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FRED H. CAGLE, JR. RECIPIENT OF GOVERNOR'S AWARD 2003

Fred H. Cagle, Jr.
(May 4, 1924 - December 4, 2003)

On December 12, 2003, the Knoxville Bar Association presented its highest award, The Governor's Award, to the family of Fred H. Cagle, Jr. After being selected as the recipient of this award, Fred Cagle's health declined, and he passed away only one week before he was to receive the award.

In the mid-80s when the officers of the Bar Association were considering instituting a Governor's Award, Fred Cagle was one of the persons consulted about the idea. Fred was asked his thoughts concerning instituting a high award to be given to a lawyer thought by his/her peers to be exemplary. Consideration would be given for service as an attorney and also for service in the community. The award was intended to recognize someone who might not otherwise be recognized but who was thought by his/her peers to be an excellent role model. Fred thought it would be a good idea and had some suggestions.

The reason Fred Cagle was asked about the award was because he, in fact, was one of those lawyers highly respected by peers. He was, in fact, a role model and one of those lawyers for whom the award would be appropriate.

Receiving the award, the first ever given posthumously, was his wife of 50 years, Jean. His children, David and Susan, brother, Hunter, and family friends were also present.

Fred Cagle served in World War II where he was a B-29 bomber pilot in the Pacific Theater. He later served in the Korean War. A 1950 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law, Fred practiced with the firm of Frantz, McConnell & Seymour for over 50 years. Fred Cagle received many honors. He served this Association as its President in 1970. He was elected to the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Inns of Court.

Fred's outside interests centered on his family and his church. He was a stalwart in the First Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, serving as a Sunday school teacher and elder. The presenter described Fred Cagle as an exemplary lawyer and an exemplary person deserving the Association's highest award.



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