

## GEORGE W. FRANKLIN

George W. Franklin was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee on May 11, 1912 to Arthur Warren Franklin and Amanda Hazelwood Franklin. He was educated in the public schools in Fayetteville, before moving to Nashville as a young man.

He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and his law degree from what is now the Nashville School of Law. While attending law school he was employed by the United States Government, working for the Veterans' Administration.

Mr. Franklin served in the United States Army during World War II, holding the rank of private first class. Upon being honorably discharged, he worked for the American Red Cross.

He began his law practice in Nashville in 1953, working alongside Tom Coleman and one of his instructors in law school, Monty Ross. He spent most of his legal career as a sole practitioner, engaged in a general law practice. He later joined the Tennessee Commission on Aging, where he served as a legal officer for approximately 10 years. He retired from that office in 1980.

Mr. Franklin was a member of the American, the Tennessee and the Nashville Bar Associations, and was faithful to his profession.

He was a communicant of St. Henry's Catholic Church in Nashville. He was active in the American Association of Retired Persons, holding membership in that organization for 30 years and twice serving as its president. He also was active in Kiwanis, serving as his local club's president. He loved history and, having been brought up on a farm, retained a love for gardening, raising a vegetable garden each year.

George W. Franklin died November 27, 1999. He was predeceased by his parents, six brothers and two sisters. His wife, Justine B. Franklin, to whom he was married in 1954, about the time he began practicing law, survives him. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

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