



## Clarence Phillips Shoffner

January 28, 1943 - February 14, 2008

Exactness! With God, Country, Career, Community, and Family this was the hallmark of Judge Clarence Phillips "Phil" Shoffner. Whether you know Phil as a friend, a teacher, legal counselor, church elder, fellow Mason, antique collector, or defendant, you felt he was always fair and to the point. Phil was never bashful about what he believed and stood for in life. And he enjoyed all aspects of this life on planet earth. He spent his life discovering everything he could about it and its history. His sly smile and floppy hat will be missed by all whom he leaves behind.

Judge Shoffner died early Thursday morning February 14 at Arkansas Hospice in Little Rock after a valiant battle with cancer.

Judge Shoffner is from long-time Searcy families. His parents were Clarence Neff and Mary Natalie (Phillips) Shoffner of Searcy. Grandparents were Theo and Nellie (Henderson) Phillips and James and Willie (Davis) Shoffner. All preceded him in death.

Judge Shoffner graduated from Searcy High School; graduated from UCA and held graduate degrees from University of Arkansas, including his law degree. He taught school in Paris, Arkansas, Rivercrest High School in Wilson, Sylvan Hills High School in North Little Rock, Monticello High School and Searcy High School.

Judge Shoffner practice law in Searcy for many years. He served as city attorney in Beebe, city judge in McRae, Higginson and Bradford, Searcy Municipal Judge, and was serving currently as White County District Judge. He was a member of the White County and Pulaski County Bar Association. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 49 and the Whitewood Shrine and a member of the Searcy Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Shoffner was a life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church serving as an elder, Clerk of Session, Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School teacher.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margo; children: Martin (Melissa) and Corbitt (Ashley) of Little Rock, Brittany (Robert) of Little Rock; Grandchildren, Alex, Amelia, Reid and Ella; and sister, Rev. Mary Nell Pol of Cloquet, MN; and nieces, Mary Elinor Gingerich of San Antonio, TX, and Jennifer Myers of Bloomington, MN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Searcy.

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Hello,  
My husband, Raymond, is an attorney and practiced law in Augusta for a time. He knew Phil.

We just learned of his passing. I am writing a book with Patsy Pipkin and you were kind enough to provide some images for it. She had me change the credit line from Phil and Margo to Margo and I asked her why. That's when I learned.

He will be missed.

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**Raymond and Carolyn Boyles** - May 04, 2016 at 08:26 PM

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“ I want to thank you for raising the fine son that you did. It is in these past few months as you well know, through losing my own precious daughter Casey whom I hope you've gotten the chance to meet, that Corbitt has shown what a fine, and outstanding man you raised him to be. He is simply the best man possible and I cannot describe what he means to either Ashley, or our family period. You would be so very proud of him and he has done everything you have asked him to do and more. My daughter says he treats her like a princess each and everyday, and no mother or father could ask for more than that. So thank you for the gift of your wonderful son to my daughter Ashley here on earth Judge and I ask one more favor please, and that is to keep a watch over our little girl Casey up there with you in heaven, and may you both have the best time you both deserve until all meet again. With much love and kindest regards, Paula Graves.

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**Paula Graves** - February 10, 2016 at 06:10 PM

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“ *Clarence Phillips Shoffner*

Raymond and Carolyn Boyles - February 10, 2016 at 06:10 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Corbitt.  
Brandon Martin*

March 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Phil's passing. He was a good man and a great boss. He will be missed. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Margo,*

*My thoughts are with you during this time.*

February 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Margo and Mary Nell and Shoffner family,*

*We are so sorry to hear of cousin Phil's illness and death. Our condolences to all of you from the Speer family in Columbia, MO., Illinois, and Arkansas.*

February 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Margo and Brittany, I am very sorry for your loss. Phil was a very respected man in Searcy. I have so many child hood memories of being over at the house with Brittany and just the presence of Phil would make you behave! He was good at anything that he did. Margo, my heart goes out to you at this time and may prayers and knowing that Phil is at peace help you get through this time. Love you always.

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February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

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February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ As a fellow member of the legal profession in Arkansas, I came to know Phil, your husband, dad and granddad, through our mutual practice in the bankruptcy law area. He represented the debtors. I represented the creditors. He was always knowledgeable, professional, and gracious. He was a joy to practice with. He will be missed in our profession. We grieve with you in his earthly loss. However, we join you in remembering him with love and smiles. We also join you in affirming the assurance that he, and many other loved ones, await us in better place. Prayers to you.

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February 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family may god be with you in this time of sorrow..  
Evelyn Johnson  
& Family

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February 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Margo, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am saddened to hear about Judge Shoffner's illness and death. Jill

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February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Martin and Melisa We were all so very sad to hear about your dad. He has helped us a many of times and was always fair with us. We send our prayers and love and support to you and the rest of your family. Martin, Tony says he has a lot of good memories of you and him when you were younger. We are stunned for words. John o. Jr. and Lynda Bailey of Searcy, Tony Bailey of Fayetteville, and Terri Oakes of Searcy. We would like to have your address and phone no. Send it to us or e-mail. God Bless You All.

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February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM