

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

FOR

JOHN MITCHELL GRISSIM

(1927 to 2003)

John Mitchell Grissim died on August 22, 2003, at the age of 76. He was born in Tampa, Florida, on July 17, 1927, the son of James Goodner Grissim and wife, Cynthia Gardenhire Grissim.

John Grissim was a 1945 graduate of Duncan Preparatory School in Nashville, prior to serving in the U. S. Navy in 1945 and 1945. Thereafter, he graduated from Vanderbilt University with both his undergraduate degree and law degree.

John Grissim practiced in law in Davidson County for over 35 years and was a preeminent attorney, particularly in the areas of commercial real estate and municipal law. During the course of his legal career, he served for a number of years as municipal attorney for the cities of Forest Hills, Oak Hill, Goodlettsville and Berry Hill. He was past president of the Nashville Bar Association from 1969 to 1970, and helped form and establish Dialysis Clinic, Inc., a not for profit corporation with offices across the country.

A kind and gracious man, John Grissim was considered by many to be a close friend as well as their counselor or business advisor. If you asked him how he came to know so many people, he would say it was because his father built houses and the family moved every time he built and sold a home. Consequently, he would laugh and say that it seemed like he had attended every school in Nashville. He never forgot those people and those friendships, which he valued highly and enjoyed to the fullest.

Well known for his practical jokes and his humor, John Grissim also had a serious side. There was no one better to go to if a person needed help or advice. He was an attentive and thoughtful listener. Clients felt that when they talked with him, they knew he cared about their issues and their problems. Every client became his most important client, no matter how small the issue may have seemed. One of his greatest talents was his ability to make everyone he encountered feel that nothing at that point in time was more important than for him to take the time to listen and to laugh with them.

He was a hard worker, but he never expected more from others than he was willing to put forth himself. A firm believer in the "51% Rule," John Grissim believed that you should always do more than your share, but should expect and be happy with less than your share in return. His generosity of spirit brought him joy in his dealings

with others. He never forgot an act of kindness and was loyal and generous in his repayment of those acts of kindness.

Although widely respected for his abilities, he was nevertheless a humble and modest man and never sought, or even wanted, recognition for his accomplishments.

John Grissim was survived by his wife, Linda Grissim; five children, John Mitchell Grissim, Jr., Jeffrey Mathew Grissim, Jeannie Marie Grissim, Anderson Leegan Mann, and Elizabeth Mann Easterly; seven grandchildren; and a brother, James G. Grissim.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the memory of John Mitchell Grissim be preserved by this resolution, that it be spread upon the Minutes of the Chancery Court for Davidson County, and that copies hereof be furnished to his family.

Respectfully submitted,

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