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DOW



BERNARD OLTER DOW, beloved husband, father and brother, passed away at home surrounded by his family on December 26, 2004, after a courageous and valiant year-long battle with brain cancer.

Bernie, as he was known by his loving family and many friends and colleagues, was born on August 20, 1932, to Lily and Harry Dow in Houston, Texas. He graduated with honors from San Jacinto High School in 1950. While a junior at San Jacinto, Bernie and his debate partner won the Houston Interscholastic League Debate Tournament. In 1948, Bernie won first place in the national B'nai Brith AZA Sermon Contest. His award-winning speech was entitled "The Responsibility of American Jewish Youth."

Bernie graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with honors from the University of Texas in 1954. While an undergraduate at UT, he was a member of the Silver Spurs and Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. In 1956, Bernie graduated from the University of Texas Law School. He was very proud of the fact that his father, Harry Dow, whose family left Czarist Russia in 1903, had also attended UT Law School.

After graduating from UT Law School, Bernie received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. From 1956 to 1959, he served as an instructor of military law at the University of Air Command at Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

In 1959, Bernie began practicing law with his father, his older brother Melvin and his friend Ed Cogburn. A few years later, his brother-in-law, Abe Friedman, joined the firm in what later became the firm of Dow, Cogburn and Friedman, P.C. In April 2003, Bernie became Senior Counsel to the law firm of Dow Golub Berg & Beverly LLP, where he enjoyed practicing law with his son Sanford.

Bernie was a leading and well-recognized authority in real estate law. He dedicated himself not only to his loyal clients, but also to the Bar, through his tireless efforts in chairing, writing for and conducting numerous Continuing Legal Education programs, such as the State Bar of Texas' Advanced Real Estate Law Course, the University of Texas Law School's Mortgage Lending Institute and Southern Methodist University's seminars on Mortgages in Depth and Leases in Depth. Many of his articles have become the standard source on their specific topic.

Bernie was Board Certified in Commercial Real Estate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in 1983, the first year the certification examination was given, and he chaired the Board's exam commission for real estate law. He chaired the Houston Bar Association Real Estate Law Section and was a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the College of the State Bar of Texas Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, the College of the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Real Estate Lawyers Council.

In 1994, the College of the State Bar of Texas honored Bernie as its first recipient of the annual Award for Texas Lawyer Professionalism.

In 1998, Bernie was elected to the prestigious American Law Institute, an organization whose membership constitutes less than one-half of one percent of all

American lawyers.

Bernie was the first attorney to receive the Annual Award for Texas Lawyer Lifetime Achievement in Real Estate Law, presented in 2000 by the State Bar of Texas Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section.

In 2002, the Texas Lawyer selected Bernie as one of the top five real estate lawyers in Texas in its Texas Lawyer Go-To Guide.

In 2003 and 2004, Texas Monthly named Bernie to its list of Texas Super Lawyers, a selection based on peer nominations made by attorneys from across the state. Bernie was also recognized as one of the "Top 100 Houston Region Super Lawyers." He was listed in the Best Lawyers in America, every year since the inception of the publication.

In February 2004, Bernie's long and illustrious legal career was recognized when he was honored with the University of Texas School of Law Lifetime Achievement Award.

The University of Texas School of Law also honored Bernie by announcing that, beginning in 2005, its continuing legal education seminar on real estate leasing would be known as the "Bernard O. Dow Leasing Institute."

Bernie was a member of Congregation Beth Yeshurun, where he was a member of the Senior Advisory Board and served as Chair of the Congregation's Legal Committee for over twenty years.

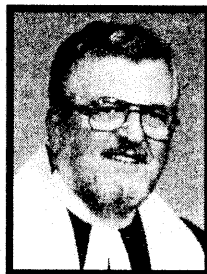
Bernie's professional accomplishments and dedicated service to his profession and community were exceeded only by his universally recognized kind heart and genteel approach to all with whom he came into contact. He was a person of consummate integrity, and he served as a role model and mentor to many people. He loved his family dearly, and his family loved and respected him very much. He maintained and cherished lifelong friendships, some dating from elementary school. He also enjoyed close relationships with his many cousins, extended family and professional colleagues. Bernie will be dearly missed by all those who knew him.

Bernie is survived by his loving wife and companion of 42 years, Helen Dow; his loving and adoring children, Karen Dow, Sanford Dow, and Drs. Douglas and Tracy Dow; his brother and sister-in-law Melvin and Frieda Dow; his sister and brother-in-law Fran and Abe Friedman; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Dr. Herbert Leiman and Dr. Roberta Simon; and his aunts Sarah Danziger, Marcia Parker and Pearl Rose. He was preceded in death by his parents Lily and Harry Dow.

Funeral services will be held at Congregation Beth Yeshurun, 4525 Beechnut, Houston, Texas, on Tuesday, December 28, 2004, at 2:00 pm. Rabbis David Rosen, Samuel Karff and Jack Segal, and Hazzan David Propis will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Harry Dow Memorial Scholarship Fund at the University of Texas School of Law, 727 East Dean Keeton Street, Austin, Texas 78705; Congregation Beth Yeshurun, 4525 Beechnut, Houston, Texas 77096; the Dr. Marnie Rose Foundation for Brain Cancer Research at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 5090 Richmond Ave., PMB-291, Houston, Texas 77056; or the charity of choice.

CROFTON



THE REV. WALTER MONTGOMERY CROFTON, JR., age 74, child of the manse and great, great grandson of the pioneer Houston family of Frederick and Antoinette Schweikart died at his home in Houston on December 24, 2004. He was born in Columbus, Georgia, the son of the Rev. Walter M. Crofton, Sr. and Gladys Davidson Crofton. Growing up in Houston, he attended public schools, graduating from Lamar H.S. in 1949.

He graduated from Austin College, Sherman, TX, in 1952 and entered the Navy, serving as a Line Officer aboard the U.S. Navy destroyer, USS Orleck, during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Crofton was a Presbyterian Minister, graduating from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1962. He served pastorates in El Paso, TX, Oklahoma City, OK, Fort Smith, AR, and concluded his pastoral career as senior pastor of the Pines Presbyterian Church in Houston, TX from 1976 to his retirement in 1993. Concurrently, Mr. Crofton was re-commissioned a chaplain in the U.S. Navy Reserve, retiring with the rank of Commander in 1980. Mr. Crofton was an active churchman at both local and regional levels of the Presbyterian Church (USA). He distinguished himself as the first moderator of the Synod of Arkansas-Oklahoma in the 1960's, and as a member of the Board of Austin Seminary, chairing the Stitt Library remodeling project. In the 1980's Mr. Crofton did academic work toward a Doctor of Ministry degree at Princeton Seminary, and in the 1990's he became a Certified Spiritual Director through a three-year period of study with the Cenacle here in Houston. Upon retirement he received the Distinguished Service to the Church Award from Austin Seminary. Notable accomplishments include: the creation of a child day care center at his church in Oklahoma City, the first of its kind in the State of Oklahoma; working as the founding president of MAM (Memorial Assistance Ministries), a faith-based social service ministry supported by local churches helping low-income families in the Spring Branch area; and fund-raising work for Mary Holmes College, a Presbyterian mission college for African Americans, where he was awarded an honorary doctorate.

Mr. Crofton was a life-long student, a fan of the mystery novel, an avid angler and hunter, and he loved to travel. He and his wife enjoyed trips throughout the U.S. and to Israel, Scotland, and Italy where they took continuing education classes along with sightseeing and cultural side-trips.

Mr. Crofton married Jo Rae Simons in 1955. He is survived by Jo Rae and their three daughters: the Rev. Margaret Luplow and husband Gary Luplow of North Platte, NE, and her son Donald "Bud" Wooten; Carolyn Olson and husband Mark Olson of Columbus, TX, and their children Whitney, Colleen, and Kevin; and Elizabeth Crofton of Houston, TX, and, her sons Austin and Jullian Daniels. Mr. Crofton is also survived by his half-brother, John Crofton, and his wife, Sarah, of Alpine, TX. His parents and a granddaughter, Mary Helen Wooten, preceded him in death.

A memorial service for Mr. Crofton will be held at the Pines Presbyterian Church in Houston on Thursday, December 30, 2004 at 4 p.m., the Rev. Wayne Eberly officiating. A reception at the church will follow. There will be a private interment in the Schweikart plot in the historic Washington Cemetery (the Old German Cemetery) in Houston at another time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Walter and Gladys Crofton Scholarship Endowment Fund at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 100 East 27th St., Austin, TX 78705-9970 or to a worthy cause of your choice.

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ALMS

WINNIFRED D. ALMS, 84, passed away December 23, 2004. She was a member of the Baladeers, a docent at the Houston Zoo, and did charitable work for the Braes Interfaith Ministries. Winnifred is preceded in death by her husband, Charles A. Alms. She is survived by her sister, Marian Ogden.
The family will receive friends

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