



## JUDGE BENJAMIN SHOBE

October 2, 1920 - January 29, 2016

Benjamin Shobe, 95, Distinguished Jurist, passed away on Friday, January 29, 2016.

He was born on October 2, 1920 in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and was the son of the late Walter L. and Anna L. Shobe. He had one brother, the late Dr. Walter Shobe of Indianapolis, Indiana. He practiced law as a trial attorney for many years and served as a judge in Police and Circuit Court, twice as Chief Judge. He retired in 1992. He was a member and served as a Deacon at Portland Memorial Baptist Church, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Ye Ole Esquires, Inc. Throughout the years, he received many awards, commendations, and accolades from various professional organizations.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 43 years, Barbara Kirby Shobe, children; Dr. Deanna Tinsley (Max), Carole Anne Shobe, Benita F. Shobe, Benjamin W. Shobe (Mittie), Deborah Shobe, Demetra Shobe, Cherria Leveston, Kirby Shobe, Anna Wallace (Troy), Charlene Fishback (Scott), and foster son, Wayne Davis. He will be missed by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives, and friends.

The family is grateful for the kindness and care provided by the staff of Norton Suburban Hospital.

Judge Shobe's funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016 at Portland Memorial Baptist Church, 3802 W. Market Street. Burial will follow at Cave Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 7, from 12-6 p.m. at A.D. Porter Funeral Home, 1300 W. Chestnut Street, and on Monday, February 8, from 9:30-11 a.m. at Portland Memorial Baptist Church.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to the Louisville Black Lawyers Association (LBLA) in honor of the Judge Benjamin F. Shobe Scholarship Fund, PO Box 70333 Louisville, KY 40270

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Goob bye Judge Shobe

Rachael Cardosi - June 13, 2018 at 03:23 PM

DP

“ Prayers remain airborne for my family Ben Shobe was my grandmothers cousin, I spoke with him several times and he shared with me fond memories between them. I was devastated to learn of his passing, may The LORD provide comfort to your hearts when in the midnight hour of stillness. Prayers remain airborne. Damita Parrish

Damita Parrish - February 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ May your hearts be filled with wonderful members of times together. Please know that now he is with that great cloud of witnesses looking down from heaven, cheering you on in your journey here on earth.

Ruth A - February 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My deepest sympathies and condolences are with you. May God bless you and keep you strong. He was a great man and blessed to have such a wonderful loving family. My prayers are with you all.

M Ardis - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Ben it has been years since we worked as underwriters at Firemans Fund together but I just heard about the loss of your dad. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers as your family goes through this difficult time. I remember you talking about your dad to me one day and the good things you spoke about him.

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**Laura Buley** - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Mrs Barbara Shobe, we pray for you and your family in this time of sorrow. I remember many great times we enjoyed in the presence of you and Ben.  
May his works and personality always permeate the atmosphere around the home place. I know that it will with me and Eleanor. God bless.  
Pastor "C"

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**Rev** - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ To the Shobe family. Judge Shobe was a dear friend and a mentor to our mother Judge Olga S Peers. He will be remembered for his kind and endearing self. The Peers family

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**A friendFeb** - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ **JUDGE BENJAMIN SHOBE**

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**z** - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Dearest Schobe family, I was saddened to hear about your loss of a great, great man. I have the joy of having Demetra as a dear, dear friend and person, and have heard much about her great father and servant of God. The world was certainly blessed by him and his family! I know that there is great sorrow in the loss of a father and great man, and I will be supporting your whole family with my prayers and love. Demetra, I love you and am here for you, dear one. I will be here for all of you and I will be constantly be lifting you up in my prayers. I pray that you all find great comfort in knowing that your amazing husband, son, father and grandfather is with God eternally. My deepest respect and love, Jane (Dr. Jane Kendrick-Lites)

Dr - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Demetra I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your father

carrie Osborne - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS,BEN, CAROL&family.

ANN WAGNER - February 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ God Bless The Shobe Family in Jesus Name.

Arvetta Garnett - February 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

YH

“ To Shobe family you are in our prayers.

Yvette Hughes - February 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Debbie Shobe and family, My condolences and deepest sympathy to you and your family, you are in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Lydia White** - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *To the Shobe Family:My deepest sympathy to you in the home going of my friend, Judge Shobe. He will always be remembered as a Gentle Giant among men.*

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**Margy Phelps** - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Debbie & Amber,My deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of such a great man. I will always remember his compassion, gentle nature and strength of character. You have been blessed to have a father & grandfather like that. May you find strength with family & friends at this sad time.*

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**Beth Friedman** - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *BARBARA AND THE SHOBE FAMILY;i WAS VEY SORRY TO HEAR OF jUDGE SHOBE'S DEATH. HE WAS ONE IN A MILLION; CONGENIAL, BRILLIANT, INTELLIGENT AND CONSIDERATE. i HOLD HIM IN GREAT RESPECT AND AFFECTION.i WILLDEARLY MISS OUR WEEKLY PHONE CONVERSATIONS.mAY GOD CONTINUE TO CONSOLE AND BLESS YOU AND THE SHOBE FAMILY.*

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**NEVILLE TUCKER** - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I always admired Judge Shobe, especially during the time I worked in a local congressional office, in the Mayor's Office, and for the former Louisville Board of Aldermen. He was a giant of a man. My heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family during this time of bereavement, and may you find peace in knowing that "The Lord is your shepherd."

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**MaryFrances Stiner** - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ To The Shobe Family, You have my deepest sympathy, Judge Shobe was a special person, liked by all who met him. He was always the same, kind, positive and got things done. To my Girl Friends, Danna, Carol and Benita and all the family you are in my prayers.

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**Faye Owens** - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Demetra, Debbie & the Shobe Family - I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Your father was such a huge figure in our community. He was a leader and mentor to so many. His gentle spirit and wise guidance will be greatly missed. Sending you lots of hugs and prayers with my deepest sympathy.

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**Melissa Mershon** - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Prayers released for Mrs. Shobe and the entire family for safekeeping and strength as you journey on in life without him. Thank you sir for the legendary service you gave in the legal profession. Rest in Paradise Judge Benjamin Shobe.

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**Janice Pullen and Family** - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences. I feel blessed and privileged meeting this wonderful human being. There are no words to express my deep sorrow, the world without question just got a little darker Fond memories of you and Barbara, visiting here in California and Las Vegas, I will cherish forever. Wonders of the world don't come in a pair and you were in a select class that few people ever obtain and dream of. On the wings of Angels go with God Ben until we see you again one day. With love Cynthia & Family

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**Cynthia Davis** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ To Barbara and family, Ben was a wonderful person and I am so grateful to have known him. Barbara, you and your entire family are in my prayers!! May God will continue to comfort during this time and afterwards. Love you!!!

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**Carol Kirby** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Debbie and Family Members Please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences with the passing of your Father. He was a great man. I will miss him deeply. I will always remember our backyard fence chats. My prayers and thoughts are with you, Amber, and all of the Shobe family.

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**Susan Gannon** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ My prayers are with each and everyone of you.

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**Connie** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ To this amazing family I want to thank you for sharing Mr Ben with my family as well as his rightful place in black history. I know that those family picnics to Deam's lake were some of the highlights of my childhood. I knew that he was a gr8 man, however as a child I never realized the scope of his education all the way from Louisville..... what a trailblazer. Mrs Barbara I can imagine the loss of your beloved husband. I'll keep you in my prayers.

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**Michelle Jackson** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

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**Kathy Stovall** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Our family is praying for yours.or Sorry about the lost of Ben. He will be missed.Barbara call me if you need to talk.Evelyn Harris 456-0062Betty Davis-Macklin and Albert Macklin

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**Evelyn Harris** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the Shobe family, I am so sorry for your loss, but happy to see that Ben lived a long life and helped make the world a better place for so many people. Judge Shobe was one of the finest men I ever met. In the early 1980's as an anxious member of the jury pool not yet assigned to a case, someone suggested sitting in on a trial to see how the system works. As it happened, Ben Shobe was the presiding judge. It was a murder trial with a high degree of uncertainty as to whether the death might have been an accident. The prosecutor was Tom Wine and Frank Haddad was defense counsel, so it also involved two of the highest-profile legal practitioners of the day. Judge Shobe's authority was unquestioned. But what struck me was how he was able to keep the proceedings moving forward in a civil manner with such apparent ease. A few years later his daughter Charlene was a student during my tenure in the Catholic schools. He was very supportive and tremendously helpful to the school in many ways, as was his wife and another daughter who was also a parent of a child at the school. He was very unassuming and approachable, but if ever the Wisdom of the Ages were embodied in human form, that man would be Ben Shobe.

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**John Fargen** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *"Live every moment, laugh every day, and love beyond words."* My heartfelt condolences are sent to Deanna S. Tinsley and all the Shobe family.

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**Robin Curry** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Jesus Whispers not one tear goes unnoticed. Not one sigh is unheard. Not one cry escapes Jesus he here's you all. May Jesus Christ continue to help heal and guide as you go through this time of sorrow. Mr. Shobe you will truly be missed..*

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**Sanders** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ *Carrye and I extend our warmest commiserations to the entire family during this time of loss.*

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**Franklin Jones** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Carole, the grief that you are bearing is very difficult, but the joyous memories and your faith will help you cope. Your soror,'66, KSU*

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**Rosetta Bishop Ray** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Demetra, may GOD our savior continue to bless you and the entire SHOBE FAMILY.*

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**ROBERT** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Sorry for your loss. Praying for the family at this time of sorrow.*

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**Cheri Horn Feb** - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM