IN MEMORIAM
J. VICTOR BARR, JR.

On Wednesday afternoon, November 5, 1975, J. Victor Barr, Jr. died at the age of sixty-four years. His death brought to an end a very active life as a practicing attorney here in Nashville, covering a period of more than thirty-eight years.

He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the son of J. Victor Barr, Sr. and Florence Drake Barr. He received his education from Hume Fogg High School, Vanderbilt University and the YMCA Law School where he was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence.

On August 26, 1937, he was admitted to practice law before the Tennessee Supreme Court, and shortly thereafter he began the active practice of law which continued over the years until his death. In recent years he was associated with Judge Robert Murphy, Neill S. Brown, James C. McBroom, and his son, James V. Barr III, in the practice of law. It was his greatest joy and satisfaction to be able to practice law with his son and to see him develop. This special pleasure for him radiated and was clearly evident without even a spoken word.

Mr. Barr was married in Nashville to Mary Maddy in 1943, and from this union came three daughters and a son. He was a sincere and devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church over the years. He was active in the civic affairs of this community and among other organizations, he was a longtime Civitan and the first President of the Green Hills Civitan Club. He was a member of the Nashville Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, serving as Secretary-Treasurer thereof from 1956-1960, Nashville and Tennessee Trial Associations, and the Association of Trial Lawyers Association of America.

These are merely statistics which only partially tell the life's story of our departed friend, J. Victor Barr, Jr., and fail to give the true account of his life. His mind and character was such that the most important things to him were his family, his church, his friends, his community and nation. What man or woman among us could have better values or purposes in life? His devotion and service to the law merely served and supported these overriding interests that came from his mind and heart.

He always had the time to be a devoted and ever-loving son, husband and father, for his day to day life revolved around his loved ones. He was dedicated in his belief in God and sincerely believed that his own welfare was related closely to that of his family, community and nation. His quiet courage was a central part of his being. In earlier years, he served with distinction in the Army Air Force in World War II, and was among those other brave men who walked with history when he saw, while in China, the legendary General Johnathan Wainwright rescued from the Japanese. His refreshing spirit of friendliness coupled with his special personality to attract friends made him particularly special to his friends, fellow lawyers and judges.

Victor really lived his life always in close harmony with his principles, purposes and interests, and he had the courage to so live with them with the grace of a gentleman. He was one of our ablest advocates before the State and Federal Courts, and he had the quality of becoming the friend as well as the lawyer of his clients, and they considered him the best attorney in the state. That is the real test of an outstanding lawyer.

Now that Victor has crossed the river and is resting in the shade of the trees in heaven above, we must say farewell to a good and loyal brother member of this Bar. His life and friendships have helped us all to become better persons and nobler lawyers.

Therefore, with sadness in our hearts, but with gratitude for a life that has taught us much, we must say fare thee well for now;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association that these words and thoughts shall memorialize the passing of J. Victor Barr, Jr. in token of which this resolution shall be spread upon the permanent records of the Association, and copies thereof shall be sent to the members of his bereaved family.

Neill S. Brown, Chairman
Roy A. Miles, Sr.
David C. Rutherford,
Members of Committee

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