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Judge Alvin Khoury, East Texas civic leader, attorney and state district judge, died peacefully on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 in Longview, TX following a short illness.

A fourth-generation Texan, Alvin George Khoury was born October 15, 1936 at Gregg Memorial Hospital in Longview, the second child of the late Virginia and Dr. Sam G. Khoury.

Alvin grew up in Longview, attended Longview public schools and graduated from Longview High School in 1954. He attended Kilgore Junior College and Southern Methodist University, graduating from SMU in 1957 and SMU School of Law in 1959. During law school, he clerked for the prestigious Wynne & Wynne law firm in Dallas.

Following his graduation from law school, Alvin was offered a job with Wynne & Wynne, but instead chose to come home to Longview to pursue his dreams, a decision he never regretted. He was licensed to practice law in 1959, at age 22, and he began his legal career at the Whitehead firm in Longview, where he practiced from 1959-1965. From 1965-1970, he was a solo practitioner and from 1971-1972 he practiced in the Longview firm of Jones & Khoury. Alvin joined the staff of Gregg County District Attorney Ralph Prince in 1972, the beginning of 37 years of public service to the citizens of Gregg County. In 1980, he was elected District Judge of the 124th Judicial District, composed of Gregg County, and he was re-elected six times.

Alvin was a member of The American Judicature Society, State Bar of Texas, Northeast Texas Bar Association, Gregg County Bar Association, and Texas Association of District Judges. He was a graduate of the National College of District Attorneys, Texas College of the Judiciary, The National Judicial College, and Texas College for Advanced Judicial Studies.

During his 28 years on the bench, he conducted more than 1,000 jury trials, presided over complex civil cases and twelve capital murder cases, and served as a visiting judge in some of Texas' largest counties. His statutory duties included supervising five Gregg County departments



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and more than 140 employees. From 1995-2007, he served as Local Administrative Judge and Chairman of the Gregg County Board of Judges.

Throughout his tenure, Alvin made efficient court management a top priority. The 124th District Court was one of the first courts in Texas to adopt a computerized docket control system, helping cases move faster. And he was instrumental in the drafting and passage of legislation in Austin authorizing the creation of Gregg County Court at Law No. 2, which further streamlined case management and improved access to justice through quicker disposition of cases.

Alvin also was active in various criminal justice issues before the Texas Legislature, providing testimony and other input on proposed legislation. And he helped write a bill authorizing expansion of the grand jury pool, which passed the legislature and was signed into law by the governor.

In June 2006, Alvin was honored with a Presidential Commendation by the State Bar of Texas, in recognition of his leadership in improving justice in Texas. After opting not to seek re-election in 2008, he served as Senior District Judge of the 124th District Court from 2009-2015, where he presided over cases in Northeast Texas and the Dallas metroplex.

The Texas Senate and Texas House of Representatives both passed resolutions in 2009 honoring Alvin, noting "...his integrity and commitment to justice will long inspire all those who have been privileged to work with him..." Also in 2009, he was honored as a Fifty-Year Lawyer by the State Bar of Texas. From 2015-2017, he practiced law on a limited basis.

Alvin was a 2007 Longview Independent School District Distinguished Alumni, recipient of the 2006 President's Award from the White Oak Chamber of Commerce and the Americanism Award from Longview VFW Post 4002 in 1996, and he was Honorary Balloon Meister of the 1999 Great Texas Balloon Race.

He previously served as President of the Longview Jaycees, President of the Longview Lobo Football Booster Club and Chairman of the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce. He was an honorary board member of the Harvest Festival & Livestock Show and past board member of the Great Texas Balloon Race, Longview Chamber of Commerce and Kilgore Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he was a member of the Kilgore College, SMU and SMU Law School alumni associations and numerous East Texas organizations.



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Alvin's favorite place to relax was at Lake Cherokee, and some of his fondest memories there were fishing with his mother as a child and years later as a father teaching his sons to fish. Other favorite hobbies were the horse races and judging area chili and gumbo cook-offs.

An avid Longview Lobos football fan, Alvin was only a year old and too young to remember being at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas with his father and brother and witnessing the 1937 Lobos win the school's only state championship. He spent his entire life cheering for the Lobos and dreaming of seeing another state championship. Longview Head Football Coach John King described it perfectly in an interview with the Longview News-Journal following Alvin's death: "Judge Khoury, he loved the Lobos, he loved Longview High School and he didn't try to hide it. He showed that everywhere he went." Indeed, he did.

Alvin was a lifelong Catholic and parishioner at Saint Anthony Catholic Church and later at St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he served for decades as an usher. He was a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Faithful Navigator, Past Grand Knight, and Knight of the Year.

Alvin is survived by his wife of nearly 58 years, Dorothy, and their sons, Samuel M. Khoury and Andy Khoury, all of Longview. Additional survivors include his sister, Betty Falco of Longview; his aunt, Theresa Boudreaux (Jerry) of Lake Charles, LA; his sister-in-law, Polly Gregg (Harold) of Midlothian, VA; brother-in-law, Mike Nasser (Evelyn) of Winchester, VA; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Alvin was a lover of all animals and adopted many homeless pets through the years. He is also survived by his loyal and beloved rescue cats, Mama Kitty, Clyde and Cousin. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Richard Khoury, all of Longview.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. On Sunday, December 2, the family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the funeral home. The funeral Mass will be 1:30 PM Monday, December 3 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2108 Ridgewood Dr, Longview. Alvin's cousin, The Most Reverend Sam G. Jacobs, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux (Louisiana), and The Reverend Daniel P. Dower will officiate. Interment will be at Rosewood Park Cemetery, 1884 FM 1844, Longview.

Pallbearers are Mike Coston, Clement Dunn, Ken Hartley, John King, Les Kroeger, Glenn Phillips, Mickey Smith, and Mike Vallery. Honorary pallbearers are Gaylon Butler, Glen Cobb, Sam Lawson, Jim Martin, Tommy Merritt, Jim Montgomery, Frank Odom, Randy Peters, James Plumlee, and Wilbur Yates.



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Memorial donations may be made to: Judge Alvin Khoury Lobo Football Scholarship, c/o Longview ISD Foundation, Inc., PO Box 1212, Longview 75606; Longview Animal Care & Adoption Center, PO Box 808, Longview 75606; or Longview Catholic School Endowment Fund, 405 Hollybrook Dr, Longview 75605.

The family of Alvin Khoury wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the following individuals for their compassionate efforts and care: Drs. Rick Earnest, Michael Guillory and Tom Taylor of Longview, Drs. David Gass, Noah Israel and Richard W. Lowry of Tyler, and their nurses and staff; and the ER and 5th floor ICU physicians, nurses and staff at CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center - Longview.



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Visitation

 **Sunday**, December 2, 2018

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT


 **Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601

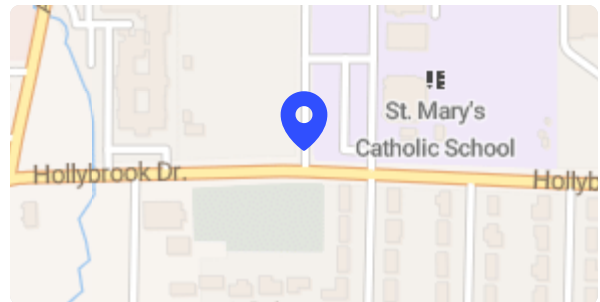


Funeral Mass

 **Monday**, December 3, 2018

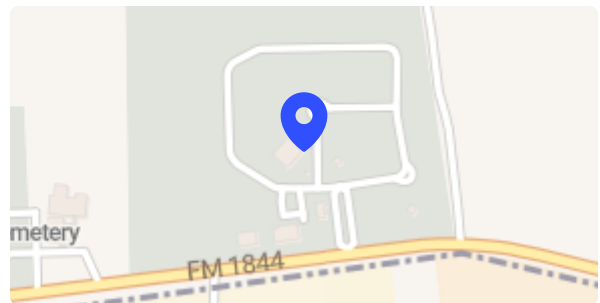
 1:30 PM CT

 **St. Mary's Catholic Church**
2108 Ridgewood, Longview TX



Cemetery Details

 **Rosewood Park**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





Tribute Wall

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Daniel Weaver posted:

So sorry to hear of Judge Khoury's passing. I treasured our friendship. My condolences to the Khoury family. GO LOBOS! You will be missed.Daniel Weaver

March 4 at 3:39 AM



William Martin posted:

Rest in Peace, old colleague. Our deepest condolences to Dorothy, Sam and Andy and all of the family. His absence will certainly be felt.William and Janet Martin

December 3 at 3:24 PM



David & Pnut Trice posted:

We will dearly miss Judge Koury at our chili cook-offs.. He was our official East Texas Chili Pod judge, the only one... If we didn't call him before our cook-offs to see where and when they were, he would call us.. He was one of a kind. Our prayers are with you all at this time..East Texas Chili PodDavid & Pnut Trice

December 3 at 8:36 AM



Anonymous sent a With Distinction to the Khoury family.



December 2 at 9:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Khoury family.



December 2 at 6:38 AM



Condolences ~Terry And Danza Martin sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Khoury family.



November 30 at 8:32 AM



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Lynda Mccoy lit a candle in honor of Alvin.

November 29 at 4:42 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Khoury family.

November 29 at 8:20 AM



Dawn Webb lit a candle in honor of Alvin.

November 29 at 3:21 AM



DW Dawn Webb November 29 at 3:22 AM
I will miss you my friend.



Valerie Ann Blackwell lit a candle in honor of Alvin.

November 28 at 2:24 PM



Shirley Deteau posted:

Judge Alvin Khoury was an outstanding and giving member if our Longview community. He loved Longview and the Lobos and was a caring husband, father, and friend. Blessings to the family in remembering all the good days of years past and comfort in the future.

November 28 at 12:26 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Khoury family.

November 28 at 9:12 AM



Terrance A Turner posted:

Judge Khoury was a great man. I knew him professionally and personally, saw him work from the bench and be a caring member of the community. He will be missed.

November 28 at 6:50 AM



Melba Baxter sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Khoury family.

November 28 at 3:17 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Khoury family.

November 27 at 11:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Khoury family.

November 27 at 9:56 AM



Sheronne Carlin lit a candle in honor of Alvin.

November 27 at 6:40 AM





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Gwen Gallagher lit a candle in honor of Alvin.



November 27 at 3:54 AM



Robin Hightower shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Words can never express how much Judge has meant to our family. In fact, our family would not be had it not been for him. He gave me my greatest gift, my mom and dad. He was there from the beginning of my life until now and a "Birthday" twin to my daddy. So grateful for all the memories through all of the years and that my children knew him. Daddy taught me how to love. Judge taught me how to be fair. Love to you Miss Dorothy, Sam and Andy. Your Bodacious family is here for you!

November 27 at 1:43 AM



Claudia Price posted:

Dorothy, I am so sorry I only learned of Judge Khoury's death today, Nov. 26. I will celebrate his long life with you, you are so blest to have shared him for so many years, a thing I missed with John. Aren't we fortunate to be able to be with them in the next stage of this journey to eternity. God be with you all~~~

November 26 at 6:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Khoury family.



November 26 at 5:04 PM



Lisa Rodriguez lit a candle in honor of Alvin.



November 26 at 4:52 PM



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Anonymous sent a Vivid Recollections to the Khoury family.

November 26 at 7:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Khoury family.

November 26 at 7:21 AM



Emory Gonerway Sr lit a candle in honor of Alvin.

November 26 at 5:19 AM



Bobby Stoker lit a candle in honor of Alvin.

November 26 at 5:18 AM



Angele Fanning posted:

Tom and I and our children have been across the street neighbors for 35 plus years. What wonderful memories we shared. Raising our children and enjoying wonderful holiday parties at the home of neighbor Peggy Skipper. Other than his dislike of the University of Texas at Austin and it being my alma matter I doubt we had any other conflicts only joys!

November 25 at 4:32 PM



Gwen Gallagher November 27 at 3:56 AM

Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one! ❤️ 👤



Angele Fanning November 25 at 3:39 PM

All the Fanning's send Dorothy and Sam and Andy our love and deepest spathy



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Linda Ann Holliday lit a candle in honor of Alvin.

Deepest sympathy to your family: Dorothy, Sam and Andy. We will remember Judge Khoury with fondness and respect. Sincerely yours, Linda Ann and Bob Holliday Grant, Greg and Ginger Holliday and their families

November 25 at 4:26 PM





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JL

Jack H. Lanier, Jr. posted:

My family and I have known Judge Alvin Khoury and his family for many years since we moved to East Texas over 33 years ago. I found Judge Khoury to be a fair and decent man while he served those many years on the bench in the Gregg County District and on the Circuit. He stood for total justice and at the same time, Judge Khoury gave instruction to offenders found guilty as he displayed probably the greatest example of "the iron fist in the velvet glove." Judge Khoury had a special fondness for my oldest son, Jack III when Jack was the Supervisor of Smith County Sheriff's Office Courtroom bailiffs. When "The Judge" was on the circuit some years ago and he would hear cases in Tyler, he would always ask ahead of the court date if Jack could please be his bailiff. And my youngest son, Brent was privileged to work with Judge Khoury's virtuous wife, Dorothy when she was Gregg County Republican Chairperson. She always displayed her appreciation for his assistance, and "The Judge" was an encouragement to him as well. Even more remarkable was the actual man, Alvin Khoury. He was a dear friend of mine and he never missed an opportunity to give me personal encouragement in my many years serving as a public safety servant. I will always remember his firm handshake, his honest eyes, and his astute voice as he came into contact with and left an everlasting impact, not only on my life, but on the lives of many, many people. Alvin Khoury was a solid family man, but he was one who loved his Lord Jesus Christ first which showed forth in his abounding love for his family, and to those he served. Also, if there were ever a title given to anyone as "Longview Lobo's All Time Fan", it would have to be bestowed to Alvin Khoury. He was such an inspiration to the Lobos in all that they undertook. Although my heart is heavy at his passing, I know that Alvin Khoury is not on the justice bench in heaven because there is no need for judges in the Lord's eternal kingdom, but I am sure that the Lord already has him in a special place of eternal service where he is assigned in that glorious place. God speed, Alvin Khoury, until we meet again one great glorious day, and God bless you Dorothy, Sam, and Andy. Jack H. Lanier, Jr. Public Safety (Retired), Law Enforcement and Fire-EMS

November 21 at 3:12 PM

BE

Beverly Brooks, Public Safety, Etcog November 28 at 8:43 AM

Like Jack Lanier & Mike Claxton, I too would like to express my appreciation for Judge Khoury, and deepest sympathies to the family. When I returned to ETX, having begun in Law Enforcement in the Corpus Christi area in 1972, it was quite a daunting task to be the best Public Servant possible, as a young female. Yet, Judge Khoury greeted me with the same warmth & kindness, as he showed ALL committed to Serve &/or Protect. Looking forward to seeing & serving with him again, in the New Millennium!



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BH

Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in honor of Alvin.



November 25 at 4:12 AM

JF

Jo Ann Walker Freeman posted:

I met Judge Alvin Khoury over 40 years ago when my husband and I moved to Longview. Judge Khoury was in the DA's office and Ken Walker had just started his new job in Longview in the DA's Office. Judge Khoury and Dorothy and his boys have been very good friends of mine. Judge Khoury was a fine man and he will be missed dearly. Rest in Peace my fine friend. Jo Ann Walker Freeman

November 24 at 5:40 AM

JF

Jo Ann Freeman November 26 at 2:46 PM

I am now sadden that I will not be able to come to Judge Khoury's funeral. I will be out of the Country. Dorothy just know that I will be thinking about you and your boys on Sunday. Love you!!

CJ

Carol Jones posted:

My family knew Judge Khoury for many years. He and his wife raised fine children too. I liked that he shared his time in so many community services. Some must have been hard for him. He was a good man and I find it hard to think of this community without the Judge. Our love and sympathy to Mrs. Khoury and to his children and friends. Carol and Gary Jones.

November 23 at 1:07 PM

MC

Mike Claxton sent a virtual gift in honor of Alvin.

I met Judge Khoury 40 years ago through my Dad, Earl. Afterwards there was never an occasion that when Judge Khoury saw me he failed to speak to me. Was always respectful and cordial and never too busy for a visit whether it was in his courtroom or any other public venue. Great respect for law enforcement and a real honor to consider him a friend. Dorothy, Andy, Sam and all your family are in my prayers. Mike Claxton



November 22 at 3:54 PM



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Louise And Gary Coffey posted:

Many would say a great judge or a great advocate for his community or a great Lobos fan. I would agree. But to me and my husband he was more, he was a great friend. One who will be missed. Dearly.

November 21 at 6:53 PM



Jimmy Todd posted:

My sincere condolences for the family and friends. He was a great man, always friendly, never too busy to greet everyone outside court. He will be missed by many.

November 21 at 3:12 PM



Media

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November 27 at 1:43 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alvin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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