

JUDGE PAUL SIMS COLLEY

Judge Paul Sims Colley, age 80 of Henderson, passed away December 28, 2004 in Henderson. Judge Colley was born September 24, 1924 in Palestine.

After graduating from Crockett High School in 1942, he joined the United States Navy and served in the South Pacific during World War II. Judge Colley received an honorable discharge from the service in December of 1945, returned to Texas and enrolled in the University of Texas on the GI Bill. Then he graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in May of 1951 and moved to Henderson and began practicing law.

Judge Colley married the former Jean Dossey of Nacogdoches in August of 1951 and they have five children Susan, Paul, Janice, Nancy and Wesley.

Judge Colley practiced law in Rusk County for 44 years, also served as County Judge from 1962 to 1964 and District Judge of the 4th Judicial District, Rusk County, from 1976 until 1982. Judge Colley then became Associate Justice on the 12th Court of Appeals in Tyler in 1982, where he served until his retirement in January of 1993.

During his years in Henderson, Judge Colley served the community in many capacities, including the Henderson Independent School Board, Henderson Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Alpha, chairman of the United Way and as a founding member of the local YMCA. Judge Colley was also a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church and served the Church in numerous leadership roles and as a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years Jean D. Colley; brothers John David Colley and Richard Colley; sisters Barbara Howard and Doris Jean Prestridge; children Susan Tatom and husband Mark, Paul Colley Jr., and wife Lisa, Janice Cole and husband Steven, Nancy Moor and husband James and Wesley Colley and wife Leandria; and 15 grandchildren.

Followed a Committal Service, a Memorial Service for Judge Paul Sims Colley were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 31, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church in Henderson with the Rev. Ricky ~~Pick~~ and the Rev. David Brasher and the Rev. David Williamson officiating. Interment followed.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 204 N. Marshall, Henderson, TX. 75652 or Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 1976, Henderson, TX. 75652.

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