



Judge Marvin Sorrells

December 7, 1936 - April 27, 2019

Judge Marvin Williams Sorrells, 82, of Monroe, Georgia passed away on April 27, 2019, after an extended period of declining health. Judge Sorrells was born in Monroe on December 7th, 1936 to Charles James Sorrells and Ruth Williams Sorrells. He was a lifelong resident of Walton County and a devoted public servant who served as Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff, State Representative, attorney, Juvenile Court Judge, and Superior Court Judge.

Judge Sorrells attended the University of Georgia, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. He graduated in 1959 with a degree in Business and earned his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1962. Sorrells served briefly as sheriff after his father, C.J. "Dock" Sorrells, was killed in the line of duty. Sorrells practiced law in Monroe for many years, first with Marshall Pollock and then with the law firm Sorrells, Hearn, and Childers. He served in the Georgia State Legislature from 1969-73 and introduced the legislation that formed the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, which includes Newton and Walton counties. Sorrells became Juvenile Court Judge in 1973 and continued to practice law until becoming a Superior Court Judge in 1988. Sorrells then served as Chief Judge of Superior Courts for many years and later as a Senior Judge in retirement.

Judge Sorrells married his surviving wife, Joan Davis Sorrells in 1983, and they enjoyed over 36 years of joyful and vibrant life together in Walton County. His stepson, Scott Laseter, of Monroe, passed away in 2016. He is survived also by his brother, Charles Kenneth Sorrells, of Winder; children, Laura

Sorrells, of Jasper, Brian and Andrea Sorrells, of Wallingford, Connecticut, and Tammy Laseter, of Monroe; as well as grandchildren, David and Isabel Sorrells, and Ben and Blu Laseter.

Sorrells was a man of immense faith and served as an elder, deacon, and Sunday School teacher in the First Christian Church of Monroe. Sorrells enjoyed gardening, hunting, woodworking, drawing, collecting antiques, and biblical scholarship. He was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, mentor, teacher, storyteller, and friend.

Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1st, at Tim Stewart Funeral Home in Monroe. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 2nd, at First Baptist Church of Monroe. Burial will follow at Sorrells Springs Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Monroe.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to do so may honor Judge Sorrells with contributions to the First Christian Church of Monroe.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 South Hammond Drive, Monroe, Ga 30655. 770-267-2594. You may sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

Cemetery Details

Sorrells Springs Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery

Bold Springs Road
Monroe, GA 30656

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Monroe
209 South Hammond Drive
Monroe, GA 30655

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Monroe
Monroe, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Judge Marvin Sorrells*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - May 01, 2019 at 12:02 PM

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“ *Pig who hid in the shadows of justice, may he burn in hell!*

Bobby Civil Rights - October 13, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *Judge Marvin Sorrells*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Judge Sorrells presided over the finalization of the adoption of our beautiful daughter. He could not have been a kinder man. We are thankful our paths crossed with his, even if briefly. Condolences to his family and friends.*



Chris Mays - May 01, 2019 at 05:45 PM



“ Judge Sorrells and I both stood with Brian as co-best men at Brian & Andrea's wedding. I did not know him well at the time, but he welcomed me like family. In subsequent years I watched many Georgia games with him, at his house, and enjoyed his & Joan's remarkable hospitality. In between plays & wins and losses we would discuss much more than football, and I learned much from him about being a compassionate, caring man in a hard world. Judge Sorrells - Marvin - I will continue to say "Go Dawgs!" in your honor, and I will continue to pay forward the wisdom and kindness you shared with me. Endless Love to all his family and friends.

Derek Oja - May 01, 2019 at 01:42 PM

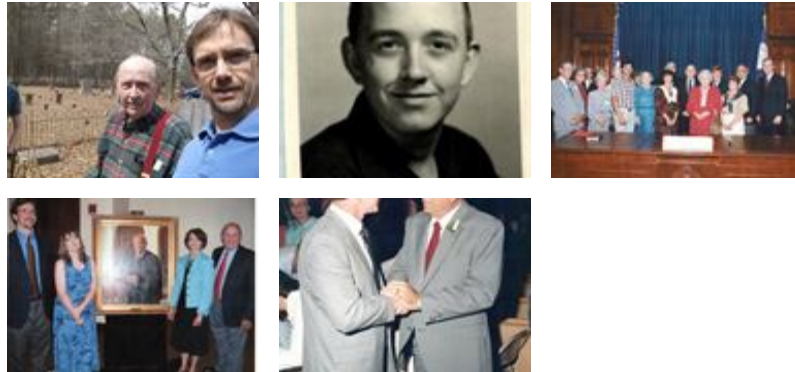
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Judge Sorrells was a honest and fair man. He was very compassionate. Condolences to all the family. R.I.P.

Mary ellen elder gaucin - May 02, 2019 at 06:02 PM



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Tim Stewart Funeral Home - May 01, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judge Marvin Sorrells.*



April 30, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judge Marvin Sorrells.*



April 29, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ *Marvin Sorrells served as a mentor to me, as a young attorney starting out in 1980. He provided valuable advice concerning legal and business issues, as well as professional and ethical matters. I learned a great deal from Marvin about practicing law in a small town, and he encouraged me by his confidence in my ability. I was fortunate to have had him as an adviser, and blessed to have called him my friend. Marvin has left a strong legacy for our profession in this community, and a rich heritage for his family. May he rest in peace...*

Becky Dally, Social Circle

Rebecca P. Dally - April 29, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Judge Marvin Sorrells.*



April 29, 2019 at 12:32 PM