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James E. Wright

January 21, 2006

James E. Wright, 85, a retired district judge, died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006. Funeral: 2 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth. The Rev. Dr. Lamar Smith will officiate. Interment: Watson Cemetery, Arlington. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Arlington Funeral Home.

James E. Wright was born Jan. 15, 1921, in Arlington. He was the only child of James Robert Wright, former Tarrant County sheriff and U.S. marshal for the Northern District of Texas, and Clairette Smith Wright. He was also the nephew of C.H. "Punch" Wright, former Tarrant County commissioner. He graduated from Arlington High School in 1937 and attended North Texas Agricultural College 1937-1940, now UTA, where he was active in ROTC and band. He served with the Army Air Corps during World War II as a glider pilot. Upon his return, he entered the University of Texas Law School and graduated with a doctor of jurisprudence in January 1949. He was a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. He served as Arlington city attorney from 1951 to 1961 and was a trial lawyer in Fort Worth from 1949 until 1969. In 1970, he was appointed district judge of the 141st District Court, where he served until 1989. He was a member of the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Bar Association and was president in 1958-1959. He was a fellow in the Texas Bar Foundation (life member), and a member of the American Bar Association. He was a member of the Fort Worth Downtown Rotary Club, where he was president 1966-1967 and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. After his retirement in 1989, he served as senior district judge. Judge Wright was a member of First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, a 32nd-degree Mason, a life member of the Shrine Patrol (president 1962), a life member of the Royal Order of Jesters and life member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. He is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law and Who's Who in the World.

Survivors: Wife of almost 60 years, Eberta; daughter, Patricia Rogers and her husband, Haskell Lee Rogers III; and grandchildren, Haskell Lee Rogers IV of Euless and Elizabeth Clair Rogers.