



Rod Shaw

December 27, 2010

Rodrick L. Shaw passed into eternal life at Vista Care Hospice, Lubbock, on Monday, December 27, 2010 after a lengthy struggle with Parkinson's disease. Interment with family and friends will be in the City of Lubbock Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 30th. Celebration of Life memorial service will follow in First United Methodist Church at 2:00 o'clock.

Rod was born on November 28, 1923 in Milo, Iowa, the seventh of seven children of Reginald Arthur and Beulah Green Shaw. Following the Great Depression, the family moved in 1931 to a farm near Olton, Texas when Rod was eight years old. He attended Olton schools and graduated Salutatorian of Olton High in 1940 and entered Texas Tech with three of his siblings all as freshmen together. His father was recognized at homecoming that year for having the most children in Tech at one time! Rod's junior year was interrupted by World War II, as he entered the Navy and became a fighter pilot in the Naval Air Corp where he served twenty-seven months. After the war, he returned to Texas Tech and graduated in 1947 with a B A in government with High Honors.

Rod entered S M U School of Law in 1947 where he became a member of Barristers, Law Review, Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, and was a Moot Court team member. He graduated with a Doctor of Jurisprudence and received his law license in 1949. He then returned to Lubbock and practiced civil law for

fifteen years. At that point, he began twenty-six years of service as Lubbock County Judge – the longest in the History of Lubbock County in that position. He retired in 1990.

Judge Shaw was widely known and recognized in many areas, including public speaking, and as a Master of Ceremonies where his wit and humor were primary. Among the honors he cherished were being recognized as a Distinguished Senior Lawyer by the Lubbock County Bar Assn and a Distinguished Alumni of Texas Tech in 1990. He had also served as President of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Assn (covering 127 counties) and President of the South Plains Assn of Governments.

Rod was a 50+ year member of the Masons, a longtime member of the South Plains Food Bank, a member of Friends of the Library, Genealogy Society, Lubbock County Historical Association, TTU Alumni Association, and multiple other committees.

Rod was a life-long member of the Methodist Church, and a 60 year member of First United Methodist Church of Lubbock, where he had served as Lay Leader and chair of the Administrative Board. He taught Adult Sunday School classes for more than fifty years.

Rod married Bobbye R. Bockman in Lamesa, Texas on August 21, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Bobbye of Lubbock; and two sons, Luke Larkin Shaw of Lubbock and Dr. Robin R. Shaw and wife Dr. Mary Jo Shaw of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; grandchildren, Kellen Shaw of Santa Clare, CA, Chris Shaw of Tacoma, WA and Mason Shaw of Stanford, CA.; his sister, Aural Davis of Dimmit; cousin, Enid Givens of Olton; as well as many cherished nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Reginald, James and Norman; and two sisters, Melba and Catharine.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to The Phoenix House, and their employees and to Vista Care hospice for their loving care. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Sanders Funeral Home, Wednesday, December 29th. Memorials are suggested to West Texas Parkinson's Society, 3610-22nd Street, Lubbock, TX 79410; South Plains Food Bank, 4612 Locust Ave., Lubbock, TX 79401; Everliving Trust of First United Methodist Church, 1411 Broadway Ave., Lubbock, TX 79401; or the charity of your choice.

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Robin, I am so sorry to hear of your Father's death. I will be praying for you and your family.

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Karen called me to tell me of Rod's death. I want to add my sincere condolences on the loss of your husband and father. Rod was a wonderful and caring man, and his death will leave a big hole in the world.*

Our thoughts are with you in this difficult time.

Brian Cole

Manhattan Beach, CA

Karen Cole Bieber wrote on 12/31/2010:

Bobbye, Robin and Larkin,

You are in my thoughts as you deal with Rod's death. With today being Dec. 31, I can't help but think of my siblings and I and our parents getting together with Rod and Bobbye, their kids and the Williamsons for "Chinese New Year..." dinner out on New Year's Eve at a Chinese restaurant. It was always an evening filled with stories and laughter. Of course, I remember Rod for his wit and humor, but also for his kindness and humanity... his unwavering acceptance of ALL peoples, his sincere friendship and his encouragement of me, personally. I was so nervous about going off to Mexico to study one summer, frightened of the unknown, and he sat down with me and assured me it would be okay, that I would have a wonderful adventure, and that there was nothing to fear. I never forgot that. I send you all my love and wish for you peace, comfort and strength to face the days ahead. Rod lived his life well. He was an honorable, dear man. I shall miss him.

Cathy Pope wrote on 12/31/2010:

I worked with Judge Shaw for so many years and he made my life so much better. I can't count the number of times he met me on his porch in the middle of the night dressed in his robe to sign a warrant for me to help someone in a psychiatric emergency. He was a great man and a good friend.

Wes Strain wrote on 12/30/2010:

Judge Shaw was such a fine gentlemen. He coached me through election-judging 35 years ago. The Methodists and many more will miss him.

Debra Hoy wrote on 12/30/2010:

Larkin is one of my best friends and just wanted to let yall know my prayers are with the Shaw family.

LINDA (HICKS) WIGNER wrote on 12/30/2010:

MAY GOD ENFOLD YOU IN HIS LOVE AND COMFORT YOUR HEARTS IN THE LOSS OF YOUR HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU.

JUDGE ROD WAS VERY ACTIVE IN OUR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY. HE WAS SUCH AN INSPIRING MEMBER OF OUR GROUP. I SERVED ON SEVERAL JURIES BACK IN THE 1960S AND 1970S WHERE HE WAS THE JUDGE. HE WAS MOST RESPECTFUL OF ALL OF US JURORS AND WAS FAIR IN

EVERY CASE.
OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE WITH YOU.
YOURS IN CHRIST,
LINDA AND KENN WIGNER

Dr. Charles E. Henry wrote on 12/30/2010:

Although no words of sympathy can ease the loss you bear; may you find comfort in knowing others care. Judge Shaw supported the Hi-Y & Tri Hi-Y Youth and Government (YMCA) programs. He Commissioned the Delegates prio to the trip to Austin, yearly.

Robbye Hendryx wrote on 12/30/2010:

Bobby and Larkin,

I just wanted to let you know that your husband and father had such a positive impact on my life. He was always supportive and I have a special place in my heart. I offer my sympathy at such a tough time.

Robbye Hendryx

Marilyn Murfee wrote on 12/29/2010:

Bobbye and Larkin --

Rod fought the good fight of faith.

Now, he is at rest in the eternal peace and glory of our Father.

You are in my prayers.

Love, Marilyn Murfee

Ruth Ann Hill wrote on 12/29/2010: