

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
IN MEMORY OF LEROY S. MAXWELL, SR.**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Franklin County Bar Association are met in a Special Meeting this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013, to celebrate the life and honor the memory of our colleague and fellow member, Leroy S. Maxwell, Sr. who was called home by his Almighty God on October on October 13, 2013, at the age of 98 years; and

**WHEREAS**, although saddened by his death, it is our desire and the tradition of our Bar, to share our recollections of Leroy and honor him with a memorial resolution at this Special Meeting, and;

**WHEREAS, before** offering this Resolution, the members of the Franklin County Bar Association desire to offer a brief record of his life and career.

Leroy S. Maxwell, Sr. was born July 12, 1915 in Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, the son of Levi H. Maxwell and Maye Stevenson Maxwell. He reside his entire life in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

Leroy graduated from the Waynesboro High School in 1932. He attended and graduated from Juniata College in Huntington, Pennsylvania in 1936 and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1939.

Following graduation from law school, Leroy returned to Franklin County in 1940 where he practiced law until his retirement in 2002. Leroy had eight partners during his time practicing law, including his son, Leroy S. (Tucker) Maxwell, Jr. and Richard J. Walsh, a former Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the Thirty-Ninth Judicial District.

Leroy served the County of Franklin as its elected District Attorney from 1944 until 1948.

Leroy's wife of 70 years, Pauline, passed away in 2010. He is survived by his son, Leroy S. Maxwell, Jr. (and his wife Judy), his daughter Ann K. Maxwell three grandsons, two granddaughters and nine great grandchildren.

Active in community affairs, Leroy served as a Director of the First National Bank and Trust Co., Waynesboro, Pennsylvania and prior to that as a Director of the First National Bank of Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania.

He served on many boards and was active in many organizations in Waynesboro giving freely of his time and talents to civic organizations including the Board of the Waynesboro Hospital where he served as the President from 1955 until 1963, Rotary Club, serving as its president, the Renfrew Museum and Park from 1973 until 1991.

Leroy was an Eagle Scout and was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America where he served as Chair of the Tuscarora District of the Mason-Dixon Council BSA and as Chair of the District Eagle Board of Review for 39 years. He was honored as an adult scouter in 1965 being awarded the Silver Beaver Award.

A 32<sup>nd</sup> degree mason, Leroy was a 50 year member of the Acacia Lodge No. 536 F&AM and a member of the Harrisburg Consistory and Zembo Temple Shrine.

An active member of the Franklin County Bar Association, Mr. Maxwell served on the admission committee which interviewed young lawyers seeking admission to the Franklin County Bar. One member recalled that, having practiced in another county for many years he returned to Franklin County to continue his practice. He was directed to Mr. Maxwell to be interviewed, Mr. Maxwell to determine whether he was fit to practice law and become a member of the Franklin County Bar. This individual recalled that after the interview there may have been a question or two concerning his character but following the interview he was deemed fit to practice in Franklin County.

Another member remembered Leroy as "...the last and among the best of his generation of lawyers in Franklin County. An intelligent and passionate, yet welcoming member of the Bar."

A member of our bench recalled Mr. Maxwell as follows: "He was a giant of a man with a gentle heart. There was no doubt that his faith and family came first and to both he was fiercely loyal. It's hard to separate memories of Mr. Maxwell as an individual from memories of those with his true life partner; Pauline....He was committed to his community and showed by example the power of giving back by serving on numerous boards which greatly benefited from his sharp analytical mind. Mr. Maxwell was proud of his alma mater, Juniata College, and dedicated many years of service to the institution as a trustee and later, Trustee Emeritus. While Mr. Maxwell was a great lawyer he was an even greater person."

Many members of the Franklin County Bar Association will recall with fondness Leroy S. Maxwell, Sr. who gave so much of himself to the practice of law not only in Franklin County but across the Commonwealth. He will be remembered as a lawyer's lawyer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the members of the Franklin County Bar Association assembled at a Special Meeting held the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013 express our sympathy on the occasion of the loss of our fellow member and colleague, Leroy S. Maxwell, Sr., husband, father and attorney at law. We will strive to keep his memory alive, for the strength, dedication and wisdom of those members who have gone before us represent the foundation of the future generations of our profession.

Respectfully submitted,

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Memorial Resolution Committee

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