



## Honorable George Bradford "Bumpy" Ware, Sr.

January 13, 1931 - June 10, 2012

Honorable George Bradford "Bumpy" Ware, Sr.

RAYNE - Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Crowley, for Honorable George Bradford "Bumpy" Ware, Sr., 81, who died on Sunday, June 10, 2012, at Louisiana Extended Care Hospital, Lafayette, LA.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA.

Burial will take place at Bellevue Memorial Park in Opelousas, LA.

He was a generous and kind husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather and is survived by his devoted wife of 38 years, Patricia Padgett Ware, two sons, George Bradford "Brad" Ware, Jr., and his wife Robin of Rayne, Edward Bradford "Eddie" Ware, and his wife Jan of Rayne, two daughters, Marla Green, and husband Tim of New Iberia, and Amy Gossen and husband Jason of Rayne. He is also survived by three sisters, Marie Louise Ware Anthony of Bogalusa, Moina Ware Lucent of Escondido, California and Josephine Ware

Wallis of Dandridge, Tennessee. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Tori Ware Dupuis, George Bradford Ware, III, Phillip Bradford Ware, Thomas Bradford Ware, Adam Bradford Ware, Eleanor Aline Ware, Nicholas Bradford Ware, Joseph Bradford Ware, Caroline Jane Ross, Aline Marie Gossen, Anna Claire Gossen, and Elise Anne Gossen and two great-grandchildren Grayci Elizabeth Dupuis and Analie Therese Dupuis. Judge Ware was preceded in death by his brother James H. Ware, Jr. and his parents James Henry Ware and wife Amy Bradford Ware.

He was born January 13, 1931 in Opelousas. After graduating from Christ School in Asheville, North Carolina, he was employed for a brief time by Schlumberger before entering the Marine Corps. In the Marines, he was stationed in Camp Pendleton, California and served as a Sergeant in the Korean War. While on active duty in Korea, he was awarded a National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with one star and a United Nations Service Medal. After receiving an honorable discharge in 1954, he graduated from SLI with a horticulture degree. He then entered LSU law school where he received his Juris Doctorate and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar Association in 1965. He began his practice the same year in Rayne, and served 11 years as City Prosecutor. In 1976 he was elected and took the oath of office and served on the bench of the 15th Judicial District Court, for Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion Parishes for twenty years. During his term he was a member of numerous professional and civic organizations including the Acadia Parish Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, American Judicature Society, American Legion, USL Alumni Association, LSU Law School, the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners. He was also elected president of the Louisiana District Judges Association for

a four year term. After his retirement in 1996 he served as a substitute judge for the Third Circuit Court of Appeal in Lake Charles and also joined the Louisiana Retired Judges Association.

He enjoyed sailing and became a member of the Cypremort Point Yacht Club where he served as Commodore. In addition to sailing, he was an avid hunter and loved to sing and play the guitar.

The family would like to give special thanks to Mr. Clarence Joseph for the wonderful care and dedication he provided, throughout his time with our family. The family would also like to thank the staff of Louisiana Extended Care Hospital, Fresenius Medical Care in Crowley, Acadian Ambulance and Dr. Juan Zeik.

Pallbearers are his six grandsons, George Bradford Ware, III, Phillip Bradford Ware, Thomas Bradford Ware, Adam Bradford Ware, Nicholas Bradford Ware and Joseph Bradford Ware.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Henry Cowen, Homer Ed Barousse, Merrick Young, Elton Kennedy and Charlie Jagneaux.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at [www.gossenfuneralhome.net](http://www.gossenfuneralhome.net).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337)334-3141.

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of "Bumpy". I knew him for many years and from the old days when he practised in Rayne as well as from his visits with his father in Opelousas.

*In more recent years I enjoyed practising in his Courts, visiting with him in conference and later when he and Doug Nehrbass "lobby'd" me in the legislature.*

*He reminded me so much of my brother Allan who also had been a Marine. Bumpy was my brother Bill's age and practised in Opelousas. We all had a commonality of interest.*

*We will miss his wit,wisdom and humor. May God bless him and each of you.*

*Armand Brinkhaus*

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**Armand Brinkhaus** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

JG

“ Brad, Eddie and Jan,  
My sympathy and prayers go out to you for your loss.  
John Charles Guidry

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**John C Guidry** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

BF

“ pat,may our prays be with you & your family!!!

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**baverly comeaux & family** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

LC

“ On behalf of the Lafayette Bar Association, we wish to express our sympathy to the Ware family. So many of our members had the good fortune to know and appear before Judge Ware. Webster's Dictionary defines the word "judge" as an officer invested with the authority to administer justice." This definition, while universally accepted throughout the civilized world, is inadequate—grossly inadequate—to capture the meaning of the word “judge” as embodied in the person of Bradford Ware. His legacy, in the collective thought of our Association, is defined, in large part, by the absolute precision, and common sense approach in which he exercised his authority as Judge. To be sure, Judge Ware, appeared to those who had the opportunity to watch him work, to effortlessly arrive, time and again, at the right decision, for the right reasons. Without exception, this has been the universal sentiment expressed by our members, since learning, early Monday morning, of the Judge's passing.

Larry Curtis  
President, Lafayette  
Bar Association

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Larry Curtis - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

HA

“ To Pat and the rest of the family, I want to give my deepest condolences for your loss. Bumpy was my friend from childhood, and I have many, many fond memories of him. He will be missed by my family, especially who he had a jovial relationship with. I will do my best to smile when I think of him, and I hope that your thoughts of him bring smiles to your hearts also. You are in Susie and My prayers, and my children. God bless you, Hank

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Hank Helo - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

BA

“ *Bumpy...whatta man. While we were traveling with him and Pat, we composed this limmerick for him in Ireland...*

*There once was a jurist named Ware,  
bespectacled and thinning of hair.  
Often he'd yearn to early adjourn,  
but his rulings were never unfair...*

*We hope there are large bottles of "100 Pipers"  
scotch and a sailing regatta waiting for him.*

*Our heart to the family at this sad time;  
Bud & Adele Forrest*

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**Bud & Adele Forrest** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

CH

“ *Love to a great family. I wish you well always. Love, Chip*

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**Chip Shaver** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

LG

“ *I have fond memories growing up next door to "Bumpy", he was at our home often. I remember my dad giving him haircuts and his desire to learn French, asking our family to help him. He was very likable, humble and had a kind spirit. I was not suprised to hear he became a well respected attorney and Judge. My deepest condolences to his wife and family.*

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**Lilly Mae Gautreaux Bihm** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

BU

“ Pat, "Bumpy" and his parents, Mr. James and Mrs. Amy was my Dad's best friends of yesteryears and I one of his first clients. "Bumpy"'s friendship to our family was very special.

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**Buck Bertrand** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

PJ

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Bumpy Ware as an attorney and practicing before him as a Judge. He was a fine man, and an excellent judge and attorney. He was a good friend who will be missed by all who knew him. My deepest sympathy to his wife and children. He will fondly remembered by me.

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**Paul Moresi, Jr.** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

LT

“ I had the pleasure of working with Judge Ware for many years. I was a minute clerk for the Vermilion Parish Clerk of Court. Enjoyed every minute of it. I'm sure he will greatly missed as he was a joy to be with.

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**Leola T. Trahan** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

CI

“ Please send a message of sympathy to Patricia Padgett Ware, all family members, and friends of Honorable George Bradford Ware, Sr. on behalf of all detachments in the State of Louisiana including detachment #488 in Lafayette Louisiana. This is a temporary loss of our fellow Marine and Christian Patriot (2Corinthians 5:8) until we meet again in God's Kingdom.

*Semper Fidelis,*

*Charles A. McGowen, II, Chaplain  
U.S. Marine Corps League  
State of Louisiana*

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**Charles Alfred McGowen, II** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

JB

“ Mrs. Ware, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

*Sincerely,  
Jeb & Bridget*

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**Jeb & Bridget Buck** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

RP

“ Please accept my sympathy to the Loving Wife and all the dear Family and Friends. The painful loss of the Honorable George Bradford "Bumphy" is sorrowful and all who knew and loved him will surely grieve his loss. He lived such a full life of service to his fellow man and touched the lives of an untold number. He will be sorely missed by all. May I offer the following Bible Verse as my way of giving comfort and Hope from them.

*Psalm36:7 "HOW PRECIOUS YOUR LOVING-KINDNESS IS O GOD! AND IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS THE SONS OF MEN THEMSELVES TAKE REFUGE,"*

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**Rita Perry** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM