



## Judge John David Snodgrass

March 27, 1938 - February 3, 2017

A beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend died at home on the farm in Scottsboro, Alabama. Funeral services will be held at 1pm Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Scottsboro Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 11 am until time of service. Burial will follow near his farm at Gant Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Milton Snodgrass and Sydie Jones Snodgrass. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Carla Jones Snodgrass, daughter, Emily Snodgrass Nutt and husband Michael, and son, John David Snodgrass Jr. and his wife, Valerie. Grandchildren include Carter, Dylan, Garrett Nutt and Claire Snodgrass.

John David, "The Judge", lived a life dedicated to the law. He received a BS from the University of Alabama and then graduated from the University of Alabama Law School in 1962. He was a member of many organizations in college, including the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He began his long law career as an attorney for Ford, Caldwell, Ford and Payne in Huntsville, Alabama in 1963. He was elected to the Alabama State Legislature in 1966 then appointed to Circuit Judgeship in the Place One of the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit in 1968, and subsequently was elected in 1970, 1976 and 1982. He was appointed as Presiding Judge of the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit by the Chief Justice in 1973 and then elected Presiding Judge 1977-1989. John David was elected President of the Alabama Association of Circuit Judges in

1980-1981. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada 1983-1988, where he also served as Chairman of the Board from 1987-1988. Throughout his career he had several Supreme Court of Alabama Appointments; Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee and Delegate to the National Conference of State Trial Judges to name a few. In 1989, he joined the law firm of Balch Bingham until 1995 and then became an arbitration mediator until he retired.

The Judge was well-respected, known for his fair judgement and was staunch defender of facts and the truth. He was dedicated to many civic causes and also served on many civic boards in Huntsville, Al. He loved the University of Alabama and was inducted as a member of the Denny Society in April 2016.

The Judge loved to travel, but loved his time on the farm most of all. He was an avid gardener and relished the time he spent planting flowers and vegetables and sharing them with family and friends. The Judge was an avid reader of biography and history. He was always surrounded by family, friends, dogs, horses, and cattle.

Donations in the memory of Judge John D. Snodgrass to University of Alabama or Sarcoma Alliance of Research Collaborators (SARC)

# Cemetery Details

## Gant Cemetery

Scottsboro, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home  
1502 County Park Road  
Scottsboro, AL 35769  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Judge John David Snodgrass

October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ We were dear friends since 1963. He asked me to tell his wife, Carla, that he truly loved her. He was a good friend. I will miss hearing him laugh when we spoke about politics. We were both "Yellow Dog Democrats." We both were fans of BAMA football. I hope he is at peace now. I will remember the happy times as a blessing.

Carol Fink - March 15, 2017 at 11:29 AM



“ The judge was one of a very few people who humbled me by his graciousness and integrity. He once said to me, "I thank you for all the things you have done in the past, present, and future for my son. I pray that long after I'm gone you will continue being supportive of my son. God bless you Fred and I love you." I hope his legacy and requests will never fade. Sincerely, Fred J. Trevino



Fred Trevino - February 07, 2017 at 10:40 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Judge John David Snodgrass.



February 07, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ Jackie Jones lit a candle in memory of Judge John David Snodgrass



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jackie jones - February 05, 2017 at 07:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Judge John David Snodgrass.



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