MEMORIALS

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CHARLYE OLA FARRIS

Farris, 80, of Wichita Falls, died Feb. 18, 2010. She received her law degree from Howard University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1953. She was the first African American woman to practice law in Texas. She became the first woman to practice law in her hometown of Wichita Falls and the first black woman to serve in a judicial position in the South since Reconstruction — in the summer of 1954, Farris was elected to serve as county judge pro tem. In 1973, she served as acting judge of the 78th Judicial District Court in Wichita Falls and as chair of the State Bar District 14-A Grievance Committee. She maintained a solo practice until her retirement in 2010. She is survived by her son, Troy Kevin Farris; mother, Roberta E. Farris; and brother, Dr. James Randolph Farris.

STEPHEN A. MOYIK

Moyik, 54, of Austin, died Dec. 4, 2009. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1979. He worked as a prosecutor in Bexar, Polk, and Victoria counties. While in Victoria, he was a partner in Hartman, Lapham, Smith, Moyik & Scott. He joined the State Bar in 1988 as an assistant general counsel and later served as the State Bar's first ethics counsel. From 2000 until his retirement in 2008, he served as Austin regional counsel to the State Bar's Chief Disciplinary Counsel. He is survived by his partner, Vicky Campbell; and sister, Carolyn Thornton.

BILL ARTHUR MARTIN

Martin, 89, of Newton, died Nov. 12, 2009. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1951. He served as the Newton County attorney from 1953 to 1966. From 1966 until his retirement in 1988, he served as the Newton County district attorney. From 1953 until his death, he was a private practitioner. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He is survived by his sons, Bill A. Martin, Jr. of Humble, Charles C. Martin of San Antonio, Greg Martin of New Iberia, La., and Mike Martin of Broken Arrow, Okla.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

FLOYD D. HOLDER, JR.

Holder, 75, of Lubbock, died Jan. 31, 2010. He received his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1976. He served as the Hemphill County attorney in Canadian from 1976 to 1977. From 1978 until his death, he was owner of the Floyd Holder Law Firm in Lubbock. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Kathy Holder; son, attorney David L. Holder of Denton; daughters, attorney Pamela Vanderpool of Denver, Colo., Phyllis Reppen of Panama City, Fla., and Charla Hamill of Charlottesville, Va.; stepdaughter, June Fowler of Lubbock; brothers, Dorman Holder and Bobby Holder; sisters, Betty Mason and Beverly Lyford; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

JOCELYN J. BOWDEN

Bowden, 82, of Bronte, died Feb. 18, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1951. He was a landman for El Paso Natural Gas Company in El Paso from 1951 to 1956. From 1956 to 1971, he was counsel to Continental Oil Company in Houston. From 1971 to 1972, he was a partner in Scoggins & Bowden in El Paso. He was a senior partner in Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder in Midland from 1972 until his retirement in 1989. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Celia A. Bowden; sons, Jay L. Bowden of Redding, Calif., and M. Scott Bowden, Van A. Bowden, and Kent E. Bowden, all of Midland; daughters, Rebecca M. Quiocho of Hempstead, Janet A. Gordon of Queen Creek, Ariz., La Donna P. Taylor of Mesa, Ariz., and Cynthia A. Gillis of Carrollton; mother, Ruth Bowden; sister, Barbara Robbins of Kerrville; 26 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

BILLY J. ROUNTREE

Rountree, 82, of Victoria, died Jan. 2, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1955. He was a sole practitioner from 1955 until his retirement in the early 1980s. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his daughter, attorney Angela C. Sneed of San Antonio.

IGNACIO RESENDEZ

Resendez, 70, of San Antonio, died Dec. 27, 2009. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1971. He worked for the U.S. Department of Energy at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., and later with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Laboratories in Washington State. From 1981 until his retirement in 1994, he was chief counsel to the U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Mary Beth Resendez; sons, attorney John R. Resendez and Frank Resendez, both of San Antonio; daughter, Carmen Maria Resendez of Portland, Ore.; stepsons, Dr. Joseph Weinpel of Houston; Capt. Scott Weinpel of Washington, D.C., and Jonathan Weinpel of Dallas; brothers, Willie Resendez of Fairfield Calif., Carlos Resendez of San Antonio, and Arthur Resendez of La Marque; sisters, Celia Herrera and Anna Montez, both of San Antonio; and four grandchildren.

C.V. FLANARY

Flanary, 84, of Paris, died Feb. 26, 2009. He received his law degree from Baylor Law School and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1949. He was a private practitioner in Lubbock from 1949 to 1951 and in Fort Worth from 1951 to 1954. He served as the assistant Lamar County attorney in Paris from 1954 to 1958. He was the Lamar County judge from 1958 to 1962. He was a private practitioner in Paris from 1962 to 1995. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He is survived by his daughter, Susan Magalene Turner; and brothers, Don Flanary and attorney Bill Flanary.

J. ROBERT TAYLOR

Taylor, 70, of Houston, died Oct. 23, 2009. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1965. He clerked for Judge Joe Fisher of the Eastern District of Texas in Beaumont. He was a senior attorney with Kellogg, Brown & Root in Houston from 1970 until his retirement in 2008. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Beverly Cox Taylor; son, Mark Bradford Taylor; daughter, Shelley Taylor Ludwick; brothers, Mike Taylor and Gary Taylor; and four grandchildren.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS BROTHERS

Brothers, 68, of Austin, died July 4, 2009. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1965. He served as a U.S. Air Force trial and defense lawyer and presided as judge for the U.S. Air Force in court-martial cases. He later headed his own legal office as staff judge advocate. He spent 20 years with the U.S. Air Force, including Bitburg Air Base in Germany, where he was the Eifel's U.S. legal representative to the U.S. Embassy in Luxemburg and SHAPE headquarters in Brussels. He also taught in the U.S. Air Force Academy Department of Law in Colorado Springs, Colo. He retired from Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin in 1985. His legal career as a government lawyer continued as he served as a division chief/supervising attorney for the City of Austin. In 1998, he became president of Omnibase Services, a database company for the Texas Failure-to-Appear program, working with the Texas Department of Public Safety. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kathy Dixon Brothers of Houston; son, Charles D. Brothers of Austin; daughter, Tracie McCoy of Keller; sister, Julia Beck of Shamrock; and one grandchild.

RICHARD BRANTON MARTIN

Martin, 53, of Austin, died Jan. 30, 2010. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 2004. He was an associate of Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. in Dallas from 2004 to 2006 and of Fish & Richardson, P.C. in Austin from 2006 to 2009. He was a principal in Richard B. Martin, P.L.L.C. in Austin from 2009 until his death. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Rori Martin; son, Blake Martin of Austin; brother, David Martin of La Center, Wash.; and sister, Cheryl Rector of Allen.

ROBERT E. DIAZ

Diaz, 64, of Arlington, died Jan. 31, 2010. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1970. He was a member of the Maryland bar. He served as a senior assistant city attorney and police legal advisor for the City of Arlington from 1974 until his retirement in 1997. At the same time, he served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Jenny Diaz; son, Jason S. Diaz; daughter, Olivia C. Clifton; brothers, Jose Diaz Seixas, Juan Diaz Villalaz, Julio Diaz Seixas, and Julio Ricardo Diaz Villalaz; sisters, Christina Dobleman, Irma Diaz Seixas, and Norita Diaz Villalaz; and one granddaughter. ✪