruitment. He conducted countless interviews, attended a multitude of recruiting dinners, and was always agreeable to act as an advisor to summer associates.

**Mack Kidd '64**, died January 3, 2005, at 63. Kidd began his law career with Cofer, Cofer and Hearne, followed by Garey, Colbert and Kidd. He next was associated with Kidd, Doggett and Jacks. Before joining the court, he founded the firm then known as Kidd, Whitehurst, Harkness, and Watson. In 1990, Kidd was elected to the Court of Appeals, Third District of Texas, where he served for the last fourteen years and was never opposed for reelection. Kidd served as President of both the Texas Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Retarded Citizens of Austin, Chair of the Travis County Democratic Party, was a Texas Bar Foundation Fellow, and a frequent continuing legal education lecturer. He was an active member of the American Board of Trial Advocates where he mentored young lawyers.

**Patman, Philip, '64**, died February 5, 2005, at 67.

**Walter B. Dunagan, '65**, died March 3, 2003.

**F. Hastings Pannill, '68**, died July 22, 2000.

**R. Drew Furgeson, '70**, died July 9, 2004.

**William V. Schirmeyer, '72**, died January 17, 2005.

**William Alton "Bill" Willms, '79**, died December 29, 2004, at 56. For nearly eight years, Willms represented the people of Texas as a prosecutor in Harris, Travis, and other counties. In 1985, he entered private practice in Austin. Willms practiced law until his death.

**Gerald E. Thornton, Jr., '80**, died March 6, 2005.

**Ernest Patrick Black, '81**, died September 22, 2004, at 55.

**Edwin Smith Stewart, '92**, died March 1, 2000.

**Felecia Shankle-Rogers, '01**, died December 8, 2004, at 27. While at UT Law, Shankle-Rogers was a member of the Frederick Douglas Moot Court team. Since 2002, she practiced intellectual property law with Leydig, Voit & Mayer in Chicago.