

JAMES HARDIN FAULKNER

Associate Justice - 1972-1986

BORN: March 17, 1921; Louisville, Mississippi
DIED: December 28, 1994; Birmingham, Alabama

James Hardin Faulkner served in both the Marine Corps and the Army Air Forces during World War II. He flew 51 missions in the Mid-Eastern and European theaters. He was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with ten clusters, Soldier's Medal, and the Greek Military Cross.

Faulkner attended San Diego State College and, following the war, the University of Alabama, where he graduated from the Commerce School in 1947 and the Law School in 1949. In 1983 he was awarded an L.L.M. degree from the University of Virginia.

Faulkner's legal career has been quite diverse. In 1951 he left his law practice to serve with the Treasury Department. Four years later, he was appointed trust officer of the Birmingham Trust National Bank, but in 1958 he returned to a general law practice in Birmingham and Montevallo.

In December of 1972, Faulkner became an associate justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. He was appointed by Governor George C. Wallace after having been elected to a full term in November 1972 to succeed Justice Robert T. Simpson. Reelected in 1978 and 1986, he retired from the bench in 1986 to pursue other interests.

James Hardin Faulkner was married to Eleanor Jane Wyatt of Birmingham. They had two children and two grandchildren.