



Mr. Roy W. Davis Jr.

April 5, 2015

Roy Walton Davis, Jr. died on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at his home. Born on January 15, 1930, he was the son of the late Roy Walton Davis and Mildred Wilson Davis. Roy grew up in Marion where he was a proud member of the Marion High School Rippers' football team and earned the nickname "Whiz."

Roy graduated from Davidson College and the University Of North Carolina School Of Law, cum laude. While in law school, he was a member of the Law Review and Order of the Coif. Roy then spent three years in the Judge Advocate General's Corps at the Army Aviation Center in Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

In 1960, Roy joined The Van Winkle Law Firm and began a long, fulfilling career practicing law. He was president of the 28th Judicial District Bar, president of the NC State Bar, vice-president of the NC Bar Association, member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, and a member of the NC Board of Law Examiners from 2002-2014. Roy was active with Pisgah Legal Services where he served as board president. In 2001, Pisgah Legal Services established the Roy Davis Volunteer Lawyer Award.

Roy received the Centennial Award for Outstanding and Exemplary Community Service from the 28th Judicial District Bar. He was a recipient of the Chief Justice's Professionalism Award. He was a Fellow and past state

chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow in The International Society of Barristers. He was a member of the NCBA General Practice Hall of Fame and received the John B. Macmillan Distinguished Service Award from the NC State Bar.

Roy served the Episcopal Church in various capacities throughout his life. As a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, he was in the choir, a Sunday school teacher, member of the vestry, and Senior Warden. Roy was Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina for over thirty years.

He is survived by his wife, Madeline; son, Walton (Maura); daughters, Cissy, Becky (Grady), and Sally (Billy Ray); grandchildren, Henry, Ella, Harriet, and Wilson; and mother-in-law, Madeline Combs.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Trinity Episcopal Church followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801; Pisgah Legal Services, 62 Charlotte Street, Asheville, NC 28801; or a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 11 (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church
60 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Roy W. Davis Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I just learned of Roy's passing. What a loss to the bar and community. I always loved his gentle good humor. He truly was a gifted lawyer and a shining example of collegiality. When I think of Asheville and my time at Pisgah Legal Services, I always think of him saying, "Well looks like the Davises are here" whenever he saw me. I am so sorry for your family's loss.*

*Best Regards,
Mary Elizabeth Davis*

Mary Elizabeth Davis - May 22, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ *Roy and I were friends for many, many years. He assisted me with many defense cases while I was with Nationwide Insurance, Crawford & Company Risk Management and One Beacon Insurance as a Claims Adjuster/Supervisor. Roy knew his stuff and I always got the best from the best. Roy told me several times that he did not mind to be a little overworked because there was a time early in his career in Marion when work was a little slow. He never minded having a little too much to do. Roy, you were a true professional and a dear friend. You will be greatly missed.*

Gerry Huntley - April 10, 2015 at 11:59 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy W. Davis Jr..*



April 10, 2015 at 01:38 PM



“ *We send our heartfelt condolences to Roy's family and friends. We are so fortunate to have had the chance to know Roy and Madeline through Walton and his family. We so enjoyed spending time with Roy on many occasions in and around Asheville when we came through with the Batesville Blues Band--most recently at The Native in Swannanoa. He was a great friend to our band, sat in with us, playing sax, on several occasions, and always had the door open for us to enjoy the beautiful lakehouse in Cashiers. A softspoken gentleman with a strength of character. Thanks Roy. We will miss you. Sarah Palmer and Bates Gill*

Sarah and Bates - April 10, 2015 at 04:15 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy W. Davis Jr..*



April 09, 2015 at 03:13 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy W. Davis Jr..*



April 09, 2015 at 10:56 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of Mr. Davis death. Certainly enjoyed his visit each year at Christmas to get a tree. Your family will be in our prayers.*
B&J Tree Farm

Jerry & Brenda Laws

Brenda Laws - April 09, 2015 at 07:42 AM



“ *Walton,*
I am thinking about you and sending you lots of love. Jeff Dunham and I had lunch together today to discuss how and if we could make it up there this Saturday.
John Graham

John W. Graham - April 08, 2015 at 01:00 PM



“ *Paula and I wanted to share our deepest sympathies with all of the Davis family.*

Barry Cartner
Mocksville, NC

Barry Cartner - April 08, 2015 at 12:31 PM

LL

“ *Laura Lovik lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy W. Davis Jr.*



Laura Lovik - April 08, 2015 at 11:33 AM

KP

“ *Kathy Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy W. Davis Jr.*



Kathy Phillips - April 08, 2015 at 09:01 AM

LS

“ *Mr. Davis was a fine man with a kind and generous heart. A couple of years ago he helped me with a difficult situation and I will never forget his caring attitude and genuine kindness. I've had the privilege of working with him for the past 8 years and will miss him and his sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers go out to his beloved family.*

Lisa Shepard

Lisa Shepard - April 08, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden* was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy W. Davis Jr..



April 07, 2015 at 09:22 PM



“ *In 1983, I think, I flew to Asheville from Greenville for the NC Bar Association Annual Meeting at the Grove Park. Very poor. Mr. Davis and I struck up a conversation and he ended up giving me a ride to the Grove Park Inn. The nicest, most enjoyable man. I will never forget that kindness that he extended to me. My deepest sympathies to the family.*

Ryal Tayloe

Ryal Tayloe - April 07, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ *Mr. Davis was one of my favorite people. He was a kind and gentle soul that will be greatly missed. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Davis for nearly 14 years. Sending prayers to his family in this difficult time.*



Kim Burchfield - April 07, 2015 at 04:19 PM

JD

“ So sorry to hear of Roy's passing. He was such a good person and I count myself lucky to have worked with him for 7 years. I have nothing but good memories of him, Walton and all his family.

Jeff Dunham

Jeff Dunham - April 07, 2015 at 04:17 PM

JA

“ Roy was truly one of the good guys. His positive influence on the lawyers that he dealt with and on the law will be felt for many generations to come.

Joe Adams - April 07, 2015 at 02:08 PM

JT

“ It is rare these days to work with a true gentleman and I am glad I had the privilege of working with Mr. Davis. His wisdom was only exceeded by his genuine appreciation for life. He always had a good word for me when things were difficult. I will definitely miss him.

Joe Travaglini

Joe Travaglini - April 07, 2015 at 12:33 PM

SR

“ I was very blessed to work for Mr. Davis right out of college. He was very patient (especially since I had no idea what I was doing) and kind and taught me a lot in those years. Mr. Davis was and is truly a great man! True gentleman! He will be truly missed!

Shannon Rosehart - April 07, 2015 at 09:35 AM

NW

“ Roy was a true gentleman who served our Episcopal Diocese with distinction and his Lord with true devotion. I enjoyed getting to know Roy and working with him during my term on the Diocesan Executive Council. May God comfort Roy's family, friends, and coworkers as they mourn his passing into Life Eternal.

Nancie Wilson
Sylva, NC

Nancie Wilson - April 07, 2015 at 09:30 AM

CE

“ I am so sad to hear of Roy's passing. What a great man! It was a special privilege to have been his partner for 18 years, and to have received his wisdom and guidance. He will be missed very much.

Cindy Eller - April 07, 2015 at 09:24 AM

KK

“ He was and is one of my favorite people. He brought gentleness, joy, humor, wisdom and so much kindness not matter the situation or event. His loss makes our hearts heavy. Bill will miss making banana bread to send to work for him. Bill and Katie Kalarovich



Katie Kalarovich - April 07, 2015 at 09:01 AM

PE

“ What a wonderful and gentle man. He was always so kind. Whenever you saw him, he always had a smile. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Davis for 19 years. I feel blessed to have known him. He will be greatly missed.
Pat Earley.

Pat Earley - April 07, 2015 at 07:18 AM

JM

Roy was one of the true giants of our profession. He was a determined advocate but did it in such a disarming fashion that it was hard not to agree with him sometimes. His service to our Lord and the Episcopal Church will be missed. I will miss him. Jeff Mackie

Jeff Mackie - April 08, 2015 at 02:40 PM

BH

I grew up next to "Whiz" in Marion and he has been my hero since I was 5 years old. A gentleman in every sense of the word, Roy will be missed by all who knew him.

Bill Hasskamp - April 09, 2015 at 06:32 AM