

## NORTON W. BROOKER, JR.

**Norton W. Brooker, Jr.**, a distinguished member of the Mobile Bar Association, died July 2, 2006 at age 62.

Norton was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on January 10, 1944 and grew up in Montgomery, where he attended Sidney Lanier High School. He attended the University of Alabama, and the University of Alabama School of Law, graduating in 1968. In that same year he married Prather Pipes and moved to Mobile where he practiced with the firm of Lyons, Pipes & Cook for 38 years until his death.

Norton was a recognized expert in real estate and oil and gas law, and was a frequent speaker on those topics. He served on the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission and participated in creating the Hatter's Pond Oil Field in Mobile County and the Big Escambia Creek Field in Escambia County. Over the last 30 years, Norton participated in some of the most important matters to appear before the Alabama Oil & Gas Board.

Norton was also an avid sailor. He was a member of the Mobile Yacht Club and

served as its commodore in 1988. In 2003, he served as commodore of the Gulf Yachting Association and also on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Sailing Association, Inc. from 2000 to 2006. In 1996, Norton worked with the U. S. Sailing Association in Savannah to organize and run the sailing events of the Atlanta Olympics. He was particularly active in local sailing activities. In 1989, he organized the Broken Triangle Regatta as a fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association of the Central Gulf Coast, Inc. for which he also served on the board of directors. The Broken Triangle Regatta was recently re-named the Norton Brooker Broken Triangle Regatta in his honor.

Norton leaves surviving him his wife of 38 years, Prather Pipes Brooker; his two sons, Stewart Jefferson Brooker, an attorney in Chicago; and William Thomas Brooker of Houston; his brother, Gene A. Brooker of Columbia, South Carolina; and several other family members.

—Ben Rowe, *president,*  
*Mobile Bar Association*

**Arrington, Leonard Quindell**  
Montgomery  
Admitted: 1987  
Died: September 7, 2006

**Baker, Clyde Dilmus**  
Guntersville  
Admitted: 1977  
Died: September 4, 2006

**Brooker, Norton William Jr.**  
Mobile  
Admitted: 1968  
Died: July 2, 2006

**Brown, Ephraim Taylor Jr.**  
Birmingham  
Admitted: 1944  
Died: October 10, 2006

**Burleson, Ira L.**  
Birmingham  
Admitted: 1948  
Died: August 13, 2006

**Dickens, Shelah Monroe III**  
Huntsville  
Admitted: 1974  
Died: May 15, 2006

**Dubois, Benjamin F. III**  
Hudson, FL  
Admitted 1956  
Died: August 29, 2006

**Hagan, Willis Cobb Jr.**  
Birmingham  
Admitted: 1950  
Died: September 19, 2006

**Halford, James Harold II**  
Brewton  
Admitted: 1994  
Died: September 14, 2006

**Hoffman, Charles**  
Mobile  
Admitted: 1930  
Died: August 10, 2006

**Langford, Irvin James**  
Mobile  
Admitted: 1951  
Died: August 7, 2006

**Smith, Larry Edward**  
Jasper  
Admitted: 1987  
Died: September 25, 2006

**Smith, Robert McDavid**  
Birmingham  
Admitted: 1949  
Died: September 11, 2006