

# *Memorial Resolution*

## **Honorable Lloyd F. Tatum**

**1925-2019**

**June 2021**

Judge Lloyd F. Tatum was born on August 7, 1925, in Jackson, Tennessee, to James Royal Tatum and Olive Irene Leggett. Judge Tatum served as a radio operator during World War II in the United States Army Air Corps and was stationed at various bases in the United States just as the war ended. He later served in the Air Force Reserves and the National Guard.

After the war, Judge Tatum attended Union University and received his law degree from Cumberland School of Law in 1948. He was admitted to the Tennessee Bar Association in 1947. He served in the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a short time and later became a lifetime member of the Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Judge Tatum opened a law office in Henderson, Tennessee, where he practiced for approximately twenty-five years. During his practice, he became friends with one client, Burford Pusser. In the 1970s, Judge Tatum appeared as an actor in the movie “Talking Tall” and “Framed.”

In 1976, Judge Tatum was appointed as judge in the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals by Governor Ray Blanton and served as a member of the Court until 1986. He served as a senior judge from 1986 through 1994. In 1988, Judge Tatum was recognized as Colonel Aide de Camp. In 1997, he served as senior counsel with the Tennessee Bar Association. He also was a member of the Court of Judiciary for a period of time and was a member of the panel that stopped Former Judge David Lanier from drawing his pension.

On June 5, 2019, Judge Tatum lost his battle with cancer and passed away at this home in Henderson, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his daughter Mary Janice Tatum; first wife and mother to his children, Inadene Rogers Tatum; and his second wife, Yvonne Dobbs Tatum. He is survived by one daughter, Suzanne Loo, and three sons Aaron Tatum, Lloyd R. Tatum, and Tim Tatum, as well as seven grandchildren.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tennessee Judicial Conference that the foregoing memorial resolution in honor of our dear departed college, Lloyd F. Tatum, be entered on the minutes of the Conference, that a copy be furnished to Thomson West Publishing Company for publication in *Tennessee Decisions* and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this tribute and resolution be furnished to his family.

Respectfully submitted the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

Presiding Judge John Everett Williams  
Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals