



William Howell Forrester

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William Howell Forrester: Born November 25, 1923 in Watertown, Tennessee, to Robert L. and Christine P. Forrester. Passed away on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at age 84, after complications from pneumonia and extended battles with cancer, in his hometown of 58 years, Pulaski, Tennessee. Predeceased in death by: parents Robert and Christine Forrester; by brothers Robert L. Forrester, Jr. and G. Nelson Forrester; and by sisters Sarah Elizabeth Hawkins and Frances Hawkins Ellis. Survived by; sister Laurine F. Sargent of Nashville, Tennessee and brother Eugene P. Forrester of Washington, D.C. Also survived by four children: William Howell Forrester, Jr. (Nancy) of Ft. Rucker, Alabama; Robert Wade Forrester (Cheryl) of Pulaski, Tennessee; Michael Lee Forrester (Leslie) of Kingsport, Tennessee; and Thomas Harvel Forrester (Cindy) of Nashville, Tennessee. Also survived by nine grandchildren (William H. Forrester, III (Sarah) of Savannah, Georgia; Allie Nicholson Forrester of Charleston, South Carolina; Sunny F. Mitchell (Jeremy) of Pulaski, Tennessee; Corey Forrester, Pulaski, Tennessee; Mary Michael, Anna and Julia Forrester of Kingsport, Tennessee; and Phillip and Meredith Forrester of Nashville, Tennessee. Also survived by one great-granddaughter, Lilly Mitchell of Pulaski, Tennessee. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A graduate of Watertown High School (Watertown Tennessee) and Peabody College (Nashville, Tennessee), Howell entered the United States Army in April 1943, and served with distinction in World War II. He served with the Army Air Corp on Guam, Saipan, Okinawa, Iwo Jima and Hawaii. Honorably discharged in February, 1946, Howell entered law school at Cumberland Law School (Lebanon, Tennessee) and obtained his license to practice law in 1948. Howell married in 1948 to Anne G. Forrester of Nashville, and practiced law with his father, Robert L. Forrester before moving to Pulaski, Tennessee in 1950. In a distinguished law practice spanning fifty-eight years, Howell had the privilege of practicing with David Wade, Rogers Hays, Jerry Wallace, Robert Massey and Herschel Koger. A devoted member of the Pulaski, Giles County, Tennessee and American Bar Associations, Howell was a valued member of the bench and bar in Tennessee, and served as the city judge of Pulaski for many years. He earned the respect and admiration of fellow lawyers, clients, and judges alike. A zealous and compassionate advocate for his clients, Howell demonstrated a concern for all persons, regardless of station in life. He was generous beyond words and a strong proponent of pro bono work and community service.

Howell was active in the Pulaski Exchange Club, the Boy Scouts of America, the First United Methodist Church of Pulaski, the Pulaski Church of the Messiah, the Masons, the American Legion, Big Brothers of Tennessee, and numerous youth and athletic programs for his and others children. He enjoyed gardening, supporting Giles County High School and Martin Methodist College, Christmas carols, poetry, Easter sunrise services, and performing random and unobserved acts of kindness and thoughtfulness. In "Granddaddy", Howell's grandchildren found an energetic playmate, a gentle prankster, a steadfast companion, a witty storyteller, and a loyal friend.

Howell's family and friends will miss his warm, engaging smile, his sparkling blue eyes, his infectious laugh, and his simple goodness. His was a life well

lived, for a God well served.

A celebration of life and resurrection will be held at First United Methodist Church in Pulaski, Tennessee, on June 6, 2008 at 3:00pm, central, with the Reverend Wayne Davis and the Reverend Carleton S. Cunningham officiating. Visitation will begin at 1:00pm. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers or gifts, donations be made to the First United Methodist Church of Pulaski. The graveside service will immediately follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski, Tennessee.

Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral home is in charge of arrangements for William Howell Forrester. 931-363-0828 - bennettmayfh.com