



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



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DALLAS, TX – Former United States Magistrate Judge J.Q. Warnick, Jr. passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2024. He was 92 years old.

J.Q. Warnick, Jr. was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas on December 24, 1984.

Judge Warnick grew up in Lubbock and graduated from Lubbock High School in 1948. He then served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1948 to 1951 and was honorably discharged. He served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955 and was again honorably discharged. He graduated from Texas Tech University (B.A. 1956) and the University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1959). Immediately after law school, he became an assistant county attorney in Lubbock County, and he served in that position until 1961. He went into private practice in Lubbock from 1961 to 1976. During this time, he was very active in law organizations, founded the Lubbock County Young Lawyers Association, and was named the outstanding young lawyer in 1969. He served as President of the Lubbock County Bar Association and received its Justice James G. Denton Distinguished Senior Lawyer Award. In 1976, he was elected judge of County Court at Law No. 2 in Lubbock. He served in that position until his appointment as magistrate judge in 1984.

Judge Warnick served the court with distinction for fourteen years, retiring from federal service on December 28, 1998.