

CHARLES CALVIN GILBERT, JR.

Charles Calvin Gilbert, Jr., was born on September 25, 1909 in Nashville. He was the son of the late Charles Calvin Gilbert and the late Alma Bradford Gilbert. He died unexpectedly on August 2, 1966 in Nashville. He was almost 57 years of age.

Charlie Gilbert's death was not only unexpected and untimely but was tragic in the extreme and a great shock to his family and many friends. At the time he died he was a patient in a local hospital where he was making a recovery from a relatively minor operation. If he had lived one more day, he would have been discharged from the hospital and removed to his home. But about 4:00 a.m. on the morning of August 2, he suffered severe burns from a fire of yet undetermined origin which occurred in his hospital room and died from such burns a few minutes later in an intensive care unit.

Charlie received his early education in the public schools of Davidson County. Later, he attended Wallace University School in Nashville where he graduated at the age of 14, having demonstrated there his exceptional alacrity of mind and ability to learn which characterized him throughout his life. After his graduation from Wallace University School, he took postgraduate work at Columbia Military Academy and in the autumn of 1926 entered Vanderbilt University. In 1930 he graduated from Vanderbilt with B.A. degree and in 1931 he received an LL.B degree from the Law School of the University. At Vanderbilt, Charlie was quite active on the campus. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta, social fraternity, a member of the Student Council, a member of Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity, and a member of a number of other organizations. He was an outstanding law student and served as President of both his Junior and Senior Law Classes.

Upon his graduation from Law School in 1931, he became associated with the firm of Aust, Cornelius & Wade and a few years later became a member of the firm of Cornelius, McKinney and Gilbert.

In 1936 he served as Assistant Commissioner of Finance and Taxation, under Governor Gordon Browning. He returned to the active practice of law in 1938.

On February 17, 1939, he married the former Mary Gould, who survives him. He is also survived by Charles C. Gilbert, III, a senior in the Vanderbilt School of Engineering, and two sisters, Mrs. J. Lillard Templeton, Sr., and Mrs. James H. Armistead, both of Nashville.

During World War II, Charlie entered the Federal Bureau of Investigation with which he served as a Special Agent until 1945.

In 1945 he returned to the practice of law for a brief period, but soon was attracted by association work. This was to be expected since his father, Charles C. Gilbert, had founded the Tennessee Manufacturers Association and had served as its executive head from more than 40 years. For a time, Charlie was Executive Director of the Tennessee Petroleum Industries Committee. Later, he became associated with the Tennessee Manufacturer's Association, the organization with which he was serving at the time of his death.

Charlie was always active in civic affairs. He was a member of the Lions Club of Nashville for over 30 years, and served as President of that organization in 1940-1941. He was also active in the old Young Men's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, popularly known as the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was also an active member of the Senior Chamber of Commerce. At the time of his death and for many years prior thereto he was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, the Cumberland Club of

Nashville, and the Vanderbilt Alumni Association.

Although Charlie was not engaged in the active practice of law when he died he retained and utilized his unusual competence as a lawyer throughout his career. A few years ago he authored a guidebook on the Law of Unemployment Compensation in Tennessee. He maintained an active interest not only in the field of unemployment compensation legislation, but in legislation and law of every character both state and national, which affected industry.

As Charlie's many friends knew, in addition to being a lawyer of exceptional ability, he was a person of the highest integrity. He was most conscientious and thoughtful, and, as one long-time friend said a few days ago, he was the type of person who was forever seeking some way of helping others. His family was a close knit one and until the death of his mother and father, the members of the family frequently gathered at the family home in McMinnville where his mother had been brought up and where his mother and father lived after his father's retirement.

Charlie kept up carefully with current events and public affairs. He was a fine citizen and could be counted on to assist in any worthwhile civic endeavor and consequently is greatly missed by the community as well as by his family and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION, That they deplore the untimely death of Charles Calvin Gilbert, Jr. and extend their sincere sympathy to his widow, Mary Gould Gilbert, his son, Charles C. Gilbert, III, and his sisters, Mrs. J. Lillard Templeton, Sr., and Mrs. James H. Armistead.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution upon adoption shall be filed with the permanent records of the Nashville Bar Association and be spread upon the "In Memoriam Book" of the Chancery Court of Davidson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be supplied to the members of the family of Charles Calvin Gilbert, Jr.

Eugene E. Russell

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Chairman
