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**IN MEMORIAM:  
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. HOLLOWAY, JR.  
(JUNE 23, 1923–APRIL 25, 2014)**

## BIOGRAPHY

Early Friday morning, April 25, 2014, Federal Appellate Judge William J. Holloway, Jr., passed away peacefully in his home in Oklahoma City surrounded by his loving family. Born in Hugo, Oklahoma, to William Judson Holloway, Sr., and Amy Arnold Holloway, he moved into the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion at the age of 7, while his father served as the 8th governor of Oklahoma. Judge Holloway attended Classen High School, graduating with honors. While at Classen, he was a member of the national debate championship team as a sophomore and as a senior. He debated under the legendary Coach C.E. "Pop" Grady. During World War II, he served in the United States Army as a first lieutenant in the infantry, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1947 earning a Phi Beta Kappa key, and then attended Harvard Law School, receiving his LL.B. in 1950.

He was married to Helen Hoehn in Enid, Oklahoma, in 1963. He served as an Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., before returning to Oklahoma to pursue private practice, first with his father and uncle in the firm Holloway and Holloway, and then for

many years as a partner with the Oklahoma City law firm Crowe and Dunlevy.

Judge Holloway was nominated by President Lyndon B. Johnson and confirmed by the United States Senate to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in 1968, where he served for more than 45 years, including as the court's chief judge from 1984–1991. He took senior status on May 31, 1992, but continued to work up until his death. His tenure on the court is the longest in the history of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

From its establishment in 1929 until Judge Holloway's death on April 25, 2014, forty-two persons were appointed to the Tenth Circuit. Judge Holloway was the fifteenth appointee, and during his tenure he served with thirty-five of the court's judges.

Judge Holloway was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Oklahoma City; Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity; the American Law Institute; and the American, Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, and Federal Bar Associations. His many honors include selection as Humanitarian of the Year by the Oklahoma City Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and an honorary doctor of laws degree from Oklahoma City University.

Judge Holloway is survived by his wife, Helen Hoehn Holloway; daughter Eleanor Gentry Holloway; daughter-in-law Martha L. Whiteaker; and grandsons Jack W. Holloway and Joshua W. Holloway. He was predeceased by his son, William J. Holloway III. He had numerous devoted and loving extended family, friends, and colleagues.

His lasting legacy, beyond a tireless and honorable service, was to always remember the people whom the law served.

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