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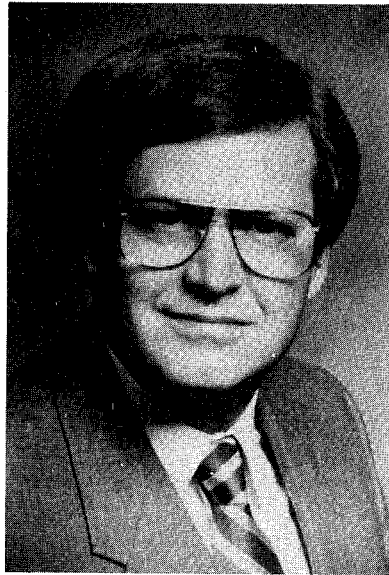
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STEVE CHANEY
1943-1994

This inaugural edition of the Texas Wesleyan University Law Review is dedicated to the memory of Steve Chaney, trustee and one of the founders of the law school.

Mr. Chaney was a life long resident of east Fort Worth and a product of the Fort Worth public school system. Following graduation from Eastern Hills High School in 1961, Mr. Chaney attended the University of Texas at Arlington where he received a bachelor's degree. Mr. Chaney earned his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin.

During the Viet Nam era, Mr. Chaney served his country in the Marine Corps as a staff judge advocate. Following his military service, Mr. Chaney practiced for two years as a private attorney in Fort Worth. In 1972, he joined the Tarrant County District Attorney's staff and thus began a twenty-two year career of public service.

Mr. Chaney began at the bottom in the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office. He quickly rose to the position of felony court chief and then to his final position as chief administrative assistant and spokesman for the district attorney. Mr. Chaney had a national reputation as a champion of the disadvantaged. He was a forceful advocate for the protection of abused children, battered spouses, and vulnerable members of society. Mr. Chaney helped enact child abuse legislation that is a national model today. He was a nationally recognized expert in the prosecution of crimes against children. He worked actively to improve the Texas Penal Code. He served as an advisor or member on many local and state boards and commissions involving the criminal justice system.

If any one phrase could describe Mr. Chaney's contribution to his community it would be that Steve Chaney had only one goal—to make life better for each citizen of Texas and Tarrant County. Mr. Chaney's dedication to the legal profession, the law school, the university, and the community will be sorely missed. The Texas Wesleyan School of Law has truly lost a good friend.

Mr. Chaney is survived by his wife, Karen, his sons, Matt, Mark and Michael, and his mother, Betty Chaney.