

Memorial Resolution
Betty Fowlkes Boner

Betty Fowlkes Boner, a long-time member of the Nashville Bar, died at her home on March 19th of this year.

Betty was a home-grown Tennessean, having spent her early years raised on Historic Carnton Plantation in Franklin, Tennessee. She attended Franklin High School and graduated from Centre College in nearby Danville, Kentucky, where in addition to being an excellent student, she was homecoming queen. Upon graduation, Betty felt the urge to help others and became a teacher of math, religion, and Tennessee history at Brentwood Academy. Betty furthered her desire to help people with disabilities by working at The Arc of Davidson County.

Not fully satisfied with her career path, Betty attended the Nashville School of Law, obtaining her J.D. degree in 1980. Betty's legal career also kept her close to Nashville where she served as law clerk for the Honorable Gil Merritt on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Betty started practicing with the Nashville law firm of Shipley & Behm, but soon moved to a career of public service, becoming an attorney with the Department of Law for the Metro Government. Betty extended her service, working for the State as general counsel to the TennCare program.

Betty was devoted to her family, her friends, and the many animals that she took in to her home. She had grown up with animals of all kinds, gaining recognition as a consummate equestrian. Betty mastered western-style horseback riding, barrel racing, and she participated in various rodeos and dressage competitions.

There was never a stray or injured animal that would not find a welcome from Betty – from the traditional stray dogs and cats to snakes, lizards, and even spiders. Betty was also devoted to her son, Eric.

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 Betty Fowlkes Boner. We recognize and honor her contributions to her family, her friends, the profession, the State, and her community. We mourn her death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this memorial resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Nashville Bar Association and entered in the "In Memoriam" Minute Book of the Chancery Court for Davidson County and that copies of this resolution be furnished to the members of the Betty Fowlkes Boner family.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of November, 2013.

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Chancellor