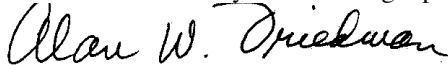


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**REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEE FOR
BILLY MILTON (BILL) SHAW**

The special committee of the General Faculty to prepare a memorial resolution for Professor Emeritus Billy Milton (Bill) Shaw, Department of Information, Risk, and Operations Management, has filed with the secretary of the General Faculty the following report.



Alan W. Friedman, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council
The University of Texas at Austin
Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature

**IN MEMORIAM
BILLY MILTON (BILL) SHAW**

Billy Milton (Bill) Shaw was a true Southern gentleman and a scholar.

Bill was born on June 19, 1940, to Leslie and Julia Shaw of Ruston, Louisiana. He married Monica Gail Johnson on January 29, 1966, in DeSmet, South Dakota. It was thirty-four degrees below zero that day.

Bill earned multiple degrees, graduating with a B.S. in Business Administration from Louisiana Tech (with honors) in 1962 and a J.D. from Tulane Law School in 1966. He began teaching business law at Louisiana Tech that same year, obtained an M.B.A. there in 1967, and completed an L.L.M. at The University of Texas at Austin in 1972, the year he was admitted to the Texas Bar Association.

Bill was an instructor in Business Law at what later became known as Red McCombs School of Business from 1971 to 1972, when he became an Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 1977 and to full Professor in 1981. Bill was soon named the Woodson Professor of Law and Ethics in Business. He enjoyed a long and distinguished career at UT Austin retiring in August 2007 as an Emeritus Professor.

During his career, Bill was a leader in the teaching of both environmental law and business ethics. He wrote one of the first textbooks on environmental law. He also taught a wide range of graduate and undergraduate courses such as Introduction to Business Law, the Uniform Commercial Code, Sports and Entertainment Law, and The Business Experience in Literature and Film.

Bill served actively in numerous roles on campus and was a leader in his professional organization. He was elected President of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business and served as Editor-in-Chief of his discipline's flagship journal: the *American Business Law Journal*. Bill was much loved by his business law colleagues at other universities here and abroad.

In addition to four textbooks, Bill wrote many academic articles over the years, often co-authoring with business law colleagues from across the nation and the world.

Bill was a true family man. He and wife Monica had three daughters, now all married with children of their own: Julia Margot, Nicole Leigh, and Leslie Alexis. Margot is married to Reed Caylor, and they have children Erin and Christopher. Nicole is married to Mike Low, and they have a daughter, Julia Margo. Alexis is married to Mark Clark; they have children Will and Kylie.

After retiring in August 2007, Bill continued to write academic papers on topics such as Aristotelian ethics, and to present those papers at academic conferences. Bill dedicated himself to his grandchildren and also wrote

three novels: *Pistol Thicket* (2010), with a screen play of the same name; *Star Stuff* (2011); and *A Conspiracy of Dunces* (2012).

An athlete, Bill completed twenty-one marathons and twelve triathlons, played Austin Senior Softball, and was active in the Southwest YMCA. He often volunteered at El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission, teaching citizenship classes.

Bill died a devout atheist on October 27, 2017. He is missed.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Professors Robert Prentice (Chair), John Allison, and Paula Murray.

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