



R.C. "Eric" Augesen

October 26, 1940 - October 28, 2017

R.C. "Eric" Augesen passed suddenly from this life to the next on Saturday, October 28th, 2017 in Lubbock. He was born in Slaton, Minnesota on October 26th, 1940 to Charles P and Elinor G. (Smith) Augesen.

He married Gloria Winterstein in Bisbee, Arizona on February 14th. Eric enlisted in the Army in Sioux Falls, SD and although he never saw combat he was exceedingly proud to have served his country. After the Army, he went on to earn his Bachelor's degrees in both Psychology and Political Science at the University of Iowa. From there the call of Texas became too great to ignore (he got here as fast as he could!) and he was accepted into Texas Tech Law School which he finished in 2 ½ years. During Law School he worked for Senator H.J. "Doc" Blanchard. After graduating, he was accepted into medical school at Texas Tech University but he opted to start practicing law immediately.

He moved to Odessa and became Assistant County Attorney under Bill McCoy. After this he moved to private practice as an associate with Childs & Bishop before later going out on his own. He excelled in private practice but he craved a way to better serve his community. Eric became District Attorney of Ector County and by his own account it was his favorite 4 years of his

career. He was driven with a passion that few understood to keep criminals off the streets of Odessa. After those 4 years, he became a tireless advocate for children. He took each case personally and worked for his clients as though they were family. After their first consultation, prospective clients knew that if they weren't there for their kids, he would not take them on. Children who came to the office with their parents were immediately won over by his caring and gentle way with them.

He was fiercely private and protective of family but he was incredibly proud of his children and grand-children. All who knew him were treated to tales of his offspring's talents and accomplishments. He loved to take the little ones to show off at the courthouse and he was never so happy as when his house was bursting at the seams. He was a king among grandfathers with capabilities that ranged from a "magic pocket" to changing the date of Halloween for a sick grandchild. He could talk a waiter into bringing "pepsi that looks a lot like coke", find just the right fluffy dress to make a girl feel like a princess, and protect any of the 12 grandchildren from discipline he deemed inappropriate saying the words "s/he's with her/his Bappa." He was the kind of father/grandfather who would stand in the rain to watch Beauty and the Beast and who would ride the "It's a Small World" ride over and over to the delight of the little ones.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Gloria; his children: Roxanna Manuel and her husband Michael, Rhonda Vaughn and her husband David, Rene' Augesen, Rochele "Riki" Daniels and her husband Chuck, Eric Augesen and his wife, Shannon and Jon Augesen and his wife Misty; and his 12 grandchildren: Brittany Mitchelson and her husband Michael, Gerron Vaughn, Lily Manuel, Cydnee Augesen, Elinor Grace Vaughn, Genevieve Daniels, Maggie Augesen, Caroline "Charlie" Daniels, Avery Augesen, Abby Augesen, Ellie Augesen, and Cooper Augesen. He is also survived by one sister, Donna, and one brother, Ernest.

Services will be held Saturday, November 4th, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Odessa at 2pm with Jim Longstreet officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Eric's name to the Autism Research Institute or First Presbyterian Church.

Tribute Wall



“ You were such a great friend and attorney for us may God bless you and your family and I will be looking for that smile and laughter you had in the big sky!



Penny Stuart - November 09, 2017 at 09:41 PM



“ Eric was the District Attorney when I first met him. Later worked for him as Investigator/Process Servor after leaving OPD. Eric was a good friend and was always there when i needed him. RIP Eric...

Ted Hughes - November 04, 2017 at 04:18 AM



Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this most difficult of times

Debbie Thomson - November 06, 2017 at 07:39 AM



“ I worked for an old lawyer, Howard Lemmons, and met Eric first around 1970-1971. I continued a long friendship through 25 years in the District Clerks office. I'm not going to tell stories, but respect for an honorable attorney and a great friend. My condolences for Rhonda and the family. He will be missed. Kathy Cox

Kathy Cox - November 03, 2017 at 08:12 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of R.C. "Eric" Augesen.*



November 02, 2017 at 05:34 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss! Mr.Augesen was an amazing man! He was my family lawyer. He was suck a kind hearted man who loved his family! I will never be able to see a mickey mouse tie with out thinking about him! I remember he would always tell us stories about his granddaughters! And how much he loved them! He was more than a lawyer he was a man who helped me threw some really hard times in my life! I will be praying for y'all!*

*Love,
Sharina Malone Williamson*

Sharina Williamson - November 02, 2017 at 12:30 PM



He was such a kind hearted man*

Sharina Williamson - November 02, 2017 at 12:45 PM



Prayers for comfort and peace.

*Love,
The Register's*

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I was fortunate to be employed during Eric's term as District Attorney. Eric was a very dedicated man as District Attorney and attorney. He had a big heart and was kind person.. He loved his family and friends. Prayers for Gloria, the children and grandchildren and his family..

Jeanette White - November 03, 2017 at 11:22 AM

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I was good friends with Rene growing up. Remember when he ran for DA & we went around town putting signs out. Sweet people. Always treated me like family.

Tisha Regalado - November 04, 2017 at 03:48 PM