

Memorial Resolution

HONORABLE JULIAN P. GUINN

1933 - 2017

Judge Julian P. Guinn died November 14, 2017 after a short illness at the age of 84. His death brought conclusion to a long distinguished life and legal career.

He was born in Detroit in 1933 and always maintained he was a Tennessean born in absentia. He was raised and educated in Henry County. He went to work for the railroad but realized he did not want to clerk for the rest of his life and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1954. He later received a competitive non political appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy and graduated in 1958.

Following a distinguished naval officer career at many ports of call, he entered The University of Tennessee Law School in 1962 and graduated in 1965. He entered private practice and quickly built a reputation as one of the finest plaintiff lawyers in the State of Tennessee. He applied for an newly created judgeship in 1984 and was overwhelmingly elected as Circuit Court Judge for the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District part II. He served with distinction until his retirement in 2006. He always ran unopposed.

He was very active in the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association holding every office. He was elected and served as a delegate to the 1977 Tennessee Constitutional Convention. He was selected as a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation.

He was very active in the Tennessee Judicial Conference and served as a mentor for many incoming judges. He taught new judges in the Tennessee Judicial Academy and served as Dean for several years. He was well known for his case management and docket control. His dockets remained current and cases were disposed in a timely manner. He was known for efficiency.

When asked in his interview for the Bar Foundation living history project how he would like to be remembered he said, “A Judge who went to work on time and did his work as it should be done.”

He was married to Cynthia Ann Guinn who predeceased him on October 20, 2017 slightly less than one month prior to his death. In addition to his loyal friends he leaves behind three sons and a daughter and two grandchildren.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tennessee Judicial Conference on this the 13th day of June, 2018, that we honor our departed colleague Julian P. Guinn, with this resolution, which shall be entered on the minutes of this conference and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this tribute and resolution be furnished to his family.

Respectfully submitted this the 13th day of June, 2018.

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