

PAUL K. PEARCE JR.

Pearce, 73, of Celina, died April 28, 2024. He received his law degree from the University of Houston Bates College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1976. Pearce was an attorney with Crutchfield,

DeCordova, Brocato & Hartfield in Beaumont from 1976 to 1979; a city of Dallas assistant city attorney from 1979 to 1989; a partner in two Dallas law firms from 1990 to 2017; and owner of the Law Office of Paul K. Pearce, Jr., in Celina from 2017 to 2024. He is remembered for his love of travel, family, and the Texas Rangers. Pearce is survived by his wife of 50 years, Kathy Pearce; sons, Zach Pearce and Ben Pearce; daughters, Rachel Pearce and Jordan Nichols; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

EDWARD "NICK" NICHOLAS

Nicholas, 62, of Houston, died May 12, 2024. He served in the U.S. Navy. Nicholas received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1992. He was an attorney

with Boudreaux, Leonard from 1992 to 2008; Jackson Walker from 2008 to 2014; and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson from 2014 to 2024. Nicholas is survived by his wife of 26 years, Wendy Nicholas, and daughters, Emma Nicholas and Rebecca Kilgore Thomas.

NORMAN COOKSEY MAPLES

Maples, 80, of Alvarado, died April 18, 2024. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1965. Maples received his law degree from Baylor University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1970. He was a

partner in Garrett and Maples; Maples & Blair; and Maples, DeBusk, Lawler and Phillips. Maples was a 20-year member of the State Bar of Texas Pro Bono College, a member of the Texas Bar College, and recipient of the West Texas Legal Services Private Attorney Involvement Program's Outstanding PAI Attorney Award. He is remembered as a pilot, marathon runner, and farmer. He is survived by his wife, Tina Maples; daughters, Melody, Julie, Melissa, Noel Cooksey, and Rebecca; and six grandchildren.

JIMMY DON BLAIR

Blair, 81, of The Woodlands, died January 3, 2023. He received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1967. Blair was a city of Amarillo

assistant city attorney in 1967; city of Amarillo associate judge in 1970; Randall County assistant district attorney in the 1970s; partner in Perdue, Brandon & Blair in the 1970s and 1980s; partner in Blair, Williams & Harrison from 1984 to 1985; capital partner in Heard, Goggan, Blair, Williams & Harrison from 1985 to 1997; and founding capital partner in Linebarger Heard Goggan Blair Graham Pena & Sampson from 1998 to 2006. He is remembered for his love of a good time with family and friends, especially if it involved great food and fine wine; being an avid fan of Houston sports, attending decades of Rockets, Texans, and Astros games and owning a personalized Astros jersey gifted to him by the team on his 75th birthday; and a lover of all things political, serving as a dedicated supporter, mentor, and friend to hundreds of public servants local, state, and national. Blair is survived by his wife of 33 years, Nelda Luce Blair, and daughter, attorney Maris Ann Blair.

HAROLD MARTIN STREICHER

Streicher, 76, of Muldoon, died May 11, 2024. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1978. Streicher served in the Harris County Attorney's Office in

Houston from 1978 to 1999 as a trial attorney, an attorney in the Guardianship and Elder Law Division, deputy division chief of the Eminent Domain Division, and division chief of the Federal Trial Section; was an attorney with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Austin from 2001 to 2002; and was an assistant county and district attorney with the Fayette County Attorney's Office in La Grange from 2002 to 2020. He was also licensed in the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Streicher is remembered for being active in the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and Preschool in La Grange and enjoying working on his farm in Fayette County. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Linda Streicher; brother, Ralph Streicher; and sisters, Rena Hardaway and Helga Doctor.

WYNN GARRISON STANTON

Stanton, 88, of Dallas, died February 6, 2024. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1960. Stanton was a lawyer in Oak Cliff for 30

years and continued providing pro bono legal services in Granbury after retiring in 1992. In law school, he was a member of the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity, served on the law journal, and was a Barrister; he served on, and then chaired, a 15-member tri-ethnic committee to oversee the desegregation of the Dallas Independent School District; and was active in church, teaching Sunday school at Glen Oaks United Methodist Church in Oak Cliff, serving as a Methodist Youth Foundation sponsor with his wife, and serving on Acton United Methodist Church committees. Stanton is remembered for his compassion and countless acts of kindness, being fun-loving with a great sense of humor, and writing poems memorializing special occasions. He is survived by his wife, Betty "Jimmie" Stanton; son, Darrin Stanton; daughter, Debbie Wilson; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

FREDERICK RANDOLPH BOX

Box, 88, of Manvel, died February 29, 2024. He received his law degree from South Texas College of Law and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1970. Box served in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1960. He

was an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service and later chief of appeals of the Independent Office of Appeals in Dallas; Denver, Colorado; and Austin; and was an attorney and counselor at law for the Supreme Court of Texas. Box served on the appraisal review boards of Travis and Brazoria counties and was a certified public accountant with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy. He is remembered for his love of going on cruises, especially to French Polynesia; teaching his children and grandchildren to swim and snow ski; and for his grilled steaks. Box is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sandra Box; sons, Frederick Randolph Jr. and Rodney Brett Box; daughter, Jennifer Johanna Box Anson; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. **TBJ**