

Memorial Ceremony
OF THE
SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION



Thursday, September 1, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Greene County Judicial Courts
1010 Boonville
Division Four Courtroom



In Memory Of

Billy Hal Clampett

James Condry

Carson W. Elliff

Benjamin Joseph Francka

Charles A. Fuller, Jr.

James E. Miller

Mathew W. Placzek

The Honorable James K. "Jim" Prewitt

Kenneth H. Reid

Devon F. Sherwood

Opening of Court	The Honorable Thomas Mountjoy Presiding Judge
Welcome	Robert Palmer, President Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association
Introduction of Resolution Authors	Crista Hogan, Executive Director Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association
Motion to Adopt Resolutions	Ginger Gooch, President-Elect Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association

*Light refreshments will be brought
into the courtroom
immediately following the conclusion of the ceremony.*



MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION
IN RECOGNITION OF BILLY HAL CLAMPETT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, in a memorial Service held on this 1st day of September, 2016 expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death of one of its Past Presidents and long time member, Billy Hal Clampett. Bill was born on November 6, 1924 and passed away on January 19, 2015 at the age of 90 in Dallas, Texas.

Bill Clampett grew up in the small town of Mayfield, Kentucky. He graduated from Mayfield High School in 1942 and attended Murray State University. He graduated from Washington University in 1950. He was drafted in the U. S. Army in October 1943, served in the 99th Inventory Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Purple Heart and combat infantryman badge. Bill described to his friends his days of wading in the snow in the German forest, lugging parts of a machine gun for his crew, and encounters with a German patrol and German tank. After that experience, Bill was never fond of cold snow weather.

Bill married Martha McAlister on November 27, 1948 in Mayfield, Kentucky. They had four children, Steven, Laura, Charles and Robert. Bill was survived by these children and by five grandchildren and two great grandsons, Martha having predeceased him.

Bill and Martha moved to Springfield in 1950 and Bill entered in the practice of law with A.P. Stone. From 1954 until retirement in 1994 he practiced law with the firms of Walker, Daniel, Clampett and Rittershouse, and later with Daniel, Clampett, Lilley, Dalton, Powell and Cunningham. Bill and Martha moved to Addison, Texas in 2003 to be near family; they were living there at the time of their death.

Bill Clampett was a true son of Kentucky and mirrored many of the qualities we associate with families of the frontier. He was a reminder of the character we attribute to Abraham Lincoln. Bill was a student of the law and his expertise was seen in his writing appellate briefs. He composed on an old-fashioned manual typewriter faster than most of us could think, and produced briefs and treatises unequaled by others. He was a "lawyer's lawyer" and his understanding of the law guided his partners to an error free transcript. Bill was respected by the judiciary for his succinct, brief and persuasive arguments.

Bill served as President of the Greene County Bar Association in 1960, as a Trustee of The Missouri Bar, and received the first Distinguished Attorney Award of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in 1999. He was active in many local organizations, serving on the board of Twin Oaks Country Club, as a Sunday School teacher and as a board member of Kings Way United Methodist Church. Bill Clampett will always be remembered not only for his skill as a lawyer, but for service to country, his generous nature, quick wit, and love of family. Other passions included golf, baseball, military history and collecting antiques. He was the mentor of his partner who prepared this resolution, his bridge buddy, confidant, conscience, and who is a better person for having known Bill Clampett. It is with sadness and a sense of loss, pride and love that we acknowledge his passing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of its member and Past President Billy Hal Clampett and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of Bill Clampett be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar; that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
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IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES CONDRY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service held on the first day of September, 2016, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death of one of its distinguished members, James Blanchard Condry.

James Blanchard Condry was born on April 24, 1952 in Little Rock, AR to parents Penson and Edith Condry. He grew up in northwest Arkansas and then moved to Branson, Missouri, where he graduated from Branson High School in 1970. Jim graduated from the University of Missouri Columbia in 1974 with a History Degree, received a master of arts in political science in 1979 and received his juris doctor in 1979, and passed the Missouri Bar examination that year.

After taking the bar examination, he moved to Springfield, Missouri in August of 1979 and worked for the firm of Woolsey, Fisher, Whitaker & Stenger, where he worked on all types of civil litigation except for family litigation. Jim became partner in the firm Woolsey, Fisher, Whitaker, McDonald & Ansley in 1984. He was a founding member of the firm Hall, Ansley, Carmichael & Gardner in 1986, where he worked as a civil litigator. That firm would later become Hall Ansley Rodgers & Condry. Jim continued to work as a civil litigator and added mediation to his practice. In 2007, Jim and David Wieland formed the firm of Wieland & Condry, where Jim exclusively practiced mediation and arbitration law until his death on January 21, 2016. In his life he mediated and arbitrated over 2,000 cases.

He was chair of the Missouri Bar Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee from 1994-1997 and chaired the Springfield Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee from 1993 to 1996 and 1998. He served as chair of the Missouri Bar Fee Dispute Resolution Committee and Member and chair of the Missouri Bar Complaint Resolution Program. Jim was a member of the Missouri Supreme Court's Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution in 2010. He was a long time member of the Region XV Disciplinary Committee. He became a Fellow in the American College of Civil Trial Mediators in 2000, and was a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman, and will spend eternity floating the Buffalo River with all his many friends accompanying him in spirit.

Survivors include his living wife of 40 years Bobi, his son Clayton of Oklahoma City, his daughter Abby and her husband Dan Dunn of New York City, and Jim's sister Nancy Condry of New York City, and too many friends to list, as evidenced by the attendance as his standing room only memorial service, in which friends and attorneys and judges from all over the state of Missouri were in attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of James Condry and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of James Condry be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association; that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit; and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
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IN RECOGNITION OF CARSON W. ELLIFF

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a memorial service on the first day of September, 2016, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death of one of its distinguished members, Carson W. Elliff.

Carson Elliff was born on February 10, 1952 in Bentonville, Arkansas, to Challis and Joy Elliff. He graduated from Neosho High School in 1970, and Missouri State University in 1974. Upon earning his undergraduate degree he attended law school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, from which he graduated in 1977. After graduation, Carson married Heather Diller. Carson and Heather had two sons, Matthew and Brett. Carson became an assistant attorney general under John Ashcroft, and subsequently an assistant city attorney for the City of Springfield. He joined the law firm of Yates, Mauck, Bohrer, Elliff & Fels in 1980 where he practiced until his untimely death on June 28, 2015.

Carson developed a specialty in government and municipal financing law. His practice included the financing of public works for various municipalities and governmental subdivisions. He was well known and respected by city officials throughout southwest Missouri. Carson was devoted to his wife and two sons throughout his life. He spent many hours with Brett and Matthew encouraging them to become Eagle Scouts and otherwise participate in school and other extracurricular activities.

Carson had a passion for Missouri State basketball and rarely missed a Bears game. He and Heather traveled to Los Angeles to see the Bears play in the NCAA tournament and went to as many games as he could find time for. He became a hot air balloon pilot and he and Heather traveled all over the United States participating in hot air balloon events. He was the dean of hot air balloonists in the Springfield area and participated in numerous balloon events for the benefit of charitable causes.

Carson had an affinity for automobile racing and he and Heather attended the Indianapolis 500 on several occasions, and whatever stock and sprint car events they could get to from time to time. Carson loved automobiles and was very active in the Greater Ozarks Mustang Club and won numerous trophies for his vintage Mustangs.

Carson was liked and respected by all who knew him. He was friendly, outgoing and genuinely a good guy. Carson is survived by his wife Heather and his sons Matthew and Brett.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of its member Carson Elliff and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of Carson Elliff be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association; that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION
IN RECOGNITION OF BENJAMIN JOSEPH FRANCKA

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, in a Memorial Service on the 1st day of September 2016, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the passing, on March 1, 2016, of one of its past presidents and distinguished longtime members, Benjamin Joseph Francka.

Ben was born in Karlin Missouri (rural Polk County near Bolivar) on July 5, 1926. He was raised in the depth of the depression on the family farm. Ben's strong Catholic faith and upbringing gave him the attributes necessary to be a successful sole practitioner; respect for his fellow worker, honesty, tenacity and self-reliance.

Ben graduated with honors from St. Louis University Law School and became a member of the Missouri Bar in 1951. He initially worked as an Associate for the Miller & Fairman Law Firm through 1954. In 1955-1958 he was an Assistant Greene County Prosecuting Attorney and later a Special Assistant Attorney General of Missouri. He started private practice as a sole practitioner in 1959, which evolved into a practice restricted to labor relations. By the 1970's his skill as a labor attorney had been recognized by most of the major labor unions in Southwest Missouri. The IBEW, Machinists, Sheet Metal Workers, UFCW and Carpenters were among his numerous union clients. He was the pragmatic voice of reason guiding these unions, through the turbulent 1980's when the "right to work" movement threatened their existence in Missouri.

Ben's Catholic faith was always a part of his practice and his day-to-day philosophy in dealing with clients and fellow attorneys. For 25 years Ben was legal counsel to the diocese of Springfield Cape Girardeau and was a fourth degree Knights of Columbus.

Ben spent most of his career as a sole practitioner with his offices located in the Woodruff Building. Even as a staunchly independent sole practitioner, he was always a friend and mentor to many young attorneys, struggling to find their place in the legal community. His best advise to these apprentices was "if you take care of your office, it will take care of you".

Ben is survived by his better half of almost 61 years, Ruth, his son Ben (wife Rosie), daughters Dr. Jane Hadfield (husband Bill), Mary Theoele (husband Jim) and Martha Phillips (husband Brian) as well as 9 grandchildren. Ben's family was truly the love and joy of his life but he never lost touch with his roots. You could always bring a smile to his face if you asked him about his farm and his prize herd of Red Angus Cows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of Benjamin Joseph Francka and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of Benjamin Joseph Francka be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association; that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit; and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
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IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES A. FULLER, JR.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service held on the 1st day of September, 2016, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death of its longtime member, Charles A. Fuller, Jr.

Charles embodied many things that are good in a human being. He was kind, compassionate, bright and charming. He was always blessed with a graceful spirit and a loving heart. The headline story for the world to see was his love for people every single day of this life.

Charles was born December 4, 1925, in Joplin, Missouri, spending most of his early years in northwest Arkansas and Kansas City, Missouri. As a youth, his studies at the University of Missouri at Kansas City were interrupted by his enlistment in pilot training in World War II. He was transferred into flight engineer training for the B-17 Flying Fortress, where they transferred cargo and personnel from the states to various parts of the Southwest Pacific.

Charles returned from the military to finish his work at the University where he received his Juris Doctorate in 1951 with post graduate studies at the University of Colorado and Harvard. In 1953, he and his Wife, Wilma Louise, chose to make Springfield and surrounding areas their home where Charles lived until his passing.

Charles managed an insurance claims office for this region. He started the trust department for Southern Missouri Trust (now US Bank) and worked there until he was 65 years old. Then he was "of counsel" with the law firm of Neale & Newman during the last decade of his professional career. Charles was involved in numerous charitable organizations including The Burrell Center, Lighthouse Child and Family Development Center, Musgrave Foundation, Slusher Foundation, Heuer Foundation, Businessmen's Fellowship US and many others.

Charles and his family were very active in their churches. In addition to his local involvement, he was, for over three decades, a part of the international organization of business and professional men who carried the gospel to many people of the world. The work took him into most of the countries of Eastern Europe with emphasis on Albania, Hungary, Russia, Ukraine and the three Baltic States.

Charles passed away Saturday, October 11, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Frieda Fuller; his step-mother, Gladys; his wife, Wilma Louise; and his half-sister, Frances Northcutt.

He is survived by his wife, M. Lynn Fuller, of the home; his three sons: Dr. Michael J. Fuller, of St. Louis, Missouri, Mark S. Fuller, of Seattle, Washington, and Eric C. Fuller, of Springfield, Missouri and by numerous other relatives. Charles loved life, yet had no fear of death. One of his favorite verses was 2 Tim. 1-12, "I know in whom I have believed and am fully persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of Charles A. Fuller, Jr. and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of Charles A. Fuller, Jr. be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association: that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
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IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES E. MILLER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial on the 1st day of September, 2016, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the February 20, 2016 death of one of its distinguished members, James E. Miller.

He was James E. to some, Jim to others. He was born in Hermitage, Missouri on December 1, 1935. He attended college at Northeast Missouri State, obtained his law degree from University of Missouri, then served as Captain in the Air Force.

Jim practiced law for more than five decades. He served as a trusted servant for countless families in the Springfield area and as an attorney for the cities of Willard, Battlefield, and Mansfield, as well as board member for the Bank of Mansfield and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum.

He was a devoted member of University Heights Baptist Church and an active member of the Lions Club. Jim worked for years at the Lions Club Duck Pond at the Ozark Empire Fair, where he carefully picked out just the right prize for each child.

Jim practiced extensively in the probate court. When he arrived in the courtroom, there was no question that he would be prepared, honest and highly skilled. He had the utmost respect for the court and the court reciprocated. The entire staff had great fondness for Jim.

Though Jim took great pride in his professional accomplishments, his ultimate achievement was his family. He is survived by Sharon, his wife of 55 years, three sons, Jeff, Matt and Chris, three daughters-in-law, Angie, Stacy, and Alison and six grandchildren. He taught his children the value of honesty and integrity. They thought he was quite simply a magnificent father. Jim took great satisfaction in the fact that after his retirement, his son Chris and daughter-in-law Alison continued to operate and grow the law practice of James E. Miller, P.C.

Jim will be remembered for his dry wit, rock solid dependability and endless generosity. His clients were his friends and he cared about them as though they were part of his family. Maya Angelou once said, "I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Jim accomplished this and he will be remembered as a good, moral and upright man who made his family extremely proud.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of its member James E. Miller and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of James E. Miller be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association; that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
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IN RECOGNITION OF MATHEW W. PLACZEK

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service on the 1st day of September, 2016, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death on November 2, 2015, of one of its distinguished members, Mathew W. Placzek.

Matt was born on November 27, 1945, in Westfield, Massachusetts. Prior to attending college, he served as a noncommissioned officer in the United States Army. He graduated from Clark University in Massachusetts in 1969 and then received his law degree with honors (Order of the Coif) from Washington University in St. Louis in 1973.

After graduating from law school, Matt moved to Springfield where he practiced law for 42 years in several firms, including at Placzek & Francis with his partner of 21 years, William W. Francis, Jr. In 2010, he founded Placzek Winget & Placzek, where he finished his distinguished legal career.

During his professional career, Matt enjoyed representing clients from all walks of life. He was willing to take on difficult or unpopular cases if he perceived an opportunity to pursue justice for a client. He practiced law with fearlessness, intense focus and seemingly boundless energy. He viewed the law as a means for achieving justice and was particularly proud of cases in which systemic changes occurred as a result of his efforts.

Matt was a mentor to young attorneys with whom he worked, providing hands on experience in the courtroom and encouragement to think outside the box. He authored numerous publications and lectured on topics relevant to civil litigation.

Matt was passionate about conservation, hunting, fishing, and watching his champion Spurs basketball team. He had an appreciation for the world and people around him and traveled enthusiastically to all seven continents.

Matt is survived by his college sweetheart and wife of 46 years, Ellen; their six children: Christa Placzek, Jenifer Placzek, Laura Luehr, Sarah Donelan, Gregory Placzek and Mathew L. Placzek; and many grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of Mathew W. Placzek and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of Mathew W. Placzek be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association; that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit; and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES K. "JIM" PREWITT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in a Memorial Service on September 1, 2016, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the July 3, 2016 death of one of its distinguished members, James K. "Jim" Prewitt.

Though he is probably best known for serving more than twenty-six years on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, and for his succinct, thoughtful opinions, Jim made a name for himself early in life as being a smart, kind, and humble man, the most dependable of friends, and a devoted husband. He was known as both fair and gracious.

Jim was born January 13, 1936, in California, Missouri. Jim was raised in Waynesville, Missouri, where he was well known as an all-around athlete. He especially excelled in basketball. His friends delight in telling the story of when Jim entered a campus building with a (later) popular MU basketball player and coach, who noticed girls seeming to smile and giggle when he passed. The player, basking in their attention, decided to approach some of the girls and asked if they knew who he was. One of the girls looked puzzled and giggled, she said, "well, we don't know who you are but we are from Waynesville and we know who Jimmy Prewitt is - the Waynesville kid!" It was at MU that Jim met and married Jean Sheffield, the love of his life. You can hardly think of Jim without thinking of a funny story involving Jean and Jim. They lived life to the fullest.

His photographic memory and ability to quickly and succinctly decide issues are now folklore among his former law partners and opponents, but at the beginning of law school Jim took his classmates by surprise. One of his close friends told the story of the classic law school orientation speech where first-year students are told, "look to your right, look to your left, only one in three will succeed in law school." One of Jim's classmates remarked to his friend that it would not be Jim remaining - he incorrectly assumed that athletics and academic success were incompatible. Jim proved him wrong.

Jim graduated with top honors and was a member of the prestigious Order of the Coif. One of his study group peers remembers the leader of the group briefing cases with pages and pages of notes. The leader looked over at Jim's briefs and noticed that Jim had gleaned complicated cases to three lines. During law school, Jim continued to show his prowess as an athlete and good friend. He was known as a great pool and card player. At the same time, one of his closest friends suffered a debilitating injury that might have prevented him from attending classes. Jim picked him up (sometimes literally) daily for classes, carried his bag and ensured that the friend would be able to attend classes. A lifelong friendship ensued.

After his successful law school career, Jim began his career at what was then the Sebree, Shook, Hardy & Ottman firm in Kansas City. He moved to Springfield in 1960, where he was a partner with Miller, Fairman, Sanford, Carr & Lowther. He founded the firm of Prewitt, Jones, Wilson & Karchmer in 1968. He engaged in the general practice of law, traveling all over southwest Missouri trying cases. Again, Jim was known for being able to quickly and succinctly bring the law to the court's attention. More than one of his friends remembers a trial where Jim said, "Judge, I think such-and-such case is right on point. I believe you can find it on such-and-such page." No one remembers him being wrong about the case or the page number.

While on the Court, Jim was the author of many important cases. He always aimed to get the law right and see that justice was served. In cases where Jim did not agree with the majority of the judges on the Court, he was not afraid to author dissents and always did so in a courteous manner. In addition to his work on the Court, Jim was the author of "Attractive Nuisance Doctrine in Missouri," 29 Missouri Law Review 24 (Winter 1964); Lecturer, Missouri Bar CLE Program "Creditor-Debtor Relationships" 1975; Lecturer, Missouri Bar CLE Program "Missouri Appellate Practice," 1981. Jim was Chairman, Board of Air Pollution Appeals, City of Springfield, 1969-1974. He was especially proud of being a member of a six-judge Commission that re-districted the Missouri House of Representatives and Senate following the 2000 census, and he worked tirelessly on the project. He was a member of the Missouri Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline of Judges, 1996-2001; the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association (Board of Directors, 1971-1973); the Missouri Bar; and the American Bar Association - Judicial Administrative Section.

After Jim's retirement from the Court, Jim and Jean took up full-time residence in Indian Wells, California, where Jean continues to reside.

Jim's 60-year partnership with Jean produced three daughters and seven grandchildren. Julie Kramschuster (Paul), Jill Smull, and Janis Prewitt (Tom Auner). His grandchildren are T. J. Auner, Kathryn Auner, Amelia Prewitt, Eleanor Prewitt-Thomas, Robert Smull, Jillian Kramschuster and Sharon Kramschuster. Jim's sister, Kay Lynch (Tom), resides in Waynesville. His daughter, Janis, and his grandson, T.J., followed in Jim's footsteps. Jim is truly missed as a great lawyer, Judge, friend, mentor, grandfather, father and husband.

Jim and Jean loved traveling together and were rarely apart. Jean often traveled with Jim for court business around the State. They both enjoyed playing cards and entertaining friends, even putting a croquet court on their property. Jim was always friendly and humble, never boastful. He had a treasure trove of stories that he was glad to share. He was happy with what he had and never yearned for more. Jim never met a stranger and never had salt on his margarita. No one was safe, even if behind Jim, if he was hitting a golf ball. He was a Mizzou fan, followed the Cardinals and Royals, and became a Lakers fan with Jean. He truly was "one of the good guys." It is impossible to repeat the many stories that Jim told or that his friends remember; it is also impossible to talk about Jim without a smile on your face.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of James K. "Jim" Prewitt and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of James K. "Jim" Prewitt be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association: that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
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IN RECOGNITION OF KENNETH H. REID

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, in a memorial service on the 1st day of September, 2016, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death on January 7, 2016, of one of its distinguished, longtime members, Kenneth H. Reid. Kenneth was born January 20, 1923, to Claude and Bernice Reid of Aurora, Missouri. He graduated as Valedictorian of his Aurora High School class of 1940 and enrolled that fall at the University of Missouri. In 1942, Kenneth put his studies on hold to do what his generation did--serve his country.

Kenneth admirably served his country as an Army officer in a Field Artillery Battalion in Europe. Following VE Day, he committed to another year with the Army that organized and operated a leave center for Allied Forces in Germany known as the Berchtesgaden Recreation Area.

Kenneth resumed his studies at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and graduated from the School of Law in 1948. He returned to Southwest Missouri and began practicing law with the late Judge A. P. Stone. He recalled that Judge Stone gave him Saturday afternoon off for his wedding and honeymoon. After Judge Stone ascended to the appellate bench, he joined his longtime friend and partner, Meredith Turner, and formed a firm that is now known as Turner, Reid, Duncan, Loomer & Patton, P.C. That firm recently celebrated its 65th year in existence. Kenneth continued with that firm until his retirement. However, Kenneth never really retired. He remained a source of inspiration, knowledge, and encouragement to scores of attorneys who benefitted from his mentorship until shortly before his death.

During his professional career, Kenneth was active in the Greene County Bar Association (now the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association) and the Missouri Bar Association. He was particularly proud of serving on the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions.

In addition to the memberships to numerous bar organizations, Kenneth was a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and was honored by the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association in 2009 with their annual Distinguished Attorney Award. He was a member of First and Calvary Presbyterian Church and a charter member of Twin Oaks Country Club.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Jeannette. He is survived by his son David and friend Marla Marshall of Springfield, daughter Sally Cox and husband Ken of Coppell, Texas, Diane Orth and husband Neil of Kansas City, numerous grandchildren, and two greatgrandchildren.

Kenneth will always be remembered and respected for his work ethic, integrity, and generosity. He instilled that behavior in those who had the privilege of working with him. He will always be remembered for his statement, "It takes a long time to develop a good reputation and a very short time to lose it."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of Kenneth Reid and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of Kenneth Reid be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association: that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE
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IN RECOGNITION OF DEVON F. SHERWOOD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, in a Memorial Service on the 1st day of September, 2016, expresses its profound and deep sorrow upon the death of one of its distinguished members, Devon F. Sherwood.

Devon F. Sherwood passed away at his home in Springfield, MO on March 23rd, 2016. He was born on Father's Day, June 20th, 1943 in Hannibal, MO to Malcolm and Virginia D. Sherwood.

In the spring of 1948, he moved to Branson, MO with his family and graduated from Branson High School in 1961. He continued his education at the University of Missouri in Columbia, attaining a B.A. in History in 1965 and his Juris Doctorate in 1968.

After passing the Missouri bar examination in 1968, he worked with Louis Cowan in the Woodruff Bldg. He established his own law firm in 1972, and he later, with Loren Honecker and Richard Bender, formed the law firm of Sherwood, Honecker and Bender. Their law office was located on the square in downtown Springfield for many years. In 1974, Devon received the Missouri Bar's Lon O. Hocker award, an award given annually to an outstanding young trial attorney. At the time of his passing, Devon was in his 49th year of practicing law. He was a highly skilled trial attorney who was well regarded by his peers, and had a commanding, even intimidating, presence in the courtroom. The focus of Devon's practice was criminal defense, family law, and divorce. He was rated AV by Martindale-Hubbel, and he was given a preeminent 5-star rating by his peers at Lawyers.com. He was a member of the Missouri Bar, the American Association for Justice (formerly known as the Association of American Trial Lawyers), the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, and the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association.

Devon enjoyed restoring old cars, watching movies, bowling, and stamp-collecting. He was passionate about history, particularly that of Germany and World War II, contract bridge, and . . . winning. Devon was always a tough competitor, and he attained the rank of Ruby Life Master with the American Contract Bridge League. He loved animals. He loved the women in his life. He was a fierce protector of, and advocate for, his children and grandchildren, and his clients. He was a loyal friend to many. He was deeply loved, and he will be missed.

Devon is survived by two daughters, Dr. Leslie Sherwood of Kentucky and Jennifer Schneider of Indiana, and one son, Stuart Sherwood of Ohio. He is also survived by grandsons Hayden and Carter, and by a granddaughter, Taylor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association does hereby recognize the accomplishments of Devon F. Sherwood and adopts this Resolution to preserve and perpetuate the esteem in which he was held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial resolution in recognition of Devon F. Sherwood be retained in the archives of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association; that a copy be filed with the Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit; and that a copy be delivered to his family with the condolences of the members of the association.



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