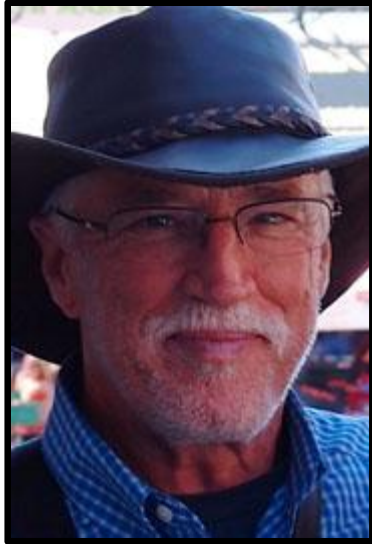


Rusty Ladd



Honorable Judge Larry Brown (Rusty) Ladd went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 30, at the age of 59. A dedicated jurist, a devoted husband and father, and a deeply faithful man of God, Rusty was known and loved by many, and our sadness at his passing is only surpassed by our joy at knowing he is with his Heavenly Father.

Rusty Ladd was born in Breckenridge, Texas on August 8, 1952. He graduated from Lubbock Christian College with a degree in Biblical Studies in 1975, and in August of that same year, he married Irene Zouella Silvey, his wife of 36 years. In 1977 he joined the police force, first in southern California and then in his native West Texas. He graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1988 and he began his law practice as a defense attorney in Dallas, then as a prosecutor in Amarillo and Plainview. He returned to Lubbock in 1996, where he continued his practice as Assistant and then Deputy District Attorney at the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office.

In 1999, Rusty took the bench as the judge of Lubbock County Court at Law No. 1, where he remained in office until his death. In addition to his work on the court, he served from 2010 on the Board of the Texas Center for the Judiciary and as Vice President of the Texas Association for Drug Court Professionals. He was formerly a member of the Curriculum Committee for the Texas Center for the Judiciary, where he was instrumental in providing innovative education programs to the Texas judiciary, and in September he was appointed to the Center's DWI Curriculum and Budget Committees. He was a member of the Lubbock County Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas, as well as a nationally recognized speaker on providing adequate counsel to those accused of crimes.

Rusty will be remembered not only as a diligent public servant, but also as a tireless advocate for Lubbock's homeless population. He worked with the homeless for over a decade at Carpenter's Church in downtown Lubbock and since 2010 he served on the homelessness committee of the Lubbock City Council. He was also a member and elder for many years at Broadway Church of Christ. Those who knew him well will also remember him as a devoted father, husband and son, as well as a man of strong Christian faith, whose love for his family was inseparable from his love for God, and who strove to make his life's work a light for the Lord.

Rusty is survived by his loving wife, Irene; their daughter, Katie Kendle and her husband Josh; their sons, Matthew, Joshua and Paul Ladd; their grandchildren, Gabriel and Anna Kathryn Kendle; his mother, Nelwyn R. Ladd; his beloved uncle, Joey Sherman; and his brothers and sisters, Janell Smith, Kathleen Davis, Clifton Ladd, Laura Anciso and David Ladd.

Rusty was preceded in death in 2007 by his father, Clifton Ray (Red) Ladd.

In celebration of Rusty's life, his faith, and the many lives touched by his work, a memorial service will be held at Broadway Church of Christ at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Carpenter's Church, 1924 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401 or the Lubbock Children's Home, 4404 Idalou Rd., Lubbock, TX 79403.