

JAMES JEFFERSON MAYFIELD

Associate Justice: 1954-1956

BORN: November 10, 1911; Montgomery, Alabama

DIED: April 04, 1956; Montgomery, Alabama



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A native of Montgomery, Alabama, James Jefferson Mayfield, Jr., son of former state Supreme Court Justice James Jefferson Mayfield, Sr., and his wife, Amanda Mayfield, earned a bachelor's degree in 1932 and a law degree in 1934 from the University of Alabama. During the 1930's, he served as United States conciliation commissioner, assistant attorney general in 1935, and chairman of the Board of Registrars in 1936.

While serving in the Army Air Forces during World War II, Mayfield graduated from the Judge Advocate School at the University of Michigan. He was then assigned to a combat bombardment group in the Southwest Pacific. Following the war, Mayfield returned to Tuscaloosa to practice law.

Mayfield was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama in November 1954 to serve the unexpired term of Joel Bascom Brown. His unexpected death occurred shortly before the Democratic primary election, in which he was running for re-election.

Mayfield first married Elizabeth Montgomery Mason in 1934. He second married Jannette Smith Gibson in 1951. He had one son from each marriage.

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