

DONALD W. GRIFFIS

Griffis, 80, of San Angelo, died October 3, 2022. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1965 to 1967, receiving the Bronze Star, Combat Action Ribbon, and Vietnamese Cross of Galantry, and was in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Griffis received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1967. He was a law clerk for Judge Joe Estes in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas from 1969 to 1970; and an attorney with Griffis & Griffis; Griffis, Colia, Motl & Junell; Smith, Rose, Finley, Harp & Griffis; Small, Craig & Werkenthin; and Jackson Walker. Griffis was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, whose Central West Texas chapter named its ethics and civility award after him; and a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. He is remembered for serving his family and community, which he did with compassion, honor, and grace; and for his love of exercise, being a regular at the YMCA and having completed over 35 marathons. Griffis is survived by his wife of 47 years, Priscilla Chase Griffis; sons, attorney Will Griffis, attorney Jim Griffis, and John Griffis; daughter, Abby Griffis; and eight grandchildren.

HECTOR CHAVANA SR.

Chavana, 71, of Houston, died November 30, 2022. He received his law degree from Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1981. Chavana practiced criminal law and family law in Houston's north side for 40 years. He was a lifetime member of the Go Tejano Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; worked pro bono on a Ballí family land-grant, motivated by a sense of justice for the descendants; and a founding member of the National Hispanic Professional

Organization, which now has several chapters across the country. Chavana is remembered as a lawyer, activist, and friend who was a true pillar of the community and will be missed by many. He is survived by his wife, Norma Leticia Ramirez Cázares; sons, Hector Jr. and Adrian; daughter, Liliana; brothers, Gerald and Charles; and four grandchildren.

STEPHEN C. MAHAFFEY

Mahaffey, 59, of Carthage, died April 13, 2022. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1987. Mahaffey was an associate of Rohne, Hoodenpyle, Lobert & Myers in Arlington from 1987 to 1991, an associate of and later a partner in Bishop & Hummert in Dallas from 1991 to 1999, and a partner in Mahaffey & Mahaffey in Carthage from 1999 to 2022. He is remembered for his love of hunting, fishing, and golf. Mahaffey is survived by his wife of 36 years, attorney Sherry L. Mahaffey; sons, Stephen Mahaffey Jr. and Jackson Cole Mahaffey; daughter, Anne Alise Mahaffey; and brother, Scott Mahaffey.

ROXANNE COFER COX

Cox, 67, of San Antonio, died April 20, 2022. She received her law degree from Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1987. Cox served in the U.S. Air Force as a judge advocate from 1987 to 1994, where she served in Germany and Washington, D.C. She was an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia from 1990 to 1991; an assistant district attorney in Bexar County in 2010; an assistant district attorney in the 106th District in Lamesa from 2012 to 2014; in private practice in Lamesa from 2014 to 2018; an assistant district attorney in Athens in 2018; and a math teacher in Irving for seven years.

Cox is remembered as a friend to all she met and fiercely loyal to them and family; enjoying roads trips and worldwide traveling, visiting family and friends; and performing in community plays. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, attorney Gregory Cox; son, John David Cox; daughter, Cydney Jayne Cox; and brother, Richard E. Cofer.

CAROL STONER VANCE

Vance, 88, of Houston, died June 24, 2022. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1957. Vance served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps as a captain and the U.S. Army Reserve from 1955 to 1965. He was an assistant district attorney in Harris County from 1958 to 1965; a district attorney in Harris County from 1965 to 1979; a partner in Bracewell and Patterson Law in 1979; and chair of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from 1992 to 1995. Vance was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; a recipient of the Texas Bar Foundation Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award; and recipient of the National District Attorneys Association Outstanding District Attorney Award. He is remembered for his love of sports, especially golf and tennis; prison ministry at the Carol S. Vance Unit; and summers in New Mexico with large family. Vance is survived by his wife of 68 years, Carolyn Kongabel Vance; sons, Carroll Stoner Vance III and Harold Phillip Vance; daughters, Lynn Vance Goodson, Karen Vance Geoca, and Cheryl Vance Tucker; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

PHILIP C. BANKS

Banks, 72, of College Station, died December 12, 2022. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1982. Banks practiced law in Bryan; opened his own

practice in 1983; was the College Station chief municipal judge from 1985 to 1992; taught government, Texas history, and business law at Blinn College; and taught twice a week at the Wallace Pack Unit in Navasota. He was director of the Texas Municipal Courts Association. Banks is remembered for being most proud of being a father to his three daughters; mentoring young lawyers and giving heartfelt advice; and being a walking encyclopedia of Texas history, considered an expert on the assassination of John F. Kennedy and was interviewed for many television programs on the subject. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Martha; daughters, Amy Banks, Libby Banks, and Courtney Banks Smith; sisters, Bonnie Benson and Barbara Banks; and four grandchildren.

PHILIP "FLIP" WHITWORTH



Whitworth, 75, of Austin, died November 10, 2022. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and

was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1972. Whitworth was the hiring partner of Scott Douglass & McConnico in Austin from 1977 to 2002. He was chair of the State Bar of Texas Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law Section from 1989 to 1990; a recipient of the Ernest E. Smith Lifetime Achievement Award from the *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas and Energy Law* in 2016; and chair of the Oil and Natural Gas Exploration and Production Committee of the American Bar Association Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Section from 1994 to 1996. Whitworth is remembered for his unending love of his family, his fraternity Phi Gamma Delta, and the Longhorns; his contributions to oil and gas law; and for time on the golf course with lifelong friends. He is survived by his wife, Suzie Page Whitworth; son, Gary Scott Whitworth; daughter, Anne Ashley Whitworth-Stich; stepson, James Aaron Page; sisters, Julie Moore and Ann Messer; and two grandchildren.

HARRY MORRIS ROBERTS JR.



Roberts, 84, of Dallas, died February 23, 2023. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1963. Roberts

was an attorney with Thompson & Knight, now Holland & Knight, for more than 50 years, where he was a founder and served for many years as head of the firm's real estate section. He taught as an adjunct professor at SMU Dedman School of Law and visiting professor at the University of Texas School of Law. Roberts was a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers;

was chair of the State Bar of Texas Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law and Title Insurance sections and the Dallas Bar Association Real Estate Section; and was a member of the American Bar, Texas Bar, and Dallas Bar foundations. He is remembered for serving the Shelter Ministries of Dallas, which operates the Austin Street Shelter and Genesis Women's Shelter & Support; the board of the Conference on Crimes Against Women; and Episcopal Foundation of Dallas. Roberts is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nancy Beth Johnson Roberts; son, attorney Richard Whitfield Roberts; daughter, attorney Elizabeth Lee Roberts Thompson; sister, Mary Sue Kiker; and six grandchildren. **TBJ**

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