

In Memoriam



Georgia Law expresses sympathy to the families and friends of the following law school alumni:

Lawrence D. Agoos (1972)
Tucumcari, NM
September 21, 2001

Thomas S. Bentley Sr. (1956)
Atlanta, GA
December 24, 2004

William C. "Bill" Carter Sr. (1951)
Columbus, GA
March 1, 2005

L. Michael Donovan (1972)
Savannah, GA
January 12, 2005

Frank H. "Chick" Edwards (1942)
Atlanta, GA
February 3, 2005

Curtis M. Ford Sr. (1951)
Augusta, GA
March 1, 2003

Leroy C. "Roy" Fowler (1950)
Savannah, GA
March 25, 2005

Keith E. Goljan (1992)
Phoenix, AZ
February 6, 2005

George A. Horkan Jr. (1952)
Moultrie, GA
February 2, 2005

Jeremy D. Harden (Class of 2005)
Germantown, TN
May 21, 2005

Deupree Hunnicutt Jr. (1938)
Wallingford, CT
March 16, 2005

Earle Benjamin May Jr. (1952)
Birmingham, AL
March 24, 2005

Robert F. McClure (1950)
Trenton, GA
December 2, 2004

Larry V. McLeod (1954)
Athens, GA
December 6, 2004

Charles V. Mottola (1950)
Newnan, GA
December 25, 2003

J. Frank Myers (1948)
Americus, GA
January 3, 2005

Thomas J. Phillips Jr. (1969)
Milledgeville, GA
April 9, 2005

Preston N. Rawlins Jr. (1964)
McRae, GA
February 2004

Robert L. Royal (1944)
Rome, GA
August 15, 2003

Tiffany Upshaw Saparov (1998)
Moscow, Russia
March 20, 2005

Walter Smith (1950)
Macon, GA
February 28, 2005

S. Ernest Vandiver Jr. (1942)
Lavonia, GA
February 21, 2005

Jesse W. Walters (1948)
Albany, GA
December 7, 2003

J. Carlton Warnock (1937)
Soperton, GA
February 4, 2005

Eugene T. Wright (1961)
Cusseta, GA
December 27, 2004

Remembering Emma Terrell



December 23, 1946 - December 26, 2004

Written in part by Nelda Parker

Those of us who knew Emma P. Terrell, whether it was six weeks or 25 years, know the photograph above epitomizes the free, open and friendly spirit that she imparted to everyone who crossed her path. Emma's employment at the law school began in April 1979 and continued through several deans, numerous staff members and thousands of students and alumni. Most of us remember getting to know, working with and having fun with Emma. Her comprehensive involvement in all things law school and her terrific (and sometimes terrifying) anecdotes connected us all.

Emma worked at the law school for more than 25 years. For the last 20, she was a dean's office administrative specialist and served under five different deans. Below are some of their words regarding this special person.

"She had an amazingly generous spirit and a kind heart. I think the harshest thing I've ever heard her say was 'good grief.'"

-Dean C. Ronald Ellington

"The adjectives that describe Emma are many. Prominent among them are the words warm, nurturing, considerate, cheerful, extraordinarily optimistic, dedicated, loyal, hard working, cooperative and adaptive."

-Dean Edward D. "Ned" Spurgeon

"All of us know of Emma's ... communication skills. She really could make friends with a wrong number as well as the many odd balls who often telephoned the Dean's Office. Those stories are true. I would come out and say, 'Who were you talking to for the last 15 minutes?' Her response, 'Oh, that was some person who had us confused with the Georgia bar (or a computer salesperson who wanted to talk to you)."

-Dean David E. Shipley

"Emma was an exemplar. She loved her job [and] the law school and was determined to do whatever was necessary to further its goals. Every time I walk into the Dean's outer office, I can still see, in my mind's eye, the coat rack, the plastic bag and Emma pounding on the computer."

-Dean Emeritus J. Ralph Beaird

"Simply put, Emma took care of me. There wasn't anything I could ask of her that she wasn't happy to do, and she did many things that I would not even think of asking her to do that made the law school run more smoothly."

-Dean Rebecca H. White

Emma passed away at the age of 58, after suffering from kidney disease for several years. She is survived by her sons Chris and Ryan Terrell, three sisters and three grandchildren.

In February, the Law School Staff Council renamed its employee service award in memory of Emma and her strong work ethic, commitment and exceptional job performance. The first Emma Terrell Distinguished Employee Award will be presented in December 2005.