

Rufus Morgan Hickey, III.

On this November 27, 1934, George H. Armistead, Jr. submitted in open court the resolutions Adopted by members of the Nashville Bar on the death of Rufus Morgan Hickey, III. Said Resolutions were read at length and the Court ordered that they be entered at large on the Memorial Volume of this Court. Said resolutions are as follows;

Rufus Morgan Hickey, III, was born at Morristown, Tennessee, on July 6, 1908. His father was Rufus Morgan Hickey, Jr. and his mother was Burke Peebles Hickey. He attended public school at Morristown, Tennessee, later going to Woodbury Forest Preparatory School at Woodbury Forest, Virginia, where he graduated in 1925. He attended the University of Virginia for two years. He received his law education at Vanderbilt University Law School and received his LLB Degree from that institution in 1930. He was admitted to the Bar in 1929, following which he began the practice of law in Nashville. He was first associated with the lawfirm of Tyne, Peebles, Henry & Tyne, J. Mac Peebles being his uncle.

He then became associated with the law firm of McGugin & Evans and remained with the succeeding firm of Anderson, Aust, McGugin & Evans, and upon the dissolution of that firm he became a member of the firm of Aust, McGugin & Hickey and was a member of the firm at the time of his sudden and untimely death on May 17, 1934.

On February 6, 1931, he was married to Katherine Killebrew. On the 11th day of December, 1933, the only child to this union was born, Katherine Wimberly Hickey. In addition to his wife and daughter he is survived by his mother and sister.

During his association with the firm of Aust, McGugin & Hickey and its predecessors he represented among other important clients, the Tennessee Electric Power Company and was an active trial attorney for that company and tried a number of cases of importance. He also did the trial work for a number of insurance companies. Mr. Hickey was an excellent legal student. He always impressed his adversary with the thoroughness with which he had prepared his cases. He always presented his arguments before both the courts and juries with the greatest force and precision which, despite his youth, gave evidence of his strong legal mind.

Mr. Hickey in choosing the profession of law followed his father who for many years was an active and able practitioner at Morristown, Tennessee. The Peebles, his ancestors on his mother's side were lawyers. He had three uncles practicing law at the time of his death, Thomas J. Peebles, Columbia, Tennessee; J. Mac Peebles of Nashville, Tennessee, and W. R. Peebles of Franklin, Kentucky.

Mr. Hickey was interested in sports and particularly golf and participated in a number of golf matches. He was a member of the Richland Golf & Country Club at Nashville, Tennessee. He was a life long member of the Methodist Church. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Early in life he evidenced not only his love for the law, but demonstrated his ability to master it. While at Vanderbilt by virtue of his high scholastic standing he won membership in the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.

Mr. Hickey was a member of the Nashville Bar & Library Association and the Tennessee Bar Association. He was always active in the activities of the Associations and at the time of his death was Secretary of the Grievance Committee of the Nashville Bar & Library Association.

Is it not better at an early hour
In its calm call to rest the weary head
While birds are singing and while blooms the bower
Than sit the fire out and go starved to bed.

Be it Therefore Resolved that in the untimely and premature death of Rufus Morgan Hickey, III, that the Nashville Bar has lost a most capable and promising young member,

the community a good and trustworthy citizen and his family a noble, faithful and dutiful son, husband and father.

Be it Further Resolved that a copy of these Resolutions be presented to the various courts in which he practiced and that they be inscribed upon the minutes provided for that purpose and that copy of said Resolutions be furnished to his mother, wife and daughter.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED)

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