

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
Honorable Elmer David Davies, Jr.

Judge Elmer Davies was born in Nashville, Tennessee on September 2, 1926.

Judge Davies began high school at the Wallace School, but after one year the school closed and he attended MBA where he played football. He finished his high school at Peabody, but during his senior year in high school, he also attended Vanderbilt University where he joined the Sigma Chi fraternity. While at Vanderbilt, Judge Davies joined the Navy V12 Program and was transferred to the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. From there, he was transferred to the University of Oklahoma where he graduated in 1946 and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corp.

Judge Davies resigned his commission and enrolled at Vanderbilt University Law School where he attended two years. During his second year of law school, Judge Davies decided that he wanted to practice in Louisiana. As a result, he transferred to Tulane Law School for his final year. Upon graduation, Judge Davies began practicing law in Shreveport, Louisiana. In 1950 the Korean War broke out, and Judge Davies reapplied to the Marine Corp in a reserve rifle company based in Shreveport, Louisiana. His commission was reinstated, and he served as a legal officer in California. Upon his discharge from the Marine Corp, Judge Davies returned to Nashville, Tennessee where he began practicing for the firm of Waller, Davis and Lansden. In 1954, Judge Davies was elected as County Attorney for Davidson County. He held that position until 1957, serving as the last County Attorney for Davidson County when the County voted to become a Metropolitan Government. Immediately thereafter, Judge Davies went to work for Bolt, Hunt, Cummings and Connors where he practiced for several years until he began his own firm with Clay Bailey and Andrew Ewing where he founded the firm of Bailey, Ewing & Davies.

In 1953, he met Lucy Lee of Pulaski, Tennessee, daughter of Chancellor Robert E. Lee. The two met on a blind date arranged by A.B. Neil, Jr. Lucy and Elmer were married in September 1955. They had four children: Robert E. Lee Davies, Luda Elizabeth Davies, Dan Clayton Davies and Lucy Lee Treene. Judge Davies' Wife, Lucy, died at the age of forty-eight, leaving Judge Davies the responsibility of raising a seventeen year old, sixteen year old, twelve year old and ten year old.

In 1967, Judge Davies moved his family to Pulaski, Tennessee, where he started a law firm with his brother-in-law, Clayton Lee. After two years Judge Davies moved his family to Franklin, Tennessee. He served as an Assistant State Attorney General for a short period of time under David Pack, before starting a private practice in Franklin.

In 1970, Judge Davies ran as the Republican nominee for the 6th District Congressional seat. Although he was defeated, the election gave him the opportunity to campaign with Winfield Dunn who was elected Governor. In 1972 Governor Dunn appointed Elmer Davies as the District Attorney General for the 17th Judicial District. General Davies won a hotly contested election in 1972 and was reelected District Attorney General in 1974.

Judge Davies never walked away from a fight, and in 1982 when the incumbent Judge threatened to hold him in contempt, Davies dared him to do it if he was man enough. The incumbent Judge backed down, and General Davies immediately announced his candidacy for Circuit Judge in the 21st Judicial District. In another hotly contested election, Judge Davies was elected by seventy-two votes in a three-man race.

In October 1989 Judge Davies retired as Circuit Judge; however, he was far from finished living. He traveled to France where he went to school and lived for a year, spent several months on the Island of Martinique, and then returned to Miami, where he received a certification as a bar tender and took courses in hotel management. In the 1990's he began a new quest to purchase a hotel. After many months of searching, he purchased a hotel in the South Pacific in what is known as French Polynesia.

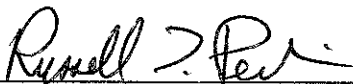
He continued to serve in the reserves of the Marine Corp and retired in 1986 as a full Colonial.

Judge Davies passed away on November 27, 2011 at age eighty-five. He is survived by his sons, Lee Davies and Wife Robin, Dan Davies and Wife Annette, and daughters Luda Davies and Lucy Treene and Husband Eric.

Respectfully submitted this 24 day of May, 2012.

Submitted by:

Robert E. Lee Davies, Sr.


Chancellor