

John Warner Pampa High School Class of 1954



On June 4, 1936, in Amarillo, Texas, John was born to Greeley and Janet Warner. They moved to Pampa when he was two years old. He attended Sam Houston Elementary School, Pampa Jr. High and Pampa High School, graduating in 1954. In high school he was a member of Hi-Y, the Latin Club, the Little Harvester staff, the A Capella Choir and the Boys' Quartet. He was in the Jr. Play and Sr. Play. He played Guerilla basketball and Harvester baseball. He was a member of the National Honor Society and Quill & Scroll.

He was the Outstanding Journalism Graduate from Texas A&M University in 1958. He was a member of the Freshman Drill Team and the Color Guard. He represented A&M in the Intercollegiate Talent Show by playing the piano. He was a delegate to the Student Conference on National Affairs III and was a First Lieutenant in the Corps of Cadets.

The University of Texas School of Law awarded him a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1962. In law school he was President of the University of Texas Wesley Foundation (the second largest in the world) and State President of the Methodist Student Movement.

His partner for life, Judy, and he have been married for 42 years. They have four children and eight grandchildren. During those 42 years, he has practiced law in Pampa. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He obtained a multi-million dollar jury verdict in Amarillo in 1987. He has two of the three largest jury verdicts in Pampa. He has been honored to be a speaker at the Belli Seminar in Kansas City, Mo. and at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America in Washington, D. C. John has written articles which were published in the Texas Bar Journal, Voice for the Defense and other publications.

Young people have been a special interest for John. He has been a youth Sunday School teacher in the First United Methodist Church for 42 years. He has served as a baseball coach for the Pampa Optimist Club for 31 years. He originated and was the General Chair for 12 years and the Treasurer for 15 years for the Children's Shopping Tour. He served as the General Chair for Model Legislature and Model Congress 11 times. A client allowed him to set up the P. H. S. Foundation. He did all the necessary legal work to form the Foundation and obtain 501(c)(3) status. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer for the

Foundation which has awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarships to graduates of Pampa High School in the last 15 years. He served as Municipal Judge for five years and County Attorney for eight years.

He was a Distinguished President of the Pampa Jaycees, President of the Board of the American Cancer Society, Chair of the Gray County Democratic Party for 10 years, President of the Kiwanis Club of Pampa twice, a Distinguished President of the Pampa Optimist Club twice and currently is the Chair Elect for the Pampa United Way Board of Directors. Pampa has honored him by naming him as Pampa's Outstanding Young Man, Optimist of the Year twice, Tru-Teens Service Club Adult Leader of the Year, Key Club Adult Leader of the Year twice and Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year. He has given over 30,000 hours of service to the community.

He strives to follow the epitaph on his grandfather's grave: "He lived to serve."