



Judge Stanley Kirk

Judge Stanley Cain Kirk passed away February 20, 2016. He was born October 1, 1922, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma to Cain and Lillian Kirk. He graduated from high school in Breckenridge, Texas. He received his BA and Bachelor of Law degrees from the University of Texas. He served in the U.S. Air Corp. during World War II and participated in the Northern Apennines, Po Valley, Rhineland Central Europe, and Air Combat battles and campaigns. Stanley received the EAME Campaign medal with five battle stars and presidential unit citations while serving his country in Italy. He attended the University of Florence, Italy after the war. He was an Eagle Scout and Cub Scoutmaster and on the UT track team, remaining an avid lifelong "Longhorn". In 1962, Stanley received the Outstanding Citizens Award by the Kiwanis Club of Wichita Falls, Texas. In addition, he was county chairman of the Wichita County March of Dimes and initiated the first telethon in Texas to raise money for the March of Dimes. Stanley was licensed to practice law by the State Bar of Texas, the United States District Court, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He was district attorney of Wichita County for eight years, and judge of the 78th District Court of Wichita County for twelve years. He also served as a visiting judge of the Second Administrative Judicial District of Texas. He had been a Faculty Advisor of The National College of State Trial Judges in Reno, Nevada, and member of Phi Alpha Delta Honorary Law fraternity, past president of the County and District Attorneys Association of Texas, Chairman of the Criminal Law Section of the

State Bar of Texas, a member of the International Academy of Trial Judges, and a member of the Texas Bar Foundation and College of the State of Texas. Later in life, Stanley was a mediator/arbitrator and belonged to the Association of Attorney-Mediators. As a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Stanley was a part of the Hines Baker/Susanna Wesley Bible class, where he had been a past president and part-time Sunday School teacher. He had been on the church's Administrative Board, served on the church's Connections Committee and a KIDS HOPE mentor. Stanley is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 63 years, Patsy Ballard Kirk, his daughter, Karol Bell and husband Robert, son Cain and wife Susanne, son Van, and grandchildren Mollie Kirk Greenwood and husband Dale, William Kirk and Robert Kirk, and son John Kirk. Stanley loved jogging, cycling, theater and The Longhorns, but closest to his heart were faith, family and friends. He will be greatly missed. Phil 1:3 "I thank my God every time I remember you." A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 11:30. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Parkinson Foundation, or a charity of your choice.