



## Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

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### **DAVIS, JUDGE BEVERLY ANDREW III '43 "Monk"**

Beverly Andrew Davis III of Rocky Mount, VA, died on 14 March 2006, after a brief illness.

Judge Davis graduated from Augusta Military Academy and entered Washington & Lee University. His studies were interrupted during World War II, when he served in the United States Army Air Corps as an aerial gunner. Following the war, he returned to Washington & Lee University where he completed his undergraduate studies and graduated from Washington & Lee Law School in 1951. He returned to Franklin County where he began practicing law with his father and uncle. He interrupted his practice to serve as an Assistant US Attorney from 1951-1953.

Returning to Rocky Mount, he built and maintained a highly successful law practice. Elected Judge of the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit by the Virginia General Assembly in 1973, he served until his retirement in 1998 and continued to sit as a designated judge until 2005. During his years on the bench he became known as a stern and fair judge and became a favorite mentor to many young lawyers due to his intellect, wit

and storytelling ability.

Judge Davis served as chairman of the Virginia Division of the Council of Criminal Justice from 1978-1982. Never one to back away from a controversy, Judge Davis was often asked to hear difficult cases in other parts of the state. In 2003 he was honored by being chosen as a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation. He was active in the affairs of Franklin County, serving as Chairman of the Franklin County School Board, a member of the Advisory Board of Community Partnership for Revitalization, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Developmental Center of Franklin County. Judge Davis was an avid and loyal supporter of Franklin County High School athletics, especially the Franklin County Eagle Football team. His love of Franklin County and its people was surpassed only by the love for his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Sarah Davis Alexander and her husband, William N. Alexander II; his son, Richard Andrew Davis and his wife, Jennifer; and six grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Richard Waters Davis of Radford; and his sister, Ellen Christie of Potomac, Maryland; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Elizabeth Anne; and his daughter, Jane Reid Davis.

At Augusta three years: *Ad Astra per Aspera*, Football, JV Basketball, YMCA.

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