

The Honorable James Walbert “Jim” Oxendine of Duluth, Georgia, died on Sunday, August 21, 2016, in Madison, Georgia, at the age of 88 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s.

Jim was born on December 30, 1927, in Fairmont, North Carolina. Jim left Robeson County, North Carolina, to serve his country in uniform during the Korean War. After returning from combat, he obtained his undergraduate degree and went on to obtain a Master’s in Education. For many years, he sold school textbooks for Rand McNally.

Long before it was common place, he worked full-time as a textbook salesman and attended law school part-time at night. He was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1973.

Following a distinguished legal career in Gwinnett County, he was appointed by Governor Joe Frank Harris to Chair the State Board of Worker’s Compensation. He then served as a Gwinnett County Superior Court Judge for many years and was appointed by Governor Roy Barnes as a Senior Judge of the Superior Courts of Georgia.

Jim was a member of the Rotary Club of Duluth. He served on the Board of Trustees of Greater Atlanta Christian School, Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, the Warm Springs Foundation, and Annandale Village.

“The Judge” as he was affectionately known will be missed by his surviving wife, Phyllis, daughters, Cyndy Oxendine Sluder and Shirley Oxendine Wayman, sons, Tim Oxendine and John W. Oxendine, and grandchildren, Kira Wayman, Fleur Wayman, John W. (JW) Oxendine, II and James Walbert (Jake) Oxendine, II, and his brother, Bill Oxendine.

At Jim’s request, no services were held. The family hosted a celebration of his life at the home of John and Ivy Oxendine on Monday, August 29, 2016 from 4 to 8 pm. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in his name to The Alzheimer’s Association, 41 Perimeter Center, East, Suite 550, Atlanta, Georgia 30346.