

## **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

**FOR**

**CHARLES HILL BEATY**

CHARLES HILL BEATY, known as "CHARLES HILL" to his family and friends and simply as "CHARLES" to many of his fellow members of the Bar, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 12, 2015 in Gallatin, Tennessee at the age of 66. He was born in Sumner County over at Portland on March 11, 1949, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randolph Beaty.

Raised in Portland and a graduate of Portland High School, he received his undergraduate degree from Austin Peay in 1970 and his law degree from the University of Tennessee in 1973. He opened his office in Gallatin soon thereafter and practiced law there for over 40 years.

Although he principally practiced law in the upper Cumberland, he was a member of the Nashville Bar Association.

He married Montee Kittrell of Gallatin on December 21, 1973 and they had three sons, Jonathan, Eric and Seth. They had four grandchildren. They all survive him.

Charles was a Democrat. Heavily involved with the Democratic Party, he served as a delegate to the 1992 Democratic National Convention and ran for the State Senate that year. In 1994, he was appointed as interim Criminal Court Judge for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District by his political hero, Governor Ned Ray McWherter.

Charles was a physically large man. He took up a lot of space. He was a mountain of self-confidence. When he spoke and gave you that "look", it left an impression on you.

That, together with his wit and booming voice, made him a formidable adversary in the Courtroom and memorable to everyone he met.

His untimely death came as quite a shock to one old lawyer in Nashville because he first knew Charles as a young lawyer in the 1970's and to him, he was much too young to die. Referred to him by Tom Goodall and Charles Bone, the first time he met him, Charles was "rared" back in his chair with his leg propped up on the side of his desk, talking non-stop.

When you met Charles, the first question most people asked was "Did you play football?" and his reply was quick and to the point: "Naw, I played in the band!"

Charles was a saxophonist who loved "oldies", was an avid reader, a prolific story/joke teller and a great bridge partner. He obtained his pilot's license in 1971 and enjoyed flying. He loved classic cars, especially 1957 Chevy's.

During his professional career, he owned First Sumner Title which, as you could guess, later became Beaty Title Company.

No shrinking violet, he was quick to answer and end it with "that look".

Always ready with a one-liner, he was quick to point out at social functions that he was not a dancer. He said that as a member of the Church of Christ, they always told me that dancing would lead to "other things". Well, I tried it and it didn't work. So, I don't dance".

A real estate attorney, commercial real estate developer and advocate for the less fortunate, he was a large man with a bigger heart. His most endearing trait was his loyalty. If you were a friend of Charles Hill's, you had a friend for life.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nashville Bar Association that we honor the life and work of Charles Hill Beaty and mourn in his passing the loss of a good and loyal friend and able lawyer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Memorial Resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Association and entered in the "In Memoriam" Minute Book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee and that copies thereof be furnished to Charles Hill's family.

Enter this the 19th day of November in the year of our Lord 2015, being the 240<sup>th</sup> year of American Independence.

  
CHANCELLOR

Respectfully submitted,

  
DAVID YOUNG PARKER

MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
FOR CHARLES HILL BEATY