

Memorial Resolution

HONORABLE JAMES BEVERIDGE “BUDDY” SCOTT, JR. 1935-2019

James B. “Buddy” Scott, Jr., retired Circuit Court Judge for the 7th Judicial District, died on May 9, 2019, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mildred Kidwell Scott and his three children, James K. Scott, Annie S. Duncan and Dana S. Pemberton.

Judge Scott was a native of Charleston, West Virginia, having moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee at the age of 8 when his father went to work at the K-25 plant during World War II. After graduation from Oak Ridge High School in 1954 he attended the University of Tennessee on a football scholarship. After graduating from UT in 1958, he returned to Oak Ridge to work at the Y-12 plant, where he met his future wife. He later pursued his law degree at UT and graduated in 1965.

After law school, Judge Scott once again returned to Oak Ridge, where he first practiced law in the same building as his brother-in-law, Alan Kidwell, who later became Chancellor of the 7th Judicial District. From 1970 until 1976, Judge Scott served as an Assistant District Attorney General, first for Roane, Loudon, Blount, Meigs and Morgan counties and later for Anderson, Scott, Campbell, Union, Fentress and Claiborne counties.

In 1971, Judge Scott was elected by Anderson and Roane counties as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention, where he served as chairman of the drafting committee on taxation. In 1976, he was elected District Attorney General for the 7th Judicial District and in 1978 he was elected Circuit Court and Criminal Court Judge for the 7th District where he served for 27 years until his retirement in 2005. Thereafter, he was often designated as a special judge to hear cases in various judicial districts in east Tennessee

After retirement, Judge Scott served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Museum of Appalachia and as Chairman of the Committee of Governmental Affairs for the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce. Judge Scott was also an accomplished artist, albeit a very private one. A number of his pieces were displayed at his funeral, the first time his work had been seen outside of the family.

Judge Scott leaves a legacy of professional courtesy, fairness and justice. He held both himself and the attorneys who practiced in his court to the highest ethical standards. As a result, he was admired by the bar for the way he treated those who practiced in front him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tennessee Judicial Conference that the foregoing memorial resolution in honor of our dear departed colleague, JAMES B. “BUDDY” SCOTT, JR, be entered on the minutes of the Conference, that a copy be furnished to Thomson West Publishing Company for publication in *Tennessee Decisions* and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this tribute and resolution be furnished to his family.

Respectfully submitted this the 12th day of June, 2019 in Nashville, Tennessee at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Judicial Conference.

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