

JANIE LEDLOW SHORES

Associate Justice: 1975-1999

BORN: April 30, 1932; Georgiana, Alabama

DIED: August 09, 2017; Fairhope, Alabama



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A native of Georgiana, Alabama, Janie Ledlow Shores, received a B.A. from Samford University, a J.D. from the University of Alabama Law School, and completed her LLM at the University of Virginia.

Shores was law clerk for Justice Robert T. Simpson of the Supreme Court of Alabama, and then she practiced law in Selma. She served on the legal staff of Liberty National Life Insurance Company; the faculty of Cumberland School of Law as the school's first female law professor; as legal advisor to the Alabama Constitutional Revision Commission in 1973; and as a member of the National Advisory Council on State Court Planning in 1976.

Shores was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama in 1974, becoming the first woman justice to sit on the Supreme Court of Alabama. She was reelected in 1980, 1986, and 1992. Shores was a member of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame. In 1994, she was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Board of the national State Justice Institute. Shores married James L. Shores, Jr., and they had one daughter.

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