

Charles P. Allison

Charles P. Allison, 69, died July 16, 2008 at Hospice of West Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Charlie was born in Gadsden November 10, 1938 and attended the public schools there, graduating from Gadsden High School. He then attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and graduated in 1960 with a major in physics. Upon graduation he was commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy and served for three years, primarily on the brand new USS KITTYHAWK (CA63).

Following his distinguished service in the Navy, he enrolled in the University of Alabama School of Law. Charlie was a member of *Alabama Law Review* and Farrah Order of Jurisprudence, which subsequently became the Order of the Coif. Charlie finished first in his law school class.

In 1966, Charlie became a member of the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association and practiced with the firm of McQueen, Ray & Allison for ten years. He became general counsel for Gulf States Paper Corporation in 1976. In 1980, Charlie was elected vice president, secretary and general counsel of Gulf States. He retired from Gulf States in 2000 following 24 years of service with the company.

Charlie was a leader in numerous city and community activities, including as a member of the executive board of the Black Warrior Counsel of the Boy Scouts of America. Because of his leadership and dedication as the long-time chairman of the Tenderfoot Charity Golf Classic benefiting scouting in West Alabama, Charlie was recognized with the Silver Beaver Award for his exemplary service. He also served as a board member of the DCH Foundation, the Tuscaloosa Rotary Club, the Mental Health Association of Tuscaloosa County and the Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra.

Charlie was active in government affairs and was involved in the formation of the Business Counsel of Alabama, having served on the board of directors of both the Business Counsel and its predecessor organization, the Alabama Chamber of Commerce. He served on numerous governmental commissions involving tax policy, unemployment and workers' compensation.

Charlie was an avid golfer and served as secretary of North River Yacht Club board of directors for over 20 years. He was a long-time member of Christ Episcopal Church.

Charlie leaves his wife of 46 years, Sherry; his two sons, Steve (Debbie) and Jim (Theresa), both of Houston; six grandchildren, Ashley, Tyler, David, Jennifer, John, and Michael; his brother, Mike Shannon, of Gadsden; and his sister, Ann Springfield, of Tupelo.

Charlie was a gentleman of infinite patience, and was kind and considerate to all with whom he dealt whether in his law practice, his work at Gulf States, his work in all of the civic and governmental organizations which benefitted from his service or on the golf course. His friends remarked that Charlie could not be enticed to say an unkind word about another human being under any circumstances. He was a warm and wonderful friend and will be deeply missed by his family, friends and the members of this association.

—James H. Roberts, Jr., secretary, Tuscaloosa County Bar Association



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**NICHOLAS TILFORD
BRASWELL, III**

CECIL BRUCE KING

**JOHN LAUTHLIN
MOORE, III**

**ELLSWORTH PETER
SCALES, III**

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Nicholas Tilford Braswell, III

Nicholas Tilford Braswell, III, a well-respected and long-time member of the Alabama State Bar, died peacefully on July 14, 2008 at the age of 71. Nick was raised in Demopolis, attended Marion Military Institute and received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Alabama. He served his country as an officer in the United States Army.

Nick practiced with the Montgomery firm of Rushton, Stakely, Johnston & Garrett PA for 37 years and then retired to his childhood home in Demopolis. In Demopolis, he practiced *of counsel* with the firm of Lloyd & Dinning in which his son, Alex, also practiced.

Nick was an acknowledged expert in the field of workers' compensation law. His counsel and advice on workers' compensation issues were sought not only by his fellow attorneys but by judges. Nick's pronouncements in this area were taken as the gospel.

Nick could be described as "salt of the earth," humble and plain spoken, but beneath the "country boy" facade was a true man of letters. He was an avid reader, a history buff and, on occasion, a poet. In his retirement, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming and the company of his children and grandchildren.

Nick is survived by three children, Dr. Nicholas T. Braswell, IV of Cullman, Carol Louise Braswell of Franklin, Tennessee and Alexander F. Braswell of Demopolis, and five grandchildren.

Cecil Bruce King

Cecil Bruce King, a member of the Mobile Bar Association, died May 30, 2008.

Mr. King, a native and lifelong resident, was born in Mobile July 16, 1927 to Charles H. and Alfreda Krudop King. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Charles H. King, Jr., and his sister, Alfreda Tiechmann.

Mr. King was educated in the Mobile County Public School System, graduating from Murphy High School in 1945, where he was captain of the basketball team. After service in the United States Marine Corps, he graduated from Tulane



University and the University of Alabama School of Law where he was awarded the degree of juris doctor. Subsequently, he became a certified public accountant and was an active member of the Mobile County Society of Certified Public Accountants. He also was an active member of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce and the South Alabama Bridge Association and thoroughly enjoyed his experiences as a Shriner. For many years, he belonged to the Optimist Club and served with distinction as its president. For 60 years, he was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. King is survived by his wife, Joyce Lowery King, and four children, Richard Lowery King, Dr. John H. King, Dr. Bruce King and Angela King McBroom, 12 grandchildren and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

—Ian Gaston, president, Mobile Bar Association

John Lauthlin Moore, III

John Lauthlin Moore, III, a distinguished lawyer and probate judge, died May 29 at the age of 90. Judge Moore was a native of Mississippi and born September 4, 1917. He graduated from the University of Mississippi and obtained his law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law. Judge Moore practiced law in Mobile for a number of years prior to his appointment in 1963 as judge of probate of Mobile County.

He married Mary Anne Grieme and they had two children, Anne Moore Patton and John L. Moore, IV. He is also survived by four grandchildren.

Judge Moore served as probate judge from 1963 until 1982, and then served an additional 20 years as supernumerary probate judge until his retirement in 2003. Judge Moore was a lifelong Baptist and an active member of Spring Hill Baptist Church. He served as president of the Alabama Probate Judges' Association and a George F. Hixson Fellow of Kiwanis International. Judge Moore was also an avid outdoorsman and actively supported the Mobile County Wildlife and Conservation Association and the Coastal Conservation Association of Alabama.

—Ian F. Gaston, president, Mobile Bar Association



Ellsworth Peter Scales, III

Ellsworth Peter Scales, III, a member of the Mobile Bar Association, died May 15, 2008.

Peter Scales was a native of Nashville, and a longtime resident of Mobile. He was preceded in death by three children, Steven William, Kaitlyn Anne and Lauren Bailey.

Peter Scales was a graduate of Vanderbilt University where he majored in business and English. He also served as a pilot in the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of captain. After being discharged from the Air Force, he attended Tulane School of Law where he earned his juris doctorate in 1984. He has practiced law in Mobile for 24 years. Prior to attending law school, he worked in computers for IBM and then went to Aspen and bought a hotel, which he managed while teaching skiing on the side. Subsequent to that, he worked in New

York City with an investment banking firm and, in 1979, moved to Mobile to set up a financial development office. He then decided that he loved the Gulf Coast, so, in 1981, he headed to law school. After graduation in 1984, he commenced his law practice in which he was very active until the day of his death.

Peter and his wife, Kristen B. Scales, have nine living children, William Beasley Scales, of Austin; Ellsworth Stevens Scales, of Germantown, Tennessee; Elizabeth Scales Barry of Franklin, Tennessee; Thomas Kirkpatrick Scales and Catherine Scales Johnson of Lakewood, Colorado; and Emily Bailey Scales, Robin Ciriello and Stacey Adams, all of Mobile. He has 29 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Peter Scales was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

—Ian Gaston, president, Mobile Bar Association

Bryan, John Nathanael

Birmingham
Admitted: 1985
Died: August 25, 2008

Griffin, William Hancock, Hon.

Huntsville
Admitted: 1958
Died: August 10, 2008

Harrell, John Guessna

Birmingham
Admitted: 1966
Died: August 27, 2008

Kelly, James Wynton

Geneva
Admitted: 1950
Died: August 5, 2008

Kopesky, Ronald Edward

Fairhope
Admitted: 1974
Died: June 23, 2008

McDougal, Jackie Murrell

Bessemer
Admitted: 1969
Died: August 14, 2008

Relfe, Charles Perry

Homewood
Admitted: 1975
Died: August 27, 2008

Stokes, Benjamin Franklin, III

Mobile
Admitted: 1954
Died: July 11, 2008

Waters, Gary Owen Sr., Hon.

Lincoln
Admitted: 1989
Died: August 24, 2008

Weaver, Fred Seldon

Arab
Admitted: 1949
Died: November 21, 2007