JUDGE, SAMUEL JOSEPH GALLOWAY was born April 9, 1925 at Bursville, Morgan County, Tennessee. He was the son of Josie E. and George F. Galloway, a farmer. He was educated in the public schools of Morgan County, graduating from Sunbright High School in April 1943.

Shortly after High School graduation he entered the United States Army and after basic training became a member of the U. S. Army Rangers. He was in the Normandy invasion on "D-Day" and some two weeks later was taken prisoner by the Germans. Spending some 13 months in a German prisoner of war camp. In his words as to his capture, he and his squad rounded a hedge row to find themselves "staring a German tank in the face."

Upon his return home at the end of the war he entered the University of Chattanooga, later transferring to Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee. He received his B.S. degree and went on to law school, graduating in the spring of 1950. He was admitted to the Bar the same year and later in the summer became associated with the Attona Life and Casualty Co.

He was married in 1946 to the former Miss Fern Jones, also of Morgan County.

Judge Galloway practiced law privately in Nashville and was a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate in 1964. He was appointed to the General Sessions Court bench by the late Governor Frank G. Clement in 1965 succeeding Judge Thomas D. Steele who resigned.

Judge Galloway was quite a humorist and had quite a host of friends. I suppose one of the most enjoyable periods of his life was when he would have lunch with his fellow Judges and lawyer friends at the roundtable in the Stahlman Building.

One of his favorite tales involved a Justice of the Peace, who held Court in Jamestown, Tennessee and on one occasion of the local natives was arrested for chicken stealing. The sheriff took the defendant before the good squire, who upon hearing evidence from the prosecutor and the sheriff, severely admonished the defendant as appropriate back in those days, chicken stealing was a very serious offense. After thinking for a moment he found the defendant guilty and assessed the fine of $50.00 and cost in addition in ten years in the Tennessee State Penitentiary. One of the squire's Court officers said, "Judge, may I talk to you for a moment?" The good squire of course wanted to know what the problem was. The Court officer stated as follows: "Judge, you ain't got that kind of jurisdiction." Whereupon the Judge replied, "Well I've got all the jurisdiction I need; however, I now doubt the same guilt therefore I am going to pardon him."

Judge Galloway was always immaculately groomed and for years wore a red rose in his coat lapel. On an occasion when he did not have his rose he was asked the question, "Judge, what happened to your rose?" His reply was, "The first hard frost got it."

Judge Galloway died July 26, 1972, at the age of 47 years, being survived by his mother and widow, his two sons: Gregory M. Galloway, a Court Officer and fourth year law student at the Y.M.C.A.; and Roger F. Galloway, a third year medical student at University of Tennessee, Memphis; Teresa A. Galloway, an art student at Middle Tennessee State University; and Jennifer L. Galloway, a student at Glascleiff High School.

Therefore be it resolved by the Nashville Bar Association, at a Memorial Service held the 7th day of December, 1972, at the Court House. That the State of Tennessee has lost an excellent citizen, the Nashville Bar an outstanding jurist, and the people of Davidson County a loyal and faithful servant.

Be it further resolved, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Memorial Book of the Nashville Bar Association, and that a copy be sent to his wife, Mrs. Fern Jones Galloway.

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