

# 100<sup>th</sup> Bar Memorial Service honors 65 lawyers

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The Mississippi Bar and the Mississippi Supreme Court on Tuesday, Oct. 17, paid tribute to 65 Mississippi lawyers who died during the past year.

A white candle was lit as each name was read during the 100<sup>th</sup> annual Bar Memorial Service in the Old Supreme Court Chambers at the State Capitol in Jackson. Mississippi Supreme Court Presiding Justice William L. Waller Jr. of Jackson presided over the gathering of judges, lawyers, friends and family members.

Mississippi Bar President C. York Craig Jr. of Jackson in his eulogy said, "What noble men and women, who gave their lives in service to others....They were lawyers, legislators, judges, Sunday School teachers, avid sports fans, little league baseball coaches, husbands, wives, grandfathers." Craig said, "We have a wonderful and noble profession, and your loved ones did their part to preserve it, and for that I am so grateful."

Among those honored were two retired Supreme Court justices, a former Supreme Court administrator, a former circuit judge, a former federal magistrate judge and a former Mississippi Bar president.

Mississippi Supreme Court Justice Jess H. Dickinson of Gulfport, in a response for the Court, said those who were honored Tuesday "assumed upon their shoulders the burdens and problems of society. They took up the causes of the weak and disadvantaged, the single mothers and the children, the mentally incompetent and the aged and the injured, and even the outcasts. Their love of the profession and their commitment to justice was the only hope for so many who were represented by these dedicated lawyers."

Memorial Committee Chair George Fair of Jackson presented a memorial resolution which read, in part, "While we deeply mourn the deaths of our dear friends and colleagues, we joyfully celebrate their lives and accomplishments in their community and in the noble profession of the law. Their tireless dedication to justice has enriched the lives of all of us."

Here is a list of the names of the deceased, their hometowns and bar admission dates:

George F. Adams	Tupelo, MS	Admitted 1950
William Brooks Alexander, Jr.	Cleveland, MS	Admitted 1948
Charles E. Allen, III.	Picayune, MS	Admitted 1979
James Edward Allen	Jackson, MS	Admitted 1959
Dan R. Anders	Carrollton, GA	Admitted 1958
James W. Backstrom	Ocean Springs, MS	Admitted 1967
C. Richard Benz, Jr.	Greenwood, MS	Admitted 1987
Claude V. Bilbo, Jr.	Pascagoula, MS	Admitted 1973
William H. Brewer	Tupelo, MS	Admitted 1953
Allen L. Burrell	Port Gibson, MS	Admitted 1975
William Chester Butler	Eupora, MS	Admitted 1965
Natie P. Caraway	Jackson, MS	Admitted 1958
Harry L. Corban	Fayette, MS	Admitted 1949
Michael C. Corso	Jackson, MS	Admitted 1987
John Richard Countiss, III.	Jackson, MS	Admitted 1956

Philip T. Dean	Columbus, MS	Admitted 1976
Ernest Freddrick Dobbins	Leakesville, MS	Admitted 1981
James Patterson Donald	Morton, MS	Admitted 1975
Emmett Howard Eaton	Taylorville, MS	Admitted 1972
William Reynold Ford	Kosciusko, MS	Admitted 1942
Herbert R. Ginsberg	Hattiesburg, MS	Admitted 1950
James Newton Godwin	Booneville, MS	Admitted 1952
Keith A. Gragson	Greenwood, MS	Admitted 1978
John T. Green	Natchez, MS	Admitted 1949
David B. Gross, Sr.	Austin, TX	Admitted 1947
Edward R. Gross, Jr.	Diamondhead, MS	Admitted 1976
George H. Gulley, Jr.	Brookhaven, MS	Admitted 1954
John Davis Guyton	Kosciusko, MS	Admitted 1948
Michael D. Haas	Bay St. Louis, MS	Admitted 1957
Edwin Chester Hardin	Leakesville, MS	Admitted 1971
Stanley H. Hathorn	Louisville, MS	Admitted 1973
Armis E. Hawkins	Houston, MS	Admitted 1947
Stephen J. Kirchmayr, Jr.	Jackson, MS	Admitted 1972
Hiram G. Ladner, Jr.	Memphis, TN	Admitted 1941
James E. Lambert	Jackson, MS	Admitted 1978
Andrew M. Landry	Brandon, MS	Admitted 1966
William S. Lawson	Tupelo, MS	Admitted 1952
Dewie Blanton Leach	Hobbs, NM	Admitted 1950
Jerome F. Leavell	Oxford, MS	Admitted 1951
Robert Dale Lee	Natchez, MS	Admitted 1966
Newton Kelly McKoin	D'Iberville, MS	Admitted 1952
Charles O. Moore	Madison, MS	Admitted 1967
Emory Earl Morgan	Columbia, MS	Admitted 1971
Donald E. Mullen	Clinton, MS	Admitted 1958
Bobby G. O'Barr, Sr.	Ocean Springs, MS	Admitted 1958
Martha Rose Parsons	Tracy, CA	Admitted 1946
Mark Johnson Pearson	Memphis, TN	Admitted 2003
Janice B. Perreault	Pascagoula, MS	Admitted 1991
Robert A. Pritchard	Pascagoula, MS	Admitted 1956
William M. Quin	Kentwood, LA	Admitted 1987
Jimmie B. Reynolds, Jr.	Jackson, MS	Admitted 1969
Stokes V. Robertson, Jr.	Jackson, MS	Admitted 1935
Leonard Harry Rosenthal	Natchez, MS	Admitted 1962
Joseph Carryl Seaman, Jr.	Germantown, TN	Admitted 1960
Susan B. Shaw	Tupelo, MS	Admitted 1979
Ernest O. Spencer, Jr.	Jackson, MS	Admitted 1953
Thomas Harris Sullivan, Jr.	Mendenhall, MS	Admitted 1956
Lester F. Sumners	New Albany, MS	Admitted 1950
Joseph Lee Tennyson	Charleston, MS	Admitted 1964
J. Stanford Terry	Vicksburg, MS	Admitted 1948
J.B. VanSlyke, Jr.	Hattiesburg, MS	Admitted 1968
Thomas G. Wallace	Columbus, MS	Admitted 1968
Sharon S. Walters	Picayune, MS	Admitted 1983
Richard Thomas Watson	Ferriday, LA	Admitted 1950
Jack Harvey Young, Jr.	Jackson, MS	Admitted 1969

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