



## Russell Troutman

July 27, 1933 - May 27, 2015

Russell Troutman, 81, an attorney, died May 27, 2015, after battling Alzheimer's.

He was born July 27, 1933, in the West Virginia town of Beckley to Holmes Fielding Troutman, a physician, and Florence Wallet Troutman. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to Page, West Virginia. Mr. Troutman was preceded in death by two sisters, Florence and Joanna.

He is survived by three children: Holmes Russell Troutman Jr. (Mary), a surgeon in Seattle; Richard B. Troutman (Lisa), an attorney in Winter Park; and Teresa Troutman Lind (Gus), a veterinarian in Pine Mountain, Georgia; and nine grandchildren.

Besides his passion for justice and his family and friends, Mr. Troutman was a man of deep faith and love for the Lord Jesus Christ; a devoted alumni of Marshall University and "The Thundering Herd," and he cherished his 1952 Buick Super. The steering wheel of what he once described as the "penultimate of grandeur" now is in the hands of a fourth generation of Troutmans.

In the 1960s Mr. Troutman recognized the need of the less fortunate for competent legal representation. Thus was born his legacy, the Legal Aid

Society of Orange County, Florida, which became a model for Bar associations throughout the nation to provide legal services to low-income citizens. He was proud of going before the Florida Supreme Court to argue that all lawyers in the county be required to serve the poor.

He once said, “It is our responsibility to provide representation to people who cannot afford a lawyer. The Bible says to tithe 10 percent of our income. We need to give 10 percent of our time as well. I had no idea how the [legal aid] program would turn out, but looking back on it, my leadership role in the matter appears to be my most salient career legacy.”

Mr. Troutman also served the president of The Orange County Bar and later The Florida Bar. He was proud of being the first president of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Association.

Mr. Troutman graduated in 1955 with a degree in journalism from Marshall University. He soon migrated to Florida, and attended the University of Miami Law School. With his Juris Doctor degree in hand, he joined the prestigious Akerman Law Firm in Orlando, and quickly became a partner. In 1968, he was appointed Winter Park City Attorney, and a year later established his own firm in Winter Park.

Mr. Troutman authored more than a thousand articles throughout his life in legal journals, including The Florida Bar Journal, and weekly newspapers. For the past 18 years, he was a frequent contributor to the Orlando Sentinel’s editorial pages. He was the host of a talk show for 17 years on WFTV. His guests included Bob Hope, Judge John Sirica, John Glenn, James J. Kilpatrick, Lawrence Welk, Ginger Rogers, David Carradine, former Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Johnny Unitas, and Patricia Troutman, his childhood sweetheart and the mother of his three children.

He loved to play the piano, and found it difficult to pass one up without sitting down to share one or two songs. He was an avid tennis player, but loved to write songs and poetry in his free time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Orlando Children's Church, P.O. Box 724, Winter Park, FL 32790, or to the Legal Aid Society of Orange County.

The DeGusipe Funeral Home in Maitland is handling the services.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church - Winter Park  
125 N. Interlachen Avenue  
Winter Park, FL 32789

# Tribute Wall

 Hugh  
Tarcai

“ My name is Hubert Tarcai. I worked Through the First Baptist Church of Orlando Florida At a place called The Good Thief. Arrested during that time For elite it legal drugs That I have done before I became a Christian. Russell stepped up For my defense For which I am eternally grateful! Russell saved me Many years behind bars Getting me probation and non judication of guilt. Time went on To graduate from University of Central Florida With a degree in psychology. I was lucky enough To go on to seminary At Colgate Rochester Bexley Hall Crozer Theological Seminary. After that I pastored a small church In Vermont For a short period of time. I was lucky enough To have been a street minister When Russell new me And because of his kindness Literally thousands of people Made commitments to the Lord Jesus Christ. I was only an instrument and so is Russell of the living God Without his help all those people Might not have heard the gospel. Because I would have been sitting in a jail cell! I have had a very Interesting life And continued to minister To the same people that Russell was most interested in. So in a way I'm going to M an extension of his ministry. Because of him I was able to work For the downtrodden the poor The wretched and the homeless. So he was in his My Anaya's! God used to him so that I could touch many others In the name of Jesus Christ. I'm sorry this is so late because I had no idea Russell had passed on. But when I found it out I was compelled To let somebody know what he had done for me Through the Lord Jesus Christ! May God bless all his children and grandchildren And made a be Children of God Just as Brussels and I are! At my age It won't be long Before I'll be seeing Russell in Jesus again! Thank you for enabling me To be able to do the ministry that Jesus calling me to. Without you none of this would have been possible!

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Hugh Tarcai - December 14, 2015 at 04:21 PM

AE

“ Russell mentioned in a Fla. Bar Journal note, after his presidency concluded 1977-78, that it would be an honored "to be remembered by anyone who felt he "fought the good fight, he kept the faith". I for one say YES, You Did Russell, as I worked at the Fla. Bar at that time, dir. Law Related Education. He did indeed lead the Florida legal profession with class, grace, courage and positive impact, with a moral compass for the good, uplifting both the profession and the public, Florida citizens, we take an oath to serve.

Russell was also a keen competitor on the tennis court. Fla. Bar staff enjoyed playing doubles with him because he was very talented and had a fun personality as well. And a good sport when he was aced, by surprise, on a few occasions when we played against each other at Forest Meadows Club in TLH.

Russell gave me an autographed paperback book after the tennis game, Jonathan Livingston Seagull, which I still have today; we talked about our faith, and his was strong and anchored indeed. He lived it.

Rest in Glory Russell Troutman: "Well Done Good & Faithful Servant."

Blessings, Ann Marie Karl, Esq. Fla. & NY (in New York/UN Human Rights)

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**Ann Marie Karl, Esq.** - October 01, 2015 at 12:04 PM

PL

“ I learned of the death of my dear friend from the Florida Bar newsletter and am sorry for this great to Russell's family. He was a great influence in my life and will never be forgotten. Peace be with his family.

Pamela Leap  
Indianapolis

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**Pamela Leap** - June 18, 2015 at 02:18 PM

WS

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Russell Troutman whom I had the privilege of meeting during 1999-2001 through Guardian Care and Mr. Noel Bridgett. I remember having many conversations with him about nursing home care, integrity of work and his strong faith in God. May he now rest in peace.

Wendy Stoutjesdijk

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Wendy Stoutjesdijk - June 06, 2015 at 12:16 PM

JE

“ Russell it was my pleasure taking care of you at village on the green. When I first saw you , I saw something special in you . I will miss your smile and your warm heart . I thank God for allowing me to meet you . Sleep in peace Russell And see you on the other side JeannieMarie~

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jeannie - June 02, 2015 at 03:53 PM

CH

“ Russell, you will always be remembered by the many people, friends and family that were so very fortunate to know you. Working for Rick and with you at Troutman, Williams, Irvin, Green & Troutman, P.A. was an honor and and you shared so many life lessons. You were a friend to me & believed in me when many others did not or had given up on me. I thank you for that. You always had a story to tell or a laugh to share. I enjoyed many of those with you. I will miss running into you around town or at church in the courtyard. You were a most gracious and good man. Your legacy will live on through your family and friends. Rest in Peace.

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Christine Hamilton - June 02, 2015 at 01:44 PM

JG

“ Weaving a forever thread of intellect and compassion through three generations of my family, Russell was a stalwart friend and superb counsel through crisis and confusion. He seemed so fearlessly unique, able to just be himself and sincerely care about others. He is my measure for that rare and enviable quality. Through many years and difficult events my family relied on him and our trust was well founded. We are grateful for the positives he helped catalyze in our lives. Our community, state and world is a better place because Russell cared and "walked the talk".

*Jacque Barrett Gellein and Family*

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**jacque Gellein** - June 01, 2015 at 04:47 PM

JH

“ Russell,

*I consider myself blessed and fortunate to have had the opportunity to call you a friend. I am forever grateful for the life lessons you shared with me. One of those lessons that I look back upon fondly is that noble tradition of the toast.*

*So, Russell, please allow me to borrow from a toast that to me feels all too appropriate.*

*There are good ships,  
And there are wood ships,  
The ships that sail the sea.  
But the best ships are friendships,  
And may they always be.*

*Here's to you, Russell...thank you for such a memorable friendship.*

*With reverence,  
Jared Houghton*

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**Jared Houghton** - June 01, 2015 at 01:05 PM

MA

“ *Russell was the driving force in the Orange County Bar Association's decision to create a mandatory pro bono policy for its members which has resulted in literally thousands of poor residents receiving safety and stability in their lives through the provision of free donated civil legal services. An extraordinary lawyer, leader and friend, we will all miss his guidance, brilliance and humor.*  
*Mary Anne De Petrillo on behalf of the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association*

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**Mary Anne** - June 01, 2015 at 11:40 AM

EZ

“ We first met Russell in Kendall where we were friends with his sister Joanna, Murph and James and Jodie, and his mother. Then we moved to Orlando in 1969 and would see Russell from time to time. One of the memorable times was when he spoke at Fred Ward's funeral, as did Gene. Russell was a gift to the community and we all share in your loss. With deepest sympathy, Emily Ann and Gene Zimmerman ,

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**emily Ann Zimmerman** - June 01, 2015 at 07:29 AM

CB

“ Mr. Troutman was always one of my favorite Dads of friends. He was so interested and inquisitive. Never a dull moment when I would spend the night with Teri. The dinner table conversation always intrigued me. He was one of my Mom and Dad's best friends so I would get to chat with him around their table in my adult years. Thank you, Mr. Troutman, for many wonderful memories.

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**carrie barton** - June 01, 2015 at 02:08 AM

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“ Rick  
May fond memories of your Dad bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. Look back on all the good memories you were able to have and smile at the fact that you were able to share these before he passed away. May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. Our most sincere condolences.



*Nick O'Hearne & Donna Vane*

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**Nick O'Hearne** - May 31, 2015 at 07:02 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Russell Troutman.*



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May 31, 2015 at 06:12 PM



“ *We have many fond memories of times spent with Russell, Pat and Rusty, Rickie (before Terri was born) Our dinner group, and other times together. We remember Russell telling us about his appearance at the audition for Ted Mack's Amateur Hour. He had two songs to perform---one serious and one funny. He said they laughed at the serious one and were very serious about the funny one. He always got a kick out of telling that story. And there was the time that his children had a small turtle in the bath tub and on the way home , a large turtle was crossing the road. He picked it up, slipped it in the bath tub in place of the small one and were the children surprised at how much their turtle had grown! Russell was a unique person and we will miss seeing him. Our love and condolences to all the family. Bill and Helen Headley.*

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**Helen Headley** - May 30, 2015 at 09:07 PM

SP

“ Mr. Troutman helped so many in the community throughout his career and volunteered numerous hours on City of Winter Park Commission appointed Boards. Words cannot express my sincere appreciation having known him and his family. I'm deeply saddened to hear of his death.

*RIP Mr. Troutman!!!*

*Steve Painter  
Winter Park Fire Dept. ret.*

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**Steve Painter** - May 30, 2015 at 07:14 AM

EC

“ I remember one Saturday when Russell came over to our house, very early, and I was planning to sleep late. But he wanted a cup of coffee and toast - and he wanted it right then!! I managed to get it for him and he was gracious enough to sit down at the piano and play some gospel tunes for me. That was special. You will be missed. See you later...

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**Eve Chandler** - May 29, 2015 at 07:42 PM

ML

“ Mr. Troutman,  
Your insight, counsel and caring persona gave me such a wonderful impression.  
I will truly miss you.  
Thank you for your contribution to this world.  
Marlene Linders

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**Marlene Linders** - May 29, 2015 at 07:33 PM

EC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Eve Chandler** - May 29, 2015 at 07:31 PM

RH

“ RT:

*An hour seldom has passed for decades when your tutelage has not come to my mind either to resolve an issue or to live my life to the fullest. You have been my partner, my best friend, my confidant and mentor. I sleep tonight in a nice home for which I owe you. I've had the honor of sitting at your right hand literally at firm meetings and figuratively as we walked together through these fleeting moments here on earth.*

*"The Helmsman"*

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**roger d helms** - May 29, 2015 at 07:06 PM

PB

“ *I can think of no one I respected more than Russ. I will never forget working with him on cases and sharing our thoughts on life. He was a good friend and I will miss him.*



*Godspeed on your journey...rest in peace knowing your legacy will continue*

*Patricia Brock*

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**Patricia Brock** - May 29, 2015 at 06:27 PM



“ *Mr Russell Troutman helped all of us through the years as incredible legal consul and a trusted family friend.  
Our lives are better because Russell played his part so well in them.*

*Rest in Peace.  
Raymond A. (Randy) Beary*

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**Raymond Beary** - May 29, 2015 at 06:11 PM



“ *Rest in peace, Mr. Troutman. I worked for you in Winter Park, in the 80's for your son, Rick and enjoyed it so much. The whole firm and staff respected you.*

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**Joanne Goodwin** - May 29, 2015 at 08:41 AM