

John Nathanael Bryan

John Nathanael Bryan, a member of the Jefferson County Bar Association for more than 23 years, died August 25, 2008.

Nat was a partner at the firm of Marsh, Rickard & Bryan, PC in Birmingham. His partners and colleagues at the law firm will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Ashley Butler Bryan; his children, Jack Bryan and Kate Bryan; his parents, Jefferson County Circuit Judge John Newton Bryan, retired, and Susan Baarcke Bryan; and his sister, Sandra Bryan Vitalis.

Nat was deeply devoted to his family. He adored Ashley, his wife of 17 years, and a 1992 graduate of Alabama School of Law. Just as Nat learned to hunt and fish from his father, Nat passed on his love of the outdoors to his 14-year-old son, Jack. Nat took great delight in the adventures of his 12-year-old daughter, Kate.

Nat graduated from W.A. Berry High School in 1978, lettered in three sports and was a member of the Berry 1977 State Championship football team. Nat was a 1982 graduate of Auburn University and loved to follow Auburn's football program. Nat graduated *cum laude* from the Cumberland School of Law in 1985. Nat was a member of the Alabama Association for Justice and a Fellow of the American Board of Trial Advocates. For years, he was very active in the Birmingham Bar Association, and its charitable arm, the Birmingham Bar Foundation.

As his partners and colleagues at Marsh, Rickard & Bryan will tell you, Nat Bryan was just a lot of fun to be around, whether you were trying a lawsuit—which Nat did very passionately and very well—or simply riding down the road sharing a bag of sunflower seeds (another passion of Nat's). Only rarely did you go into Nat's office, or he into yours, that he would not share a funny story with you and absolutely brighten your day.

Each and every one of us who were fortunate enough to call Nat friend or family shall miss his warmth, his smile and his robust laugh.

—Susan J. Silvernail, Marsh, Rickard & Bryan, PC, Birmingham



JOHN NATHANAEL BRYAN

DOUGLAS CHARLES
FREEMAN

ARTHUR EMMETT
GAMBLE, JR.

LAWRENCE B. SHEFFIELD, III

Douglas Charles Freeman

Douglas Charles Freeman was born May 9, 1950 and died October 29, 2008. Doug attended public schools in Montgomery and was always proud to call Montgomery his home. He received a BS in English and Social Sciences from Troy State in 1972 and eventually went to work for the Department of Human Resources as a social worker. While working full-time and raising a family, he attended Jones Law School at night and received his Juris Doctorate in 1981. He practiced as a solo practitioner specializing in the areas of family law and criminal defense work.

I first met Doug when I was a new assistant district attorney. Who was this attorney who always wore stylish hats with every suit and walked at an extremely rapid pace? After getting my clock cleaned on more than one occasion in court, I found out very quickly that this attorney was one of the best criminal defense attorneys in Montgomery. After leaving the District Attorney's Office, our paths rarely crossed again.

In 1998, I was elected to replace Judge William R. Gordon who was retiring from the bench. Doug was one of Judge Gordon's contract defense attorneys and I was thrilled that he agreed to stay on with me. He truly loved representing



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criminal defendants and worked tirelessly in preparing for court. I watched Doug for many years conduct numerous trials in my courtroom and his knowledge in the area of criminal law was second to none. He came to share my passion in the area of restorative justice and served as a criminal mediator, victim-offender facilitator and circle keeper for criminal sentences. He taught numerous CLE's in the area of restorative justice and criminal law. One year, he presented a seminar entitled "The Nuts and Bolts of Practicing Criminal Law." The handout was so well written that lawyers still refer to it in their practice and often make copies to give to new attorneys. Lawyers would call Doug at all hours of the day or night to ask him questions in the area of criminal law or to get copies of the numerous forms and documents that he had created. He had a wonderful sense of humor and won first place one year at our courthouse Halloween carnival when he came dressed up in his bathrobe. His true love was Starbucks coffee and he never missed stopping by in the morning to get his five shots of espresso in his Latte.

Doug was eccentric and memorable! He was a true philosopher and gentle soul who struggled with life's inequities and how to make the world a better place. I never knew his IQ, but I am sure that he was somewhere on the genius level. He will be missed by his children, Allison and Zack, and his new grandson and namesake, Charles.

Thanks for all the wonderful memories and making all of us who knew you better people just for having had you in our lives.

*—Judge Tracey McCooey,
15th Judicial Circuit, Montgomery*

Arthur Emmett Gamble, Jr.

Arthur Emmett Gamble, Jr. was born in Greenville February 9, 1920 to Arthur and Bettie Steiner Gamble and died July 17, 2008. He attended Greenville schools and graduated from Marion Military Institute High School. He also attended college there for one year. He transferred to the University of Alabama and entered the College of Arts and Sciences. While at the University of Alabama, he became a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and served as commander of the chapter. He was also on the university's golf team.



Immediately following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Gamble joined the Navy and became a pilot of patrol planes. He served with distinction in the Caribbean and South America and as part of the Navy Patrol Bombing Squadron Twenty-One in the South Pacific in World War II.

After military service with the Navy, Gamble returned to the University of Alabama where he earned his bachelor's and law degrees.

In 1948, he married Roberta Anne Peacock and in 1949 they returned to Greenville for Gamble to begin the practice of law. In the early 1950s, he served two years in the Alabama senate. In 1959, he was appointed to the office of district attorney and ran unopposed for the office in 1962 and 1966. It was during that time that Gamble came to national attention as the prosecutor of Klansmen for the murder of several Civil Rights workers.

He was president of the Alabama Association of District Attorneys and served on the state bar's Board of Bar Commissioners.

In 1969, Gamble was appointed by Governor Albert Brewer to the judgeship of the 2nd Judicial Circuit. He served as judge of this circuit until his retirement in 1992.

An avid golfer, Gamble had a lifelong interest in the course at the Greenville Country Club, a course his father had helped design. Gamble had served as president of the country club.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and for many years he conducted a men's Bible class there.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Roberta, and one daughter, the Rev. Eugenia Gamble, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and her husband, Robert Phillips, of Arroyo Grande, California.

Lawrence B. Sheffield, III

On September 24, 2008, the Alabama State Bar and the legal community lost a true champion in the constant fight for justice, longtime member Lawrence B. Sheffield, III of Hoover. Larry practiced in Jefferson County and in numerous other courts across the state. He was the managing partner of Sheffield, Sheffield, & Lentine, PC and practiced law for nearly 28 years. He was 56 years old.

Larry's greatest passion, other than his family, was the practice of law, especially criminal law. He had the reputation as a phenomenal trial lawyer and a formidable opponent in

the courtroom. Larry attended the University of Alabama–Birmingham and received his law degree from the Birmingham School of Law. Upon passing the bar he went into practice with his father, Lawrence B. Sheffield, Jr., himself an acclaimed criminal trial lawyer. Father and son compiled a staggering record of victories in court together and separately for nearly 20 years. Following Larry’s father’s death, Larry practiced law with his brother, R. Wendell Sheffield and John A. Lentine.

Out of the courtroom, Larry coached youth baseball, football and softball and passed along his experience and wisdom to many young men and women in those sports,

being an accomplished athlete in baseball and football himself while at Ramsey High School and UAB.

Larry had been a member of the Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association and the Birmingham Bar Association.

Larry is survived by his wife, Connie Sheffield; his children, Katie, Diana and Larry (IV); and his brothers James, Wayne and Wendell Sheffield.

Larry was the example of a true professional. He was kind, compassionate and respected by all who knew him both personally and professionally. He was truly a lawyer’s lawyer.

–John A. Lentine, Birmingham

<p>Bone, Gary Joseph Gadsden Admitted: 1984 Died: September 11, 2008</p>	<p>Hash, Jessee Dean, II Birmingham Admitted: 1994 Died: January 9, 2008</p>	<p>Lucas, William Ray, Jr. Birmingham Admitted: 1980 Died: September 26, 2008</p>	<p>Sherrill, William Bruce Spanish Fort Admitted: 1949 Died: March 15, 2008</p>
<p>Carr, Jeffrey Byron Guntersville Admitted: 1994 Died: September 22, 2008</p>	<p>Kahlmus, Maurice Fuller Meridian, Mississippi Admitted: 1948 Died: June 22, 2008</p>	<p>Moore, John Lauthlin, III Mobile Admitted: 1942 Died: May 29, 2008</p>	<p>Tune, Billy Gene Florence Admitted: 2004 Died: August 26, 2008</p>
<p>Chestnut, J. L., Jr. Selma Admitted: 1959 Died: September 30, 2008</p>	<p>King, Cecil Bruce Mobile Admitted: 1957 Died: May 30, 2008</p>	<p>Moss, David Charles Alpharetta, Georgia Admitted: 1992 Died: May 6, 2008</p>	<p>Webb, Paul Haymon Birmingham Admitted: 1982 Died: October 2, 2008</p>
<p>Duffey, Walter E. Huntsville Admitted: 1963 Died: March 4, 2008</p>	<p>Kirkland, Reo, Jr. Brewton Admitted: 1977 Died: September 17, 2008</p>	<p>Propst, Jack Edward Kennedy Admitted: 1959 Died: September 22, 2008</p>	
<p>Estes, Phillip Grant Anniston Admitted: 1996 Died: July 18, 2008</p>	<p>Liechty, Nicole McClain Birmingham Admitted: 2003 Died: October 3, 2008</p>	<p>Riley, Richard Spain Birmingham Admitted: 1937 Died: February 1, 2008</p>	
<p>Hand, William Brevard, Hon. Mobile Admitted: 1949 Died: September 6, 2008</p>	<p>Loeb, Robert Hirsch Birmingham Admitted: 1941 Died: March 29, 2008</p>	<p>Rox, Eddie Bernard Bessemer Admitted: 2002 Died: September 30, 2008</p>	