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Circuit Judge Robert L. Holland, Jr., dies For immediate release Monday, September 20, 2010

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Third Judicial Circuit Judge Robert L. Holland died early today, Monday, September 20, 2010, after having a heart attack at his home in Greenwood, Doddridge County, early Sunday morning. He was 57.

The judge was taken by helicopter on Sunday from United Hospital Center in Clarksburg to UPMC Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh, where he died.

He was the only judge in the circuit that includes Doddridge, Pleasants and Ritchie Counties. He was appointed in 1997 by then-Governor Cecil Underwood and ran for election in 1998. He was re-elected in 2000 and 2008.

He was a 1981 graduate of West Virginia University College of Law.

“Judge Holland was a fine judge and his loss will be greatly felt. We went to law school together and I have known him for almost thirty years. I consider it a personal loss,” said Supreme Court Chief Justice Robin Jean Davis. “He was well thought of in the judicial community and in the communities he served. Our sincere condolences go out to his family.”

Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Judge Jack Alsop, president of the West Virginia Judicial Association, said, “The association mourns the loss of our colleague, Judge Robert Holland, Jr. He was an outstanding jurist who served our state well. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and to his children at this time of their loss.”

Twelfth Judicial Circuit Judge John W. Hatcher, Jr., said, “He was a dear friend and one of the most honest, ethical men I’ve ever known. He was a great family man, devoted to his family, and has a great reputation among all of his judicial colleagues. It is absolutely so, so sad,” Judge Hatcher said.

Supreme Court Administrative Director Steve Canterbury said Judge Holland was “refreshingly blunt, vitally interested in the life of his community. It’s impossible to replace a judge like Judge Holland.”

He is survived by his wife, Kim; son Robert III, a West Virginia University student; daughter Hunter, a student at Doddridge County High School; and two sisters.

Spurgeon Funeral Home in West Union is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete.

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