

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF LEWIS DANTZLER PRIDE

Lewis Dantzler Pride - a name which immediately evokes, among those who knew him, the image of an immense figure with an omnipresent smile whose heart was as big as the frame which contained him.

To those in the legal community, Mr. Pride was known for his keen intellect, his thorough examination of the case, and his uncanny ability to explain the most complicated issue in an easy-to-understand style. Though he would don the robes of advocacy when need be, his overriding concern in each case was to see that honor and justice were done, and in this vein he would go the extra mile in his own handling of the case to see that he was accused of no impropriety and that he was abiding not only by the code of his profession but by the higher code of God Almighty. No doubt these traits won him the respect and admiration of his profession which called upon him to serve as President of the Junior Bar Conference of the Tennessee Bar Association, Chairman of the American Bar Association's Committee to extend legal services to the poor, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Nashville Bar Association.

Mr. Pride's contributions to the legal community were but a small portion of his total contribution to our community. Having come from an affluent background and having graduated from Vanderbilt Undergraduate School and Harvard Law School, it would have been easy for him to have adopted a lofty air and be unresponsive to the needs of his fellow man. Instead, he accepted the obligation of generous, responsible behavior which comes with one's high station in life and gave tirelessly of his time, talents and money.

Typical of his concern for the public interest is his tenure as State Legislator from 1963 through '65 for which he personally financed his own campaigns whereby he would not be beholden to any special interest. In addition, he served on the boards of the American Red Cross, the Nashville Symphony Association, Theatre Nashville, the Young Men's Division of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Exchange Club, Goodwill Industries, and McNeilly Day Home.

Despite this demanding schedule of professional and civic responsibilities, Mr. Pride never forsook his familial obligations, being a concerned husband and a loving father whose family, in turn, loved him because he took the time to be with them, to share their joys and sorrows, and to leave a lasting impression upon them which money could not buy.

Finally, amidst all of these accomplishments, Mr. Pride was quick to acknowledge the beneficence of God Almighty whom he served not only as a member of the Bishop's Council of the Episcopal Church and a member of the vestry of Christ Church, Episcopal, but through the daily example which he set by the life that he lived.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nashville Bar Association does hereby remember with affection its late member, Lewis D. Pride, who died on February 8, 1978, and that this resolution of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of the Association and copies be sent to his wife, Elizabeth, and to his children, Lewis D. Pride, Jr. and Harvey Eugene Pride.

Respectfully submitted,

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