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James William Haley, Jr., 81, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, died June 8, 2024, at Mary Washington Hospital.

He was born September 28, 1942, in Washington, D.C., the son of James W. Haley and Ayliffe Eleanor Heller Haley. Raised in Arlington County, Virginia, he attended St. Stephen's Episcopal School for Boys in Alexandria, Virginia, graduating in 1960 as president of his senior class. He attended Washington and Lee University, graduating cum laude in 1964. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, captained the W&L debate team, and was elected to Omicron Delta Epsilon national honor society in economics. Upon graduation, he attended the University of Virginia School of Law, graduating in 1967. At UVA Law, he was news editor of the Virginia Law Weekly, and played second base on the law school softball team.

In Charlottesville in 1965, he met Ann Steiger Davis, who was pursuing her M.A. in English at the University. They were married June 10, 1966, and their first child, Laura Ann Haley, was born in Charlottesville May 8, 1967. Upon graduation from law school, Haley clerked for Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice John W. Eggleston. Following his tenure as law clerk, Haley became an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Arlington, Virginia, and an associate in the Arlington law firm Ball, McCarthy, and Creigh, from 1968 to 1972.

A son, Charles Davis Haley, was born July 14, 1969, in Alexandria. In 1972, Haley moved to Fredericksburg, forming a partnership engaging in the general practice of law with Robert W. Ackerman, a friend and classmate at UVA Law. In addition to maintaining his private practice, from 1973-1978, Haley served as both Commonwealth's Attorney and as county attorney for civil matters for King George County.

Shelley Eleanor Haley, the couple's youngest child, was born August 10, 1977, at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg. In 1979, Haley began his judicial career when chosen by the circuit court judges of the 15th Judicial Circuit (which comprises the city of Fredericksburg and ten surrounding counties, including the entire Northern Neck) as a substitute judge of the general



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district and juvenile and domestic relations courts. Also in 1979, Haley joined William Sokol and William Ledbetter forming the law firm Sokol, Ledbetter and Haley.

In 1985, the legislature of Virginia elected Haley a judge of the general district courts of the 15th judicial circuit. In that capacity, he sat in almost all of such courts in the 15th circuit. Beginning in 1990, he served two terms as a circuit court judge of the 15th, sitting primarily in Stafford and King George counties, but also in many of the other jurisdictions within the circuit.

Many of his written opinions as circuit court judge were published in Virginia Circuit Opinions and in The Journal of Civil Litigation. In 2005, Haley was elected by the legislature to the Court of Appeals of Virginia. Since 2012, following mandatory retirement at age 70 as an active member of the Court of Appeals, he was unanimously elected by the court each year to continue to act as a senior judge and served in that capacity until his death.

Haley was a member of the bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, the 4th Circuit of Virginia, and of the Supreme Court of the United States. From 2002–2005, Haley served as adjunct professor of business law at the University of Mary Washington and adjunct professor of European History at Germanna Community College.

In recent years he took great pleasure in lecturing on the Constitution of the United States to political science classes at the University of Mary Washington. He enjoyed writing and teaching, relished reading and thinking about history, geology, film, art, and philosophy. Judge Haley's 2022 novel Buddy Green incorporates many of those interests as it traces the short life of a Virginian (1898-1918) from Culpeper County swept by historical currents finally to the American military offensive in France in World War I.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ann Davis Haley; two daughters and their spouses, Laura Haley Lohman and her husband, Gregory of Seattle, Washington, and Shelley Haley Huntington and her husband, Albert of Richmond, Virginia; his son, Charles Davis Haley and his wife, Linda of Boise, Idaho; and by seven grandchildren, Davis Haley Lohman, Henry Lewis Lohman, Thomas Charles Haley, Anna Olivia Haley, Mary Elena Haley, Ada Ann Huntington and Virginia Joy Huntington.

He loved Virginia and wished to have his ashes spread at a family farm in Culpeper County.



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The family will receive friends from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 6, 2024 at the University of Mary Washington Jepson Center, 1119 Hanover Street, Fredericksburg.

The family requests that gestures of sympathy take the form of donations to the University of Virginia School of Law or to the Central Rappahannock Regional Library.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at foundandsons.com.



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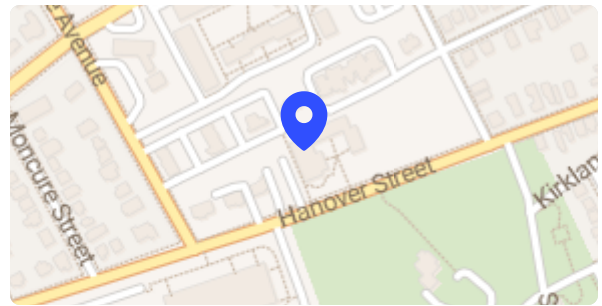
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Gathering

 **Saturday**, July 6, 2024

 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

 **University of Mary Washington Jepson Center**
1119 Hanover Street, Fredericksburg VA 22401





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William Bosshart posted:

The Judge was a great storyteller and always a larger-than-life character. It was a pleasure knowing him and having the opportunity to spend time with him. He was always amused and entertained by my lawyer wife JB as they shared experiences.

July 21 at 5:59 AM



Susan M Jones posted:

Through my family ties in King George County, I was privileged to have met and casually be in the presence of Judge Haley. He was man of dignity, humor, respect, and a scholar of the law. My sincerest condolences are extended to his family and to all those who also had the privilege of knowing him.---- Susan Mason Jones

July 9 at 11:29 AM



Mahendra Singh posted:

Jim was not only a good neighbor but a good friend and I'll miss him greatly. So many happy memories of him discussing books and history and everything else under the sun, punctuating his thoughts every few minutes by darting into his library and returning with the relevant book (and a fresh cigarette). I learned a lot from Jim, not just from his excellent library but from his deep and practical knowledge of human nature. I'm very glad that I had time to tell how much I liked his novel, it was a fine piece of writing by a man who'd read just about everything and knew a thing or two about American literature. Sending all the Haleys my condolences, hope to see you this summer.

July 5 at 1:20 PM



Anonymous sent a Love's Journey to the Haley family.



July 5 at 6:08 AM



From Fred And Barbara Barnes planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



July 5 at 6:08 AM



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Freddy B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



July 5 at 5:36 AM



Ken Griffith posted:

Thoughts and prayers 🙏 for Jim's family. I was a classmate of Jim from the 6th grade to our graduation in '60. Jim represented the BEST of St. Stephen's. He will be missed by his family and friends. God bless you Jim and your family 🙏 Ken Griffith

July 2 at 6:43 AM



Ray & Martha Gill lit a candle in honor of James.

Our deepest sympathies to his family and friends. Judge Haley and Robert Ackerman conducted the closing on my first house in Fredericksburg in 1973. I always appreciated his insights and enjoyed his sense of humor. Rest in Peace.



June 30 at 12:17 PM



Eddie And Linda Arnold sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Haley family.



June 18 at 12:30 PM



Gordon & Sandy Gay sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Haley family.



June 16 at 9:54 AM



Gordon & Sandy Gay planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



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SC

Sonja L. Courtney posted:

It is with great sorrow to learn of the passing of such a great man & legal scholar. It was my great pleasure to have worked for him for so many years. His greatest joy came from knowing the accomplishments his children had attained as adults. I don't think he realized or accepted how well his legal mind was respected by the legal community throughout the Commonwealth. Knowing he's still puffing away while reading the law, may he rest in peace. Sonja

June 16 at 8:30 AM

MR

Mike Ross sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Haley family.



June 14 at 9:14 AM

MR

Mike Ross planted a Memorial Tree in honor of James.



June 14 at 9:14 AM

TH

Thomas Horne posted:

I consider it an honor to have known Jim. A brilliant jurist with a keen sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Thomas D Horne [Ret.]

June 14 at 4:17 AM



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Steven Carey posted:

Abraham Lincoln said, "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." Judge Haley's character was solid as a rock! What a man, what a life, what a legacy! I have so many fond memories of Judge Haley. The way he knew his way around the courtroom, his sense of humor, how he loved to tell jokes and laugh. Yet what I will remember most about Judge Haley is his brilliant mind and the immense power he possessed as a judge, yet he was beyond humble and valued people and relationships deeply. As a young deputy in Stafford, he was the first judge I would go before. He was always so respectful and understanding of the young law enforcement officers testifying, as many struggled due to the nerves and stress associated with being a rookie law enforcement officer in court. So much of his strength came from his humility. He was one of the brightest and well versed judges ever to sit on the bench in the Commonwealth, yet he would refer to me as 'Deputy Carey' or 'Sergeant Carey' in the courtroom, and call me 'Steve' in the parking lot. Judge Haley always had time to speak, answer questions, offer advice, or just listen. He was a leader in every sense of the word. In a world that's experiencing a significant leadership deficit at all levels, Judge Haley's leadership will be missed. George W. Bush said, "Use power to help people. For we are given power not to advance our own purposes nor to make a great show in the world, nor a name. There is but one just use of power and it is to serve people." Judge Haley was an amazing public servant, and he served the people very well. Washington D.C. by birth... Virginia Gentleman and Commonwealth Judge by the grace of God! We were blessed to have you serve in the 15th and Virginia. Go rest high on that mountain Judge H...and I'll see you in Glory! Steve Carey

June 13 at 6:50 PM



Steve McCullough posted:

My very first circuit court appearance as a baby lawyer was before Jim. Little did I know that this (to me, at the time) intimidating figure would one day become a good friend. He welcomed me as a colleague on the Court of Appeals and we bonded over a love of literature and history. I fondly recall his colorful "war stories" from many years in the law. The breadth of his erudition was remarkable, in the span of a conversation he could go from Marcus Aurelius to prodding me to read an experimental European novel. He leaves behind a great legacy not only in the way he shaped the law as an appellate judge but also an enduring legacy of love: for his wife and family, for his friends, and for Virginia and the United States.

June 12 at 5:04 PM



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DM

David Mastran posted:

Jim was a dear friend, although I haven't talked to him in years as we went our separate ways. He incorporated MAXIMUS for me, now a \$5 billion company on the NYSE. He helped me in many other ways. His wit and humor were at times unmatched. I wish I had stayed in touch better. My sympathies to the family. Dave Mastran

June 12 at 7:23 AM

JW

Joe Wilson posted:

I shall miss my dear friend Jim...especially the hours we would spend on his front porch talking about everything from politics to the stock market and sometimes even religion!

June 12 at 7:08 AM

JE

Jean Eustice lit a candle in honor of James.



June 12 at 4:36 AM

WF

William Foster posted:

I worked for Judge Haley from 2011 until his retirement in 2012. He was a scholar and a true gentleman. Virginia has lost a great citizen.

June 12 at 4:13 AM

AC

Adam Calinger posted:

I worked for Judge Haley from 2007-12 and have many fond memories. He was an outstanding person to spend time with and from whom to learn. I'm profoundly grateful God put him in my life.

June 11 at 10:17 PM



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Barney Skladany posted:

One of our most delightful memories was Jim sending me a reading list of books and sundry publications to be discussed on the dune deck overlooking the sea the week Ann, Linda and I would be spending together with him at the Outer Banks. Linda and Barney Skladany

June 11 at 5:20 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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