

JOHN CHILDRESS TUNE

R E C I T A L S:

The lawyers of the Nashville Bar Association are gathered on this November 15, 1983 to pay our deep respect and tribute to the memory of our beloved brethren, John Childress Tune, who passed to his eternal rest on April 13, 1983 at the age of 51 years.

John Childress Tune was born in Nashville on July 16, 1931 the son of John D. and Harriett Childress Tune. He was the oldest child and only son of that family and had four devoted sisters, Jean, Ellen, Adair and Ethel. Upon graduation from Vanderbilt University he married Carolyn Norman, the daughter of a true giant in the legal world-Jack Norman, Sr., whose reputation as a great lawyer was widely know. The love of Jack Norman and his wife, Carrie, fro their son-in-law grew immensely over the year and their pride in him signaled the moulding and growth in the development of John Tune's character and strength of person over the years.

John and Carolyn Tune had three fine sons, John (known as Jet), Julian and David, of whom they were rightfully proud and devoted. John Tune was a good family man and always placed his wife and children first and foremost in his sense of importance. It is great heritage and family tradition which he leaves to these young men and for which they are rightfully proud.

Few can understand how John Tune had the time or energy to accomplish so much in his lifetime. His achievements were vast in number. Before becoming a lawyer, and while still at a very young age, he had become a well recognized and successful businessman in the automobile industry. He possessed an enormous knowledge of the world of automobile sales and the workings of that complex industry. He could easily have remained in that role in life and enjoyed the rewards that would have followed with ease. Yet there were greater challenges for John Tune and he sought those in the profession he treasured--the law. In being a lawyer, John found the means to work with and for people, to be able to communicate his philosophies of life, and to reach that certain fulfillment in his ability to come to the aid of those who sought his services. John had a special place in his heart for his law partners and associates in the firm of Tune, Entekin, and White. He was very proud of his role in developing this firm and its members were likewise proud to be associated with him.

It was not long before the lawyers throughout this State recognized the talent, leadership qualities and integrity of John C. Tune. He served as President of the Barristers Club, as chairman and member of numerous Bar committees, as a lecturer in continuing legal education seminars, as a board member of Legal Services of Nashville, as a trumpet player in the Lawyers Band, a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, as an officer and board member of the Nashville Bar Asspciation, and at his untimely death was near to completing his term as President of the Tennessee Bar Association. It

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was always John's professional goal to improve the public image of lawyers, to communicate the importance of the law to all citizens, and to advance the moral and ethical standards of his profession.

But John Tune's accomplishments in life went far beyond his business and professional successes. He had a burning devotion to improve the quality of life in the community in which he lived and he responded by giving tirelessly of his talent, time and energy to making Nashville a better place for all people. Among his civic accomplishments, he was President and Board member of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, a chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank, a President of the American Cancer Society, and served on the Boards of the Cumberland Museum and Science Center, the Nashville Symphony Association, Leadership Nashville, the University of Tennessee at Nashville, and the Boy Scouts of America. In addition, he was the founder and chairman of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority which has become such a dynamic and important part of the Nashville environment.

One cannot think of John Tune without giving consideration to his achievements in and the personal fulfillment he had as a member of the United States Air Force and Tennessee Air National Guard where he progressed from the rank of Private in 1949 to the position of Brig. General, during which time he served as Command Pilot and as a leader in the Jet Acrobratic Team for the Tennessee Air Guard. John loved flying and the beauty of the open sky which had no boundaries; such exemplifying his own life in which the desire to excel and to do good for his fellow man likewise was open and without boundary.

John Tune was above all things a gentleman who shared his life with others and from whom there flowed much compassion, love and charity. He was a man who did not flatter wealth, cringe before power or boast of possessions or achievements, who appeared well in any company, always sincere in his opinion and relationships with others, and to whom honor was sacred and virtue safe.

Now, therefore, it is respectfully moved by this Committee that the foregoing Resolution dedicated to the memory of John Childress Tune be duly adopted by this the Nashville Bar Association, and that the Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Asspciation with a copy presented to his loving family, all as evidence of the respect and devotion the membership of this Association has for the memory of John C. Tune.

Respectfully submitted,

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