



## Van Clifton Stovall

October 21, 1943 - May 7, 2018

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1943-2018

Texan, Farmers' son, Brother, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Lawyer, Judge,

Judge Van Clifton Stovall, age 74, of Montgomery, Tx died May 7, 2018 after a short but valiant struggle with pulmonary fibrosis. His final days were spent with incomparable grace and dignity, surrounded by the ones he loved the most. Judge Stovall was preceded in death by his parents Hazel Tyson Stovall and Richard Franklin Stovall of Plainview, Texas, and his brother Richard Franklin Stovall of Kerrville, Texas.

Judge Stovall was born in Lubbock, Texas, raised in Floydada, Tx, received a BBA from Sam Houston University in 1964 and his law degree from University of Houston Law School in 1967. During his legal career, Stovall served as County Attorney in Plainview, Hale County, TX and later served as the first District Judge of the 242nd District Court serving Hale, Swisher, and Castro Counties. Prior to serving on the bench, Stovall practiced law along side his father, Richard Franklin Stovall in Plainview, TX. Judge Stovall later practiced law in the Houston area and served as a visiting District Judge. Prior to his retirement in 2006, he served for 8 years as Judge of the East Texas Cluster Court. It was during this time he became a particular champion for children.

Judge Stovall is survived by his beloved wife Jeanne Stovall of Montgomery, TX. He is also survived by his brother, Robert Tyson Stovall of Floydada, Texas, his daughter, Vanda Stovall of Leesburg FL, his daughter, Dr. Kathlyn Chase Stovall-McClough and son-in-law Dr. Joel McClough, of Herndon Va, his son Dr. Richard Bernard Stovall and daughter-in-law Andrea Dunn Stovall RN of Austin, TX and Judge Suzanne Stovall of Montgomery County, TX, the mother of Chase and Richard. He was the adored Poppi to Libby and William McClough and Tessa, Sophia and Nicolas Stovall.

In retirement Van enjoyed tennis, traveling, golf and volunteering at Conroe Regional Medical Center until his health no longer permitted. Van was an avid outdoorsman and was happiest when in nature. His true passion was enjoying, maintaining and enhancing the natural beauty of his wonderful log home and 17 acre ranch he built alongside Jeanne, called The Lazy S.

The family is particularly grateful for the superb care and kindness Van received at Conroe Regional Medical Center in his last days.

A gathering in celebration of Judge Van Stovall's amazing life will be held at a later date at The Lazy S. You may leave written condolences at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Van Clifton Stovall*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My condolences to his family and friends on your loss. He represented me in a criminal matter in the mid 80's that I had foolishly gotten myself into. I received about the best outcome possible from a very tough judge, and always felt his representation of me had much to do with that. So thanks again for your service to me. Marvin Hegar*

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**marvin hegar** - May 21, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ *A wonderful classmate that I had not see for years until we met a dozen years ago for a few days of fly fishing at Lake City. Such fun to start conversations like we had just been away to college for a year. Will miss you Van.*

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**Dale Newberry** - May 13, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ *What a wonderful tribute to Van and his life as told in the obituary. He faced his final illness with dignity and courage. Pat and I were able to visit with Van and Jeannie at the Lazy S in April and laugh about the good old days. It was such an inspirational visit. RIP, my friend. Frank Barrow Class of 1962 Friend and neighbor in Floydada*

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**Frank Barrow** - May 13, 2018 at 02:44 PM