



Burton Glover

January 3, 1939 - June 10, 2024

Judge Burton Dunn Glover passed away on June 10, 2024, after a brief illness. Services will be held on Friday, June 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Springfield, Tennessee, with Reverend Jason Jones officiating. The family will receive friends Thursday, June 13, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Springfield, Tennessee, and Friday, June 14, 2024 at the church, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Springfield. Burton Dunn Glover was born on January 3, 1939, to Burton Wilks Glover and Mary Louise Dunn Glover of Springfield, Tennessee. He was a high school graduate of Battle Ground Academy in Franklin, Tennessee. He then studied at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. As an undergraduate, he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity and the Order of the Gownsmen academic society. Later in life, he received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Nashville School of Law. Following the death of his father during his senior year of college, Burton assumed control of Glover Auto Company, an auto dealership established by his grandfather, H. B. Glover. He later became a partner in Barber Motor Company, an auto dealership in Springfield. He then changed professional course, attaining a legal degree, and pursuing the practice of law. He served as General Sessions Judge and Juvenile Judge for Robertson County. During that time, he was elected President of the Juvenile Judges for the State of Tennessee. He was instrumental in establishing the Robertson County Recovery Court, a

compassionate legal avenue for those struggling with addiction. After retiring from the bench, he served as a County Commissioner for Robertson County, and continued with a private legal practice. Judge Glover was also a lifelong farmer, operating Hereford Hills Farm until his death. This family farm, established by his grandfather H.B. Glover, has raised cattle, tobacco, and other crops for over 100 years. He loved dogs, especially German Shepherds. Several loyal shepherds preceded him in death and await him in Heaven. Judge Glover loved athletic endeavors. He supported the Springfield Yellow Jackets, witnessing his children play for that school. He also loved the Tennessee Vols, representing his wife's alma mater, and the Vanderbilt Commodores, representing his mother's alma mater. He loved operating heavy equipment, motorcycles, muscle cars, boating, snow skiing, and water skiing. He loved his friends and had many tales to tell of their escapades through the years. Judge Glover was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Springfield, the Robertson County Bar Association, the New Chapel Men's Club, and was a Trustee of the Glenn Memorial Women's Clubs. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Ann Louise Glover Baker, and his brother-in-law, Dr. Joseph T. Fuhrmann. He is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-four years, Suzanne Cook Glover; beloved children Colonel (Ret) Burton Cook (Anna) Glover of Tampa, Florida, Dr. William Bryan Glover of Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. Annie Glover (Phil) Spicer of Springfield; grandchildren William Emerson Glover, Molly Glover, Helen Glover, Katherine Glover, Phillip Spicer and Burton Spicer; niece Sara Baker Cloward of Oakdale, California and brother-in-law Bruce P. Baker of Oakdale, California, sister-in-law, Mary C. Fuhrmann of Murray, Kentucky, nephew Christopher Fuhrmann of Santa Clara, California, and niece Maria Fuhrmann Humphries of Memphis, Tennessee. Active pallbearers are Mac Baggett, Jr., Chuck Browning, Thad Corbin, Terry Grant, Chief Jason Head, and Michael Nixon. Honorary pallbearers are Bobby Dean Bagby, Mac Baggett, Sr., Roger Blackwood, Denny Choate, Johnny Crabtree, Wayne Jones, Steve Moss, Dr. Bill Shasteen, Ted Stubblefield, David Thomas, Jeff Walker, Winfield Wilkins, and

Dr. Teresa Williams. The Glover family requests that memorial contributions be made to the First United Methodist Church in Springfield or the charity of your choice

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Visitation

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Springfield First United Methodist Church
Springfield, TN 37172

Funeral Service

JUN 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Springfield First United Methodist Church
Springfield, TN 37172

Tribute Wall

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“ Lordy bee , where to begin as I just learned of news of Burton, I grew up around him all my life, he taught me alot in, that's for sure, he valued all the time we had together, and we shared a great bond as great friends. This truely sad news, but he is home now, love to the family, love you all! Prayers love & hugs. Rip Burton!! I remember Burton on the farm driving a tractor more than driving a car. He made his legacy, 1 iam glad ti been apart of and so much love to me from Burton and his family . I always felt like apart of his family. He rip same day my mother 20 years ago. God knows best! The familyHave strong faith ! I ve always loved this family! Laurie ann fletcher seatcy

Laurie searcy - June 15, 2024 at 01:09 PM

RG

“ Rachel G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burton Glover.

Rachel G. - June 14, 2024 at 10:22 AM

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“ In this situation words do not come easy. Judge Glover was a very special person. Like so many people whose life was touched by his counsel, I will miss his words of wisdom. He was one of those people that when you were in his presence you just had a sense that things were going to be alright. Though I know comfort and peace will not come easy I pray the blessings of these will come soon for Suzanne, the children, the grandchildren and all of his many dear friends. Teresa Williams

Teresa Marie Williams - June 14, 2024 at 08:52 AM

LC

“ Lisa C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burton Glover.

Lisa C. - June 14, 2024 at 08:41 AM

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“ Lynzie Boudreaux and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Burton Glover.



Lynzie Boudreaux and Family - June 13, 2024 at 09:38 PM

PM

“ I met Judge Glover and Suzanne not long after we moved to Springfield. At first, I found him a bit intimidating and was uneasy. When I told him my famous joke (I only know one!) He laughed and for years, he'd ask me to tell it to other people he was with. Years later, I had the opportunity to work for him as a Judicial Commissioner and as a Juvenile Probation Officer. He was stern, but treated all employees the same, which doesn't always happen. I served on numerous boards and committees along side of him and saw first hand how "fairness" was something he sought in any situation. He was certainly an excellent boss, mentor, but mainly a friend. My love and prayers go out to precious Suzanne as well as Burt, Brian, Annie and their families. 🙏❤️

Patty Moore - June 13, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Burton Glover.



June 13, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ Your Tri-Delta Sisters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Burton Glover.



Your Tri-Delta Sisters - June 13, 2024 at 08:09 AM



“ From: Your Tri-Delta Sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burton Glover.

Your Tri-Delta Sisters - June 13, 2024 at 08:09 AM



“ I worked for Judge Glover for 8 years as a Judicial Commissioner. He was very committed to his job, and the integrity of the court. He was a hard worker, and was demanding, but that was a good thing. I always appreciated his counsel, and for his help with questions I might have. I always respected him, and I considered him a friend. I pray 🙏 for his wife and family during this difficult time. Mike Martin

Mike Martin - June 12, 2024 at 11:07 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Burton Glover.* ”



June 12, 2024 at 10:26 PM

BD

“As a young lawyer, I can recall my first appearance in court as a lawyer before Judge Glover and being in a state of much nervousness and uncertainty appearing before Judge Glover. I always said I was more nervous before Judge Glover than I would have been had I been before the Supreme Court! He had his own way of doing things. He had many memos that carried the “force of law,” although I never seemed to get the memo. I managed to learn mostly by mistake and his correction of me. He probably shaped and molded me as a lawyer (and now a judge) as much as any judge I served under. I respected (and in some ways feared) him more than any judge I practiced in front of when I was a lawyer. He was tough when he needed to be and he demanded absolute respect. Slowly but surely, I figured out how things worked and Burton’s way of doing things. I am guessing it took me 5-6 years to figure him out and how he liked things done.

Many stories are in my mind and memory of Burton and events in his court, mostly very funny and humorous stories and events. I am sure a book could be written, but I will share a few of these memories before they are lost or forgotten.

One of the most memorable events was when he asked some disrespectful and offending lawyer if they “wanted to go to the back” (be locked up) after they disobeyed his prior orders telling them to quit walking about the court showboating to the gallery during their intense cross examination of what was a bad witness for the state. Needless to say, the invitation to “go to the back” was declined and the respect was earned and the lawyer got in line.

My other favorite story is when a frequent offender criminal inmate sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in jail by Burton laughed and said “I can do 11 months and 29 days standing upside down on my head.” and Burton said “Well, I am gonna give you another 11 months and 29 days consecutive to that 11/29 to get you back on your feet.”

Burton was always good to me and he never jumped me, but made sure to tell me how he wanted things done if I did not follow or know his process or rules. He was much more than a judge, he was a manager of people and had a process he expected to be followed. In some ways, I think us lawyers were like his farm hands and he was simply managing us how he wanted the work done. I can't recall any decisions I left leaving feeling he made a totally wrong decision or a miscarriage of justice. He was quick to bring an end to cases that didn't pass muster and had a better grasp on the concept of probable cause than most judges and was not beholden to the prosecution. When he saw an injustice he was quick to toss out the case and right the wrong. Burton leaves a lasting memory and legacy in the annals of the bench and bar of Robertson County that will not be soon forgotten. May he rest in peace.

Ben Dean - June 12, 2024 at 08:03 PM

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“*When I taught at White House HS, I had 2 guys who stayed in trouble and were arrested. Burton was the judge, and he told the two guys that if they would go to school, stay out of trouble, and keep a B average, the charges would be dropped . They both were great for the rest of the year. One of them got busy ended up with a B average and turned out okay. The other couldn't quite make it, but both realized their potential. For that I am so grateful! He was a great judge and my hero!*”

Lin Stubblefield Smithson - June 12, 2024 at 07:04 PM



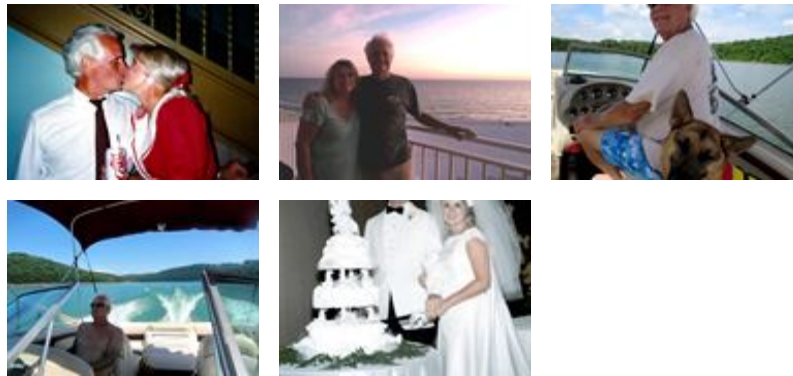
“ *A great leader and a great man. One of the giants among men. A great mentor and friend to me. Our loss, Heaven's gain. Rest well Judge Glover your work on Earth is now complete. I will always cherish the memories and the friendship. None like you, not even one.*



Melanie Stark - June 12, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *151 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - June 12, 2024 at 03:57 PM



“ *Burton was a great man and had an amazing life. I'm grateful to be part of his family. Peace, comfort, and love to Suzanne, Burt, Bryan, Annie, their spouses, and all his grandchildren.*

Maria Fuhrmann - June 12, 2024 at 03:49 PM