



## Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt

December 6, 1935 - August 24, 2021

Judge Bobby R. Aderholt, 85, passed away peacefully Tuesday, August the 24th at home in Haleyville after a short, but brave battle with cancer. He leaves behind a legacy of public service to the people of Alabama, but in particular to Winston and Marion Counties.

Judge Bobby R. Aderholt will lie in state at the Winston County Courthouse on Friday, September 3rd from 2pm until 4pm. The courthouse is located at 10 Blake Dr, Double Springs, AL.

Funeral services are planned for Judge Aderholt on Sunday, September 5th at 3pm in Haleyville at the First Baptist Church located at 1103 21st St, Haleyville. Prior to the service, visitation will be at the church from 1pm until service time at 3pm. Judge Aderholt will then be laid to rest at Winston Memorial Cemetery.

Immediately following the services, the Aderholt family will receive friends at the Aderholt home for an outdoor celebration of life reception with light refreshments. The home is located at 22565 Alabama Highway 129, Haleyville.

Born on December 6, 1935, to Jessie Clifton Aderholt and Ruby Elliott Aderholt, Judge Aderholt grew up in Winston County, Alabama, and

graduated from Haleyville High School in 1954. He pursued his undergraduate degree at Birmingham-Southern College. Thereafter, he attended the Cumberland School of Law in Lebanon, Tennessee, and obtained his law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law.

As a young attorney, he joined the faculty at the Cumberland School of Law, which by that time had moved from Lebanon, Tennessee, to Birmingham, Alabama, and is known today as Samford University. It was during this time he authored, along with Professor Sam B. Gilreath, Caruther's "History of a Lawsuit," eighth edition.

In 1962 Judge Aderholt was appointed by Governor John Patterson, to begin serving as judge of the Court of Law and Equity in Winston County and served there until 1973. In 1976 he ran for and was elected circuit judge of the Alabama 25th Judicial Circuit. He ran as a Republican, and won when Alabama was still staunchly Democrat. The 25th Circuit includes all of Winston and Marion Counties. He retired in 2007 but continued to serve the Alabama Judicial System as a special appointed judge in cases across Alabama.

He served the public for more than 50 years and presided over each case that came before him with integrity, and with impartiality. He is someone who had a brilliant legal mind; but most importantly, he always had compassion for all individuals, regardless of their background, level of income or social standing.

He was a man with a strong faith in Christ that was exemplified in his respect and friendship toward all men. He was known for his great love for his family and his country. In addition to his responsibilities on the bench, he was a businessman and pastored Fairview Congregational Church in Hackleburg, Alabama, for 47 years.

Beyond all of his other endeavors, he was known throughout the area for his heart for others and performed countless weddings and funerals for so many over his long years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jessie Clifton and Ruby Elliott Aderholt and brother Bernard Norris. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years Mary Frances Brown Aderholt; one son Robert and his wife Caroline McDonald Aderholt; two grandchildren Mary Elliott Aderholt and Robert Hayes Aderholt; sisters Jean League and Betty Landers; and one sister and brother-in-law Judy and Kenan Benton and a host of nieces and nephews.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial in his memory may do so by giving a contribution to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries, P.O. Box 1805 Decatur, AL 35602. [www.alabamachild.org](http://www.alabamachild.org).

Judge Bobby R. Aderholt will be missed by so many, but he leaves such a rich and enduring legacy for his family and everyone who knew him.

# Tribute Wall

OE

“ *Opal Godsey Edwards lit a candle in memory of Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt*



**Opal Godsey Edwards** - August 29, 2021 at 11:53 PM

DC

“ *Doris Camp lit a candle in memory of Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt*



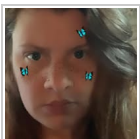
**Doris Camp** - August 29, 2021 at 10:26 PM

LH

“ *Linda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt*



**Linda Harrison** - August 29, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *Tiffany Harlan sent a virtual gift in memory of Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt*



**Tiffany Harlan** - August 28, 2021 at 11:17 PM

WH

“ Bobby was my friend. We often exercised together at the "quick shop". I had highest respect for him in all walks of life. A Christian gentleman . He treated all people the same. I am grateful our lives crossed. An example for each of us. Wynell Howell

Wynell Howell - August 28, 2021 at 03:28 PM

MA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
God has gained a great man.



Mary - August 28, 2021 at 09:07 AM

CW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.  
With love  
The daughters of Cleburn Aderholt

Cindy Aderholt Woods - August 28, 2021 at 02:36 AM

KM

“ Kelley Mobley lit a candle in memory of Judge  
Bobby Ray Aderholt



Kelley mobley - August 28, 2021 at 12:34 AM

KM

“ Bobby was a kind wonderful adopted grandpa to my 5 kids. He went as far as to always remember them on their birthdays and at Christmas. He even made sure and rewarded them when they got good grades in school. They would also let my kids swim whenever they wanted to in there pool, every summer for years. He cared about all of us and we will always love and respect him for that. He and Mary Frances were a blessing to my family and he will be missed terribly.

Kelley mobley - August 28, 2021 at 12:33 AM

DP

“ Dhee Pickens lit a candle in memory of Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt



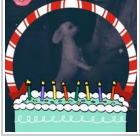
Dhee Pickens - August 27, 2021 at 10:49 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.....



Sam Heath - August 27, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ Elizabeth Self lit a candle in memory of Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt



Elizabeth Self - August 27, 2021 at 11:46 AM

JF

“ Jimmy Nasser Family lit a candle in memory of Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt



Jimmy Nasser family - August 27, 2021 at 11:40 AM

JN

“ Jimmy Nasser lit a candle in memory of Judge Bobby Ray Aderholt



Jimmy Nasser - August 27, 2021 at 11:37 AM

BB

*So sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers for strength and comfort during this difficult time. Bobby was a good man and friend of ours. We will always cherish the memories of him. He will be missed by all who knew him. God Bless*

Betty & Wally Bryan - August 28, 2021 at 02:29 PM

BB

*So sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers at this difficult time. Bobby was be missed by all who knew him. God Bless*

Betty & Wally Bryan - August 28, 2021 at 02:31 PM