

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
IN HONOR OF
THOMAS PATRICK WALL, JR.
May 9, 1915 - March 19, 1996

After finishing his preparatory education in his native city of Providence, Rhode Island, Mr. Wall entered Notre Dame University. He was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, *magna cum laude*, with a major in the Latin Classics. He then came to the Law School at Vanderbilt in 1940 on a scholarship to assist in the translation of the Theodosian Code. At the end of his second year, he applied for and took the Tennessee Bar Examination. This was permitted under a rule of the Supreme Court that allowed applicants to qualify for the Bar after completion of two years of study in a recognized law school and one year under instruction in the office of an attorney. Mr. Wall had taken such a tutelage under the late E. J. Walsh, who issued the required certificate of completion.

After successfully completing the bar examination and being admitted to practice in 1942, Mr. Wall became associated with Tom Ed Murray, Fred Elledge and John Lynch. His practice was interrupted by a call to active duty as a commissioned officer in the Navy. His wartime experience included service at sea on a submarine chaser. At the end of hostilities, he was relieved from active duty as a Lieutenant Commander and reverted to the Naval Reserves.

While at Vanderbilt, he met Anne Louise Eidell and they were later married at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in 1945.

After the war, Mr. Wall and his wife took up residence in Cambridge when he entered the Law School at Harvard to complete his

formal legal education, although a member of the Bar. He received his Bachelor of Law degree in 1948.

When Mr. Wall returned to Nashville, he entered the office of the late Ed Smith, who was a prominent member of the Bar and widely regarded for his scholarship. After Mr. Smith's death, Mr. Wall assisted in carrying out the bequest of the Smith law library to the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

In due course, Mr. Wall opened his law office on the Eleventh Floor of the Sudekum Building. He practiced as a sole practitioner principally in civil matters, including federal taxation and was frequently consulted by other attorneys. He was also knowledgeable about the law of foreign land holdings and travelled to Latin American countries in respect to such matters.

Early on, Mr. Wall became interested in politics as a member of the Republican party and contributed to its development on a state-wide basis. He was the Republican nominee for the Congress, the Senate and Governor.

He was an active member of the Woodmont Kiwanis Club and Freolac Club and frequently presented interesting papers and programs to these groups.

For many years, Mr. and Mrs. Wall and their family spent the summers at their lovely home and farm on the mountain overlooking the village of Woodstock in Vermont.

Mr. Wall was endowed with a brilliant mind, and he remained a student throughout his life. Even more, his character was beyond reproach. He was a gentleman of great charm and grace even though he bluntly stated his convictions.

He was a faithful communicant of the Cathedral of the Incarnation and extraordinarily generous to others, both of his time and means.

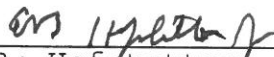
Mr. Wall and his beloved wife were blessed with six children. Mrs. Wall, fondly known as Jimmie within the family and to their friends, predeceased him. He is survived by his daughters, Margaret Mary Ross, Ann Elizabeth Christeson, Brigid Louise Yeager; and sons, Thomas Patrick, III, John Gerald, Michael Anthony; and thirteen grandchildren.

His son Thomas Patrick, III, and sons-in-law Cecil Ross and Wayne Christeson are members of the Bar.


We have been honored and blessed by the life of Thomas Patrick Wall, Jr. In his death we have sustained a great loss because his life served as a rare model. He was a modern-day Thomas More, if you please, in his service to God, his work as a lawyer, his participation in the affairs of our community and country and his devotion to his family.

By this resolution we honor his memory and membership in this Association.

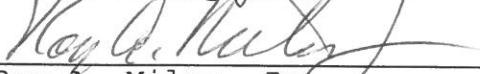
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