MEMORIALS

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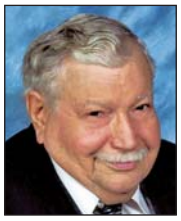
CHARLES MORRIS PICKETT

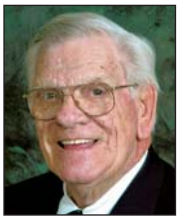
Pickett, 91, of St. George, Utah, died May 25, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1973. He was a member of the Utah bar. Before his career in the banking sector, he was senior attorney with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., in Washington, D.C. and then in Dallas, where he served as regional counsel for the Southwest Region, until his retirement in 1981. From 1981 to 1989, he served as general counsel to Preston State Bank, M Corp. Bank, Allied Bank, and Interstate Bank of Texas. He was district attorney for the Southern District of Utah and assistant attorney general for the State of Utah. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his son, Rick Pickett; daughter, Sharlene Pickett; stepson, Douglas Sullivan; brother, Roger Pickett; sister, Marie Poelhmann; and grandchildren.

LAWRENCE C. HOFF, JR.



Hoff, 80, of Houston, died April 5, 2010. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1961. He was a partner in Whitworth and Hoff from 1961 to 1976. From 1976 until his death, he was a sole practitioner. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Florence A. Hoff; son, Lawrence E. "Larry" Hoff of Houston; sisters, Jerlene Ray of Greenvine and Shirley Hoff of Bellville; and one grandchild.

RICHARD N. CURRIN



Currin, 77, of Wills Point, died Feb. 27, 2010. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1961. Following law school, he served as a special agent for the Bureau of Investigation. He worked in the corporate legal department of Sammons Enterprises until 1968, when he joined Harrison, Curtis & Cooper, which later became Currin & Harrison. He practiced with the firm in Dallas from 1962 to 1989 and in Currin & Frazier in Wills Point from 1990 until his death. He served as the Wills Point city attorney for several years. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his sons, Richard N. Currin II and Kevin Currin; daughter, Melissa Sorrells; brothers, David Currin, Donald Currin, and Daniel Currin; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

STEVEN C. SALCH

Salch, 66, of Galveston, died Feb. 28, 2010. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1967. He practiced with Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. in Houston for 41 years, where he served as senior partner from 1985 to 2008. From 2008 until his death, he was a private practitioner in Galveston. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary Ann Salch; son, Trent Salch of Houston; daughter, attorney Susan C. Salch of Austin; mother, Helen A. Salch of Bloomington, Ill.; sister, Sharon Gatz of Hernando, Fla.; and one grandchild.

SHARON ANN ECTOR TRIGO

Trigo, 62, of Cotulla, died June 5, 2010. She received her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1973. From 1974 to 1978, she was a professor at Laredo State University, where she taught business and constitutional law. She served as assistant district attorney of the Laredo and Webb counties' district attorney's offices for three years. She simultaneously opened a private practice, which she successfully maintained for 37 years until her death. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, George Trigo; son, Joe A. Sterle, Jr. of Texarkana; daughter, Margie A. Trigo of Cotulla; and three grandchildren.

CRAIG MORGAN SNYDER

Snyder, 62, of Orem, Utah, died Oct. 26, 2009. He received his law degree from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1973. He was a member of the Utah bar. He worked for Exxon in Houston from 1972 to 1973. From 1973 until his death, he was a partner in Howard, Lewis & Petersen in Provo, Utah. He served as president of the Central Utah Bar Association in 1978 and as the Utah State Bar Commissioner from 1991 to 1997. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Nancy Snyder; sons, Travis Snyder, Brady Snyder, and Matt Snyder; brothers, Stan Snyder and Mitch Snyder; sister, Chris Snyder; and three grandchildren.

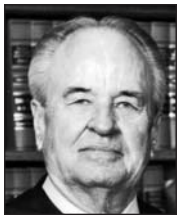
REECE CHARLES COPPENGER

Coppenger, 79, of Fort Worth, died May 1, 2010. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1964. He was a private practitioner from 1965 until his retirement in 2006. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Kathy West Coppenger; daughters, Colleen C. Grant and Kathleen C. Abel; stepson, Dean W. Crosby II; stepdaughter, Jennifer C. Cabello; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

GEORGE ALEXANDER McALMON, JR.

McAlmon, 84, of El Paso, died March 23, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1950. He was a sole practitioner from 1950 to 2008. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elizabeth Hill McAlmon; sons, G. Alex McAlmon III and John F. McAlmon; daughters, Lisa McAlmon Brown and Ann McAlmon Limmerman; sister, Kay Pool; and three grandchildren.

CLYDE ROBERT ASHWORTH



Ashworth, 87, of Arlington, died March 28, 2010. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1950. From 1950 to 1953, he was a sole practitioner. He practiced with Devore, Bagby, Ashworth, McGahey, Ross & Burnett from 1953 to 1969. From 1969 to 1982, he served as judge of the 67th District Court of Tarrant County in Fort Worth. He served as justice of the 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth from 1982 to 1986. From 1986 until his death, he took senior status and served as a visiting judge in Tarrant County. At the same time, he was a mediator and arbitrator and served as counsel to the Law Offices of Bruce Ashworth and the Law Offices of Jenks Garrett. He was presiding judge of the 8th Administrative Judicial Region. He is a past president of the Arlington Bar Association. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of eight years, Juanita Phillips Ashworth; sons, Bob Ashworth of Lewes, Del., Mark Ashworth of Carson City, Nev., and attorney Bruce Ashworth of Arlington; daughter, Amy Ashworth of Arlington; stepson, Britt Phillips of Arlington; stepdaughters, Barbara Pace of Kansas City, Kan., Lisa Phillips of Arlington, Sally Mycoskie of Arlington, and Sara Bishop of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; and seven grandchildren.

ELWIN LOMAX "MAX" HAMILTON

Hamilton, 75, of Dallas, died Feb. 19, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1959. He worked for Humble Oil and Refining Company prior to opening his own law practice in Morton. He later served as a corporation court judge and attorney for the City of Morton. He served as the Terry County attorney, was a designated attorney for Farmer's Home Administration in Cochran County, and an approved attorney for the Veteran's Land Board in Cochran and Terry counties, for the Stewart Title Company, and for the Kansas City Title Company. He was the director of the State Bar Professional Services department, general counsel to the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, a substitute instructor in criminal law at Central Texas College in Marble Falls, and served as assistant attorney general of Texas for the administrations of both Govs. Dolph Briscoe and Gov. Bill Clements. He was an attorney for the State Securities Board and deputy director for the Office of Youth Care Investigation. He joined Senterfitt, Childress & Shook Law Offices in San Saba and retained a private practice, Davidson and Hamilton. He is survived by his wife, Agnes Gonzalez-Hamilton; daughters, Lauren Levy, and Karen Hamilton of Anchorage, Alaska; brother, Bill Hamilton of California; and two grandchildren.

KENDALL W. HILL

Hill, 68, of Alvord, died March 29, 2010. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1966. He was a partner in Handy, Hill & Morgan in Hurst from 1966 to 1971. He was a sole practitioner in Tyler from 1971 to 1973. From 1973 to 1975, he was a partner in Parness & Hill in Hurst and Irving. He was a private practitioner in Fort Worth from 1975 to 2009 and in Decatur from 2009 until his death. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Cindy Hill; daughters, Lindsy Hill Thomas, Tiffany Hill Luedtke, and Renee Hill Hanisko; brother, Phil Hill; sister, Karen Foster; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

JERRY SCOTT HUGHES

Hughes, 82, of Midlothian, died March 31, 2010. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1966. He was a general practitioner in Dallas from 1966 to 2000 and in Midlothian from 2001 to 2009. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Annetta Hughes; sons, Brian W. Hughes of Garland and Davis Collier of Midlothian; sister, Mayann Maclennan of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; and three grandchildren. ✪