

J. L. (Jack) Thompson III

Memorial Resolution

J. L. (Jack) Thompson III left this life on October 4, 2013, having been a distinguished and accomplished attorney, but more importantly a beloved husband, a devoted father, an adoring grandfather, and a compassionate and thoughtful human being.

Jack Thompson was born in Blytheville, Arkansas on August 3, 1939 and was the son of John Lemuel Thompson, Jr. and Bonita Bruce Thompson. He graduated from Blytheville High School in 1957, where he was the Student Body President.

In 1961, he graduated from Rhodes College, formerly Southwestern at Memphis, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. A leader among his peers, Jack Thompson was President of the Honor Council, member of Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Fraternity, member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, and named to *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

After receiving his LL.B. from Vanderbilt Law School in 1964, Jack Thompson was admitted to the Tennessee Bar on September 2, 1964. Before becoming a sole practitioner, he spent three years with Glasgow & Adams and three years with Lester, Hilderbrand & Nolan.

A faithful friend, in 1970 Jack Thompson served with integrity and probity as the campaign manager for Douglas Henry, Jr. for the Tennessee State Senate.

Jack Thompson would practice law for forty-eight years in Davidson and surrounding counties of Tennessee - from 1964 to 2012 -- operating a general practice, primarily in Family Law. The cornerstone of his Family Law practice was always based on his desire to help couples reconcile or cooperate in their divorce. Jack was known as a force to be reckoned with in the

courtroom. His commanding voice captured the focus of the court. Jack Thompson was a mentor to any new lawyer who asked him questions. He was known to share all his forms and methods to those who were starting out. Jack treasured the chance to mentor in all aspects of life, and his generosity was paired with good insights and a seasoned perspective.

Devoted to his family, Jack Thompson married Emma Leah Young in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 26, 1961. This joyous union produced two dutiful sons, John Scott (Beth) Thompson and John Moten (Inger) Thompson, and eighteen treasured grandchildren: Henry Wyndham, Holden James, Oliver Young, Laurel Glynn, Rosemary Clare, John Michael, John Luke, Anna Lynn, Maggie Alice, Abby O'Neal, Millie Rose, Levi Timothy, Amble Grace, Myra Gerry, Atley Nora, Molly Ann, Ezra James, and Aliza Joy.

A proud father, Jack Thompson loved to take his two sons with him to court and introduce them to the other attorneys and judges, from birth until his death. At just three weeks old, young Scott Thompson was present, sitting on the table in his infant seat, as his parents had lunch at the Satsuma Restaurant in downtown Nashville.

Jack Thompson dearly loved his two sons and greatly enjoyed one special advantage of being a sole-practitioner - being able to adjust his schedule to attend their school and sporting events.

Jack Thompson also loved the outdoors and the beautiful Tennessee countryside. The Thompsons purchased a farm in Cheatham County, Tennessee, and eventually moved their home and office there. He hunted and raised horses but those who knew him thought he was most content on the tractor. Countless friends and visitors enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of Thompson Farm over the years on picnics and outings. Jack was never shy about asking guests to help on the farm. If you did not help, you did not eat. Jack was as equally adept with a chain

saw as he was in court and the results were usually the same. He was impressive in whatever he did. He was a man's man and a Lawyer's lawyer.

An elder at Christ Presbyterian Church; Jack Thompson had a great desire to serve the Lord and participated in world mission trips to twenty different countries as a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church of America.

Jack Thompson was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, friend, farmer, Boy Scout leader, church elder, and attorney. Perhaps his greatest joy in life was spending time with his eighteen grandchildren who adored him, including granddaughter Anna Thompson who put her love for him in song with Grandpa's Song, which includes a chorus that says "He'd say be a man, get a plan, or you're not a man at all. And work hard, do something, even if it's wrong. That's what I remember, growing up with my Grandpa".

Jack Thompson was a distinguished attorney who definitely had a plan and worked hard in his every endeavor. Seldom do gentlemen of his stature walk among us and it highly appropriate that we pay respectful tribute to the memory of Jack Thompson.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Nashville Bar Association, solemnly express our profound appreciation and gratitude for the life and work of J. L. (Jack) Thompson III. We recognize and honor his contributions to his family, his friends, our profession, and this community.

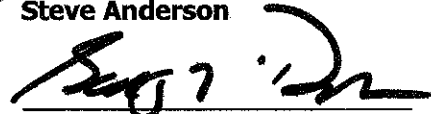
NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned members of the committee designated to memorialize the life and memory of J. L. (Jack) Thompson III, respectfully make motion to this Honorable Chancery Court for the Twentieth Judicial District of Tennessee that this resolution be accepted and spread upon the pages of the "In Memoriam" minute book kept for that purpose,


to the end that the memory of our friend and colleague will forever be perpetuated in the permanent record of the profession he served so long and so well.

Respectfully submitted, on this the 15th day of April, 2014, by the "J. L. (Jack) Thompson III Memorial Committee": Douglas Henry, Steve Alexander, George Davis, and Bill Scott.


Douglas Henry


Steve Anderson


George Davis


Bill Scott

ENTERED:



CHANCELLOR