



George H. Currey, Sr.

April 22, 2016

Major George Hill Currey, Sr. (Retired, MNPD) died on April 22, 2016. He was born in 1932 in Nashville, Tennessee to Huldah Y. Currey and James G. Currey, Sr. who preceded him in death as did his daughter Leah Kathrine Currey. He was the greatgreat grandson of Robert Brownlee Currey who came to Nashville in 1795 and went on to become its mayor and its postmaster. He was the greatgrandson of Amanda Gower Turbeville, the granddaughter of one of the founding families of the city. He lived and worked in Nashville his entire life, attending Rosemont Grammar School, Antioch High School, and graduated from Peabody College, with a Bachelor of Arts. He received a Master of Arts from the University of Kansas. He also attended the FBI Academy in Washington DC. He taught at Litton High School and was on the faculties of Belmont University, Aquinas Junior College, and Cumberland University, teaching criminal justice courses. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the Tennessee National Guard,

and began his law enforcement career in 1958 by serving a Chief Juvenile Officer for the Davidson County Sheriff's Department. In 1960 he was appointed to the District Attorney's Office as a criminal investigator. He was later appointed Commander of the newly formed Youth Guidance Division of the Metropolitan Police Department in 1970, a division which concentrated its efforts on crimes involving youth. In 1988, Major Currey was appointed Director of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Training Academy. After his retirement in 1989, he established George H. Currey and Associates, an investigative and security firm in which he specialized in working with recording labels and performing artists. Major Currey had an extensive knowledge of military history, and enjoyed telling his family stories from his years of police work, war history, and Currey family heritage. His humorous retellings of these stories will be sorely missed. He greatly loved his home and his many pets, including his dog, Jessie. He is survived by his wife of sixtyfour years, Leah H. Currey, two children, Huldah Currey Bewley of Hickory, North Carolina, and George H. (Patti) Currey, Jr. of Tennessee, a brother, Dr. James G. Currey, Jr. and his wife Betty R. Currey of Nashville, four grandchildren, Leah Katherine Bewley, William L. Bewley, Michael E. Bewley, and Nathan C. Currey.

He was a member of Glenclyff Presbyterian Church, a Shriner and Knights Templar.

Active Pallbearers: David Currey, William Bewley, Michael Bewley, Stan Haskell, Nathaniel Brindley.

Honorary Pallbearers: James Currey, III, Richard Currey, Harry Hix, Joe Anderson, Thomas

Lamberson, Sandra Francis, Lt. Ginger Carrigan, Anita Lowrance, Judy Brown Gilbert, Phillip

Davidson, Dean Brown, Gene Steakley.

The family would like to recognize some who played a special part in Major Currey's life.

The members of Glenclyff Presbyterian Church.

Chief Anderson and the men and women, both active and retired, of the Metropolitan Nashville

Police Department.

Fellow Shriners and Masons.

Dr. Rogers Spotswood, San Antonio, TX, a true cousin.

Harry Hix, Woody Martin, Dick Jenkins, Judge Gale Robinson, Chief Joe Casey, Garth Brooks, Rev. Rosemary Brown, Ben Hale, Bill and Dot Taylor. Sheriff Tom Cartwright, Bette Anderson, General Harry Nichols, Clarence Reynolds.

Dr. George Holmes, Dr. Robert Ripley, of Southern Hills Medical Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Metro Nashville Police Charities, Andrew Jackson

Youth Camp or Christmas Basket Program, 449 Welshwood Dr. Nashville, TN 37211, or Shriners

Hospital for Children.

Tribute Wall



“ *George H. Currey, Sr.*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM

“ Dear family members of Maj. George Currey Sr.,

Major Currey was my Sociology Professor while I was a student at Belmont College in 1974.

But, even before I had the pleasure of his unique character gazing down at me in the classroom, my family had known him well even as I was a youngster about age thirteen.

At age eighteen, one night as I was escorting two sisters Harriet and Jacquelyn Mittwede out of the Green Hills Theatre, Major Currey pulled up in his squad car. This was a Friday night and a Metro Police Officer was gunned down on what he thought was going to be a routine traffic stop on Richard Jones Road in Green Hills section of town. It seemed as though every police officer that could be on duty was present.

Maj. Currey was one of the Commanders handling the incident and he told us to go home and stay there and not to let the girls out of my sight until I knew they were safe and at home. We had just seen the movie Jaws on its premier night.

But when he opened the trunk of his white police cruiser I think every weapon that you could think of came out quickly and efficiently by all of the proficient policeman present at the command post. It gave birth to me as an innocent youth and sometimes I think it turned me to maturity.

Major Currey was a cool customer and was making plans to divide the county into sections for the officers to search.

I don't think it took them very long to find the killer and maybe one or two other accomplices that were in the car with him and they were, as I believe apprehended later on that night or in the early

morning hours following the tragedy.

He was a very special man with qualities and gifted as a commander of MNPD. We were lucky to have had him at many different times when his savvy was required.

My Father-In-Law was Harry L. Mittwede and a Law Partner with Beverly Briley and Cornelius Breedlove back in the Nineteen Fifties and Sixties. I know they knew him well too. I suspect that my father, Skeets Mayo knew him well too.

He was a pleasure to have known and a very sad loss, indeed to the citizens of Nashville.

Yours Most Sincerely,

Paul Raymond Mayo

Paul Mayo - May 29, 2019 at 02:06 PM

GF

“*My heart goes out to Major Currey's family. I attended Glenclyff, so I know George Currey, Jr and had met his father many times. Even as a teenager, I thought highly of "George's Dad." I know that he made an impact on our community. He will be missed.*

Gina Franklin - April 30, 2016 at 02:28 PM

JU

“ I'm heartbroken from the loss of your dear one. Death is a sickening disease that plauge all of mankind today. But the God of all comfort reassures us that“ in the future in his Kingdom" death will be no more".-Revelation 21:4. What a time to come! jw.org is a website that contains practical articles of why we see so much suffering today and what God is going to do about it. Check it out

Julian - April 29, 2016 at 07:12 PM

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“ I met George years ago in my capacity as a Corporal in the Pennsylvania State Police. I investigated a case involving Toby Keith, one of George' s clients. I struck up a friendship with George and remained his friend all these years. As I am a Yankee, we both liked to poke fun at each other, but I always considered it a great honor to call him friend. George took an interest in my son Johnpaul. Every Christmas Johnpaul looked forward to the book that Mr. Currey would send. George became a great influence on my son and I was pleased with that as he was such a great roll model.If you are lucky, every now and then you meet someone that influences and shapes who you are, George is one of those people. George loved God, his family and his friends and he was a true gentleman. It is with great pride that I can say this man was my friend!!! pray for the repose of his soul. I pray for Leah and all his family. I will deeply miss him but I rest in the comfort that as a servant of God, George was called home.
Barry Gaston

Barry Gaston - April 28, 2016 at 09:53 PM