

LINDSEY M. DAVIS:

Lindsey M. Davis was born at Union City, Tennessee, on February 25, 1902. His father was Wm. Polk Davis and his mother was Jennie St. John. He was educated in the public schools at Jackson, Tennessee, and later on at Hume Fogg High School in Nashville, and after graduating from the latter school he entered Vanderbilt University and graduated from the Law School of that University in 1925, when he became associated with the late William Hume in the practice of his profession in Nashville.

While in Vanderbilt he was a member of the DKE Fraternity. He was a member of the Nashville Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He was a member of West End Methodist Church.

Lindsey was one of the most devoted sons any mother and father ever had. There was nothing he wouldn't do for his parents to make them comfortable and happy. He worshipped them and they worshipped him, and rightfully so.

Lindsey did not engage in the criminal practice. He specialized in the trial of law cases and was recognized as one of the outstanding trial lawyers, not only in Nashville, but in the State of Tennessee. He was a man of tireless energy and indefatigable industry, and gave his clients without stint the best of his fine ability.

His personal traits and characteristics endeared him to his friends and he manifested towards all men a spirit of cheerfulness and sympathy. He was loyal to his clients and spared neither time nor strength in his endeavors to bring their cases to a successful conclusion. He was always conscientious and was devoted to his profession.

I don't believe there was ever a lawyer in Nashville who was more friendly than Lindsey Davis. He loved his fellow lawyers and I don't believe he had an enemy among them. His word was his bond. When he told a fellow practitioner something, he could count on it. It didn't have to be reduced to writing. He was never guilty of any slick maneuvers. He was open and aboveboard.

The Bench had confidence in Lindsey and it recognized his outstanding ability. He had a wonderful practice and until he suffered a stroke about eighteen months ago, he was as active an attorney as there was in the City of Nashville. In spite of the paralysis which resulted, he came to his office almost daily. Not only that, but he would attend West End Methodist Church even though it was necessary for him to have an attendant to get him there. One Sunday, being unable to stand alone and the attendant not being present, he fell in the Church. In spite of his physical disability, he never complained. I don't recall ever having heard Lindsey complain about anything and I judge I was as closely associated with him as any attorney in Nashville. He had far more sorrow than the writer of this resolution could endure. I knew about his troubles but he never complained. He was a man in the true sense of the word.

He was interested in his fellow men and was highly sympathetic. It is known that when he would learn of some sorrow that a friend was suffering tears would come to his eyes. He never cried about his own troubles, but he did cry about the troubles of others. He would rejoice in the success of other lawyers. He derived pleasure out of aiding someone else, but asked no favors for himself. A man with the characteristics of Lindsey Davis is rarely born.

In October 1960 he suffered a second stroke from which he never recovered and he passed away on November 22, 1960, in a local hospital, survived by a son, Lindsey M. Davis, Jr., of Lexington, Kentucky, and a daughter, Marion Davis, of Orlando, Florida. The writer of this resolution hasn't the ability to express in words the love and affection that he had for Lindsey Davis. The members of this Committee were some of the best friends Lindsey had and, of course, this occasion is a sad one for us all.

RESOLVED that in the death of Lindsey M. Davis the legal profession has lost a capable and faithful servant, a true friend and one of the finest citizens in Tennessee;

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread on the memorial book of this Association.

Joseph G. Cummings,

Jack Norman,

Geo. H. Armistead, Jr.,
Chairman.