

GARY DEWAYNE BUCHANAN

Whereas, Gary Dewayne Buchanan was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on February 21, 1954; and

Whereas, he attended and graduated from Norman Binkley Elementary School, Overton High School, and Middle Tennessee State University; and

Whereas, he received the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Duke in 1979; and

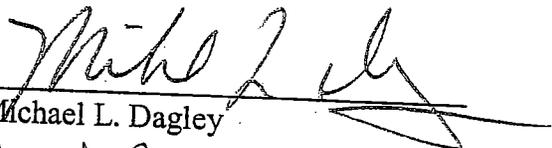
Whereas, Mr. Buchanan was an outstanding attorney who represented handicapped children with special educational needs, and was a nationally recognized authority in the area of special education and handicapped law; and

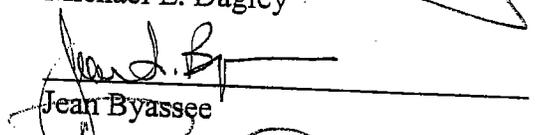
Whereas, Mr. Buchanan was devoted to his family, survived by his wife, Linda; his parents Mary Jane and James Buchanan; and his sister, Luann Hutchinson; and

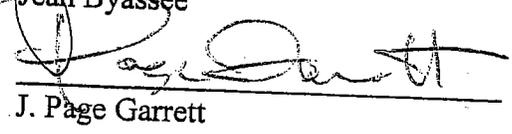
Whereas, by his untimely death on January 9, 2002, Mr. Buchanan was grieved by his family, colleagues, clients and friends, and will be missed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the memory of Gary Dewayne Buchanan be preserved by this resolution, that it be spread upon the minutes of the Chancery Court for Davidson County, and that a bound copy be furnished to his family.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael L. Dagley

  
Jean Byassee

  
J. Page Garrett

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Gary Dewayne Buchanan was born on February 21, 1954, in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Mary Jane and James Buchanan. He attended Norman Binkley Elementary School and Overton High School in Nashville. In 1972 he enrolled at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro and graduated in 1976, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. Mr. Buchanan received the Norman Parks Award in Political Science as the outstanding student in the Political Science Department in 1976. He also was a member of the MTSU Debate Team with an outstanding intercollegiate debate record, earning individual and team awards in tournaments all across the country and being named to the MTSU Debate Hall of Fame.

Mr. Buchanan enrolled in Duke Law School in Durham, North Carolina in 1976 on an academic scholarship and graduated in 1979, earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. Mr. Buchanan was an outstanding student at Duke and graduated near the top of his class.

Mr. Buchanan began practicing law as an attorney in Nashville with King & Ballow and then served the Tennessee General Assembly as a Sessions Attorney. From 1982 onward, he selflessly devoted his career to advancing the rights of individuals with disabilities while practicing law at the Tennessee Association for Retarded Citizens, then in private practice, and finally at Tennessee Protection and Advocacy. His brilliant intellect, mastery of the field, and tenacious loyalty to his oppressed clients frequently produced seemingly miraculous results. Among the published federal court victories he secured to help special education students across the United States are Doe v. Smith, 879 F.2d 1340 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1989) cert. denied, 492 U.S. 1025 (1990); Metropolitan Gov't of Nashville v. Cook, 915 F.2d (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1990); Babb v. Knox County School Sys., 965 F.2d 104 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1992) cert. denied, 506 U.S. 941 (1992); Carroll v. Metropolitan Government, 952 F.2d 403 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1992); Krichinsky v. Knoxville County

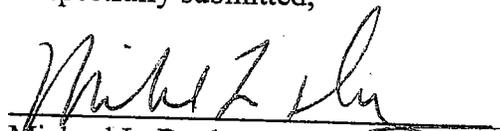
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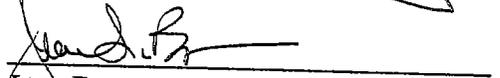
Schools, 963 F.2d 847 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1992); and Tenn. Dept. of Mental Health and Mental Retardation v. Paul B., 88 F.3<sup>rd</sup> 1466 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996).

Mr. Buchanan was unpretentious and kind, a true gentleman of high honor and integrity, admired and respected by his colleagues and friends. He was a gifted musician, playing the lead guitar in local bands. He was exceptionally well read. He was a great fan of concerts, film and Duke basketball. Mr. Buchanan was also blessed with a wonderful sense of humor.

Mr. Buchanan died in Nashville on January 9, 2002, survived by his wife, Linda, his parents Mary Jane and James Buchanan, and his sister Luann Hutchinson. Gary Buchanan was a unique and priceless asset to his clients, his colleagues, his family, and the community. We are diminished that he is no longer with us.

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