

**JOE N. MEADOWS**

Meadows, 88, of Waco, died July 8, 2024. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1973.

Meadows served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1960. He was general counsel to the Permian Corporation in Houston from 1974 to 1976; in-house counsel to Occidental Crude Sales in Houston from 1974 to 1978; in-house counsel to an oil and gas firm in Abilene from 1978 to 1984; owner of Builder's Title & Abstract in Waco from 1978 to 1984; attorney with and owner of McGregor & Waco from 1984 to 2016; and justice of the peace of precinct 1, place 1, in McLennan County from 2005 to 2012. Meadows was a State Bar of Texas 50-year lawyer in 2023. He is remembered for his love of scuba diving, music, and watching the stock market. Meadows is survived by his son, Mark Meadows; daughter, Meredith Meadows Harris; brother, Ray Meadows; and four grandchildren.

**PEGGY Y. BUTLER**

Butler, 75, of San Antonio, died July 16, 2024. She received her law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in

1974. Butler was court administrator of the Bexar County Courthouse from 1974 to 1978; juvenile referee of the Bexar County Juvenile Board from 1978 to 1982; an assistant district attorney, juvenile prosecutor, child abuse and neglect attorney, and district

attorney with the Bexar County District Attorney's Office from 1983 to 1984; team manager of and family/ domestic violence attorney with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid from 1984 to 2018; and a mediator with and of counsel to Prince Contreras from 2019 to 2024. She received the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer Award from the Bexar County Women's Bar Association. Butler is remembered for her love of calligraphy and stamp artwork and for her selflessness. Butler is survived by her son, Ruel David Butler, and daughter, Betty Geneva Butler.

**MARK ALAN BURROUGHS SR.**

Burroughs, 66, of Denton, died May 2, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in

1982. Burroughs was a partner in Huke & Burroughs in Fort Worth from 1983 to 1994 and continued his practice as an ad valorem tax, business law, contracts, and real estate attorney in Denton from 1994 to 2024. He was active in the State Bar of Texas, serving on the District 14 Grievance Committee and serving as a member of the Pro Bono College; and was active in the city of Denton as a Denton City Council member for six years, mayor, and chair of the Denton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Burroughs received the Otis L. Fowler Award from the Denton Chamber of Commerce. He is remembered for his devotion to his family, being an exceptional husband, father, and grandfather who understood the importance of introducing his family to cultures around the world through travel.

Burroughs is survived by his wife of 32 years, Diana McKee Burroughs; son, Mark A. Burroughs Jr.; daughter, Madeline A. Burroughs; and one grandchild.

**JOHN WESLEY TUNNELL**

Tunnell, 68, of Lufkin, died February 15, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1981.

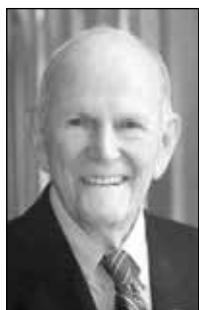
Tunnell practiced law with his father, Joe Tunnell, in Tyler; was an assistant district attorney in Gregg County; a lawyer in private practice; general counsel to Texas Secretary of State John H. Hannah Jr.; interim director of and later general counsel to the newly established Texas Ethics Commission; clerk to Judge John H. Hannah Jr. at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas; and a private practitioner in Lufkin. He is remembered for his analytical skills and for his trial work and appellate briefs, and his quest to make the world a better place; his life was a testimonial to his family and friends, legal community, and world. Tunnell is survived by his sister, Jo Ann Tunnell Muench; brother, Thomas Rusk "T.R." Tunnell; and ex-wife and lifelong friend, Jackee Cox.

**MIKE DEGEURIN**

DeGeurin, 79, of Houston, died August 10, 2024. He received his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the

Texas Bar in 1972. DeGeurin served in the Texas Army National Guard from 1968 to 1972. He was a briefing attorney for Wendell Odom at the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin; law clerk for U.S. District Judge John Singleton Jr., in Houston; an assistant federal public defender in Houston in 1974; a partner in Foreman, DeGeurin & DeGeurin from 1976 to 1982; partner in Foreman & DeGeurin from 1982 to 1993; partner in Foreman DeGeurin Nugent & Gerger from 1993 to 2004; partner in Foreman DeGeurin and Nugent from 2004 to 2011; and partner in Foreman, DeGeurin & DeGeurin from 2011 to 2024. DeGeurin was a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He is remembered for his love of family, golf, and travel. DeGeurin is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gayle Ross DeGeurin; sons, attorney Michael DeGeurin Jr. and Mack DeGeurin; daughters, Katherine DeGeurin Houston and Laura DeGeurin Robertson; brother, Dick DeGeurin; and eight grandchildren.

#### JOHN H. BROOCKS



Broocks, 95, of Dallas, died June 11, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1952. Broocks worked with Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade for three years and was an attorney with Humble Oil & Refining Company, now ExxonMobil, where he retired as a chief landman for Exxon USA. He

is remembered for being a devoted father, his strong Christian faith, and absolute integrity in all aspects of his life. Broocks is survived by his daughters, attorney Linda Broocks and Laura Broocks Clift; son, John H. Broocks IV; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

#### SUSAN GAIL ROBERTSON



Robertson, 71, of Alexandria, Virginia, died August 24, 2024. She received her law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1980. Robertson was also a member of the Hawaii Bar. She was an assistant district attorney and Misdemeanor Division chief for the Lubbock-Crosby County District Attorney's Office; a bankruptcy attorney for the U.S. Small Business Administration; a lawyer in private practice in Hawaii; a lawyer with the state of Hawaii, including the Criminal Justice Division of the Department of the Attorney General, the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission, the Hawaii House of Representatives Minority Office, and the Executive Office on Aging; a program analyst, senior program analyst, foreign affairs officer, a supervisory foreign affairs officer, senior adviser, and office director at the U.S. Department of State; and senior adviser for international affairs for the National Transportation Safety Board before retiring from federal service in 2017. Robertson was a member of the Lubbock Area Bar, Lubbock County Bar, Lubbock County Young Lawyers, and Lubbock County Women's Bar associations; a member of the Hawaii Women's Legal

Foundation; and worked in news media, first as a news producer for a Lubbock television station and later as a reporter and features writer for the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Gene Shooter, and brothers, Grady Robertson and Glen Robertson.

#### RALPH D. HUSTON



Huston, 72, of Houston, died August 1, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1978. Huston was also a member of the bars of the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Claims, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, and all U.S. district Texas courts. He was an attorney with the Law Offices of L.L. "Pop" Warner in La Grange from 1978 to 1979; Kreisner & Howard in Austin from 1979 to 1987; Schecter & Eisenman in Galveston and Houston from 1987 to 1995; and Smoger & Associates in Dallas from 1995 to 1996 and owner of the Huston Law Firm in Houston from 1997 until his retirement. Huston was certified in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is remembered for his love of music, being a brilliant songwriter and talented multi-instrumentalist; an avid sports fan, especially following Brownwood High School Lions football, Longhorns football, and the Houston Astros in good times and bad; and for being a devoted father and doting grandfather. Huston is survived by his wife, attorney Christina Connor Huston; sons, John Huston, Alex Huston, and stepson James Ward; daughter, Erin Huston; brother, Dallas Huston; and eight grandchildren. **TBJ**