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Fred P. Wilson, Sr., retired attorney, died peacefully on July 31, 2014 at the age of 91. Mr. Wilson was born in 1922 in Amory, Mississippi, and was the son of Jesse Clarence Wilson and Leta Belle Palmer Wilson. He was a graduate of Memphis Technical High School, and served as President of the Senior Class in 1940. He entered Memphis State College in 1940 and was elected the “Typical Ed” in 1942. He was active in numerous school activities and was elected a member of Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities. He served as President of Phi Alpha Delta (now Pi Kappa Alpha) fraternity. Mr. Wilson throughout his life was an avid supporter of the University of Memphis football and basketball teams. His education at Memphis State College was interrupted by World War II. After graduating from Midshipmen’s School at Columbia University, he entered the Pacific Theater, where he served as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of an amphibious vessel in the South Pacific, participating in the liberation of the Philippine Islands. After serving in China he returned to Memphis in 1946 and re-entered Memphis State College, graduating in 1947. He graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in 1950. Mr. Wilson practiced law in Memphis for 54 years, before retiring as senior partner in the law firm of Wilson, McRae, Ivy, Sevier, McTyier and Strain. During the course of his long career, he tried scores of jury trials in Circuit Court of Shelby County, and mentored many attorneys who have distinguished themselves in their legal careers. Mr. Wilson was a member of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association where he served on the Board of Directors and as chairman of several committees. He was a member of the Tennessee and American Bar Associations, the Federation of Insurance Counsel, and the Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association. He was also a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Tennessee Bar Foundation. Mr. Wilson had been an active member of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church since 1952, serving as a college class counselor and on the Administrative Board and the



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Board of Trustees. He is the widower of Helen Jean Carter Wilson. He leaves a brother, Dr. Robert E. Wilson, two sons, Dr. Fred P. Wilson, Jr.,(Carrie Dowling) and Stuart A. Wilson, one granddaughter, Angela Wilson, and his dear friend, Gail Thompson. The family will receive friends from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, August 3 and a funeral service will be at 2:30 on Monday, August 4 all at Memorial Park Funeral Home. The family requests that any memorials be sent to St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, " Behind the Stone Wall".



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RG

Ruth Gatlin posted:

To Dr Robert E Wilson and Family, We are thinking about you and wish we could be there. Our sympathy to you all! Elbert & Ruth Gatlin

August 4 at 4:47 AM

JP

John V. Phelps posted:

He allowed me to become a law clerk with his firm in 1969 and I practiced with him from 1972-74 when I came back home to Jonesboro, Arkansas because of family obligations. He gave me the best advice about how to conduct myself in Court and I did get a chance to tell him that decades later. He was known to handle the hardest cases in the firm and I admired his poise and composure and especially his voice. He had a nice laugh that came to his eyes before it broke a smile. He looked the way a lawyer should look and anyone he represented was lucky. I think of him with deep regard and affection. John V. Phelps

August 4 at 4:17 AM

WG

William M. Gotten posted:

Mr. Wilson's firm was my first employer when I graduated from law school and Tim Ryan, Cecil Smith and I (William Gotten) vied for offices in the Lincoln American Tower. I got the library until Buford Wells was elected General Sessions Judge and to my great delight, got his corner office. During my tenure with the firm, Mr. Wilson was always very considerate to us young lawyers who were privileged to train at the feet of some very fine lawyers. I very much admired his courtesy and punctuality. Fred Wilson was one of those "lawyer's lawyer," when lawyers get together and remember mentors with whom they practiced and I will remember him fondly. William M. Gotten

August 4 at 4:05 AM



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