

R E S O L U T I O N

On Thursday morning, October 15, 1981, Leon Gilbert dies of a heart attack at his residence at the age of 89 years.

Leon Gilbert was born on December 16, 1891 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, where he remained a life long citizen. His father, the late Harris Gilbert, was the founder of the former Gilbert's, a landmark men's clothing store on the Public Square, and Leon was a brother of the late retired Criminal Court Judge Charles Gilbert.

He received a bachelor's degree in 1914 from Vanderbilt University and his law degree in 1916 from Vanderbilt University School of Law. He practiced law for several years before going into real estate. He never retired from the real estate field and continued his membership with the Nashville Bar Association.

Leon Gilbert is survived by nieces, Miss Pauline Gilbert, of New York, Mrs. Carol Tofel, New York; nephews, Harris Gilbert, Charles Gilbert, Jr., Joe Gilbert, Jr., of Nashville, Paul Gilbert of Washington, D.C., Leon Gilbert Matison, New York.

Mr. Gilbert was a former state Insurance Commissioner serving under Governor Frank Clement, a former four term state representative, one of the founders of the former Capitol City Bank, and a director of its successor, Nashville City Bank.

Leon served on the Nashville Electric Power Board from its beginning in 1939 until he retired as its chairman of 14 years in 1965. During that time, he became known as the "available man". "He has always been there to serve the day-to-day needs of our growing organization", one board member said upon Mr. Gilbert's retirement. "He has done it cheerfully, with rare ability and good judgment". Mr. Gilbert also was one of the founders of the Metro Industrial Development Board.

Leon Gilbert was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Al Menah Shrine Temple; a member of The Temple located on Harding Road.

In a short space of time it is impossible to mention many of the highlights in the life of such an unusual individual but we would be derelict in our duty if we did not bring to your attention that our friend was chairman and a longtime member of the Davidson County Jury Commission, a member of the Nashville Exchange Club, and the Elks Lodge in Brentwood. He was a veteran of World War I and World War II, during which he attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. A member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Post 5, Lt. Col. Gilbert had become a living legend within Post 5. An active Legionnaire for over sixty years, he served on the Post 5 Executive Committee longer than any other, serving a tenure of over thirty years. He was deeply devoted to his fellow veterans and took an active part in every facet of the Legion's Post 5 program.

Therefore, with sadness in our hearts but rejoicing in the knowledge of the hereafter, and with gratitude for the life that has ended, we pause with the members of his family and fellow lawyers, with sober reflection in memory of our friend, Leon Gilbert, in token of which this Resolution shall be spread upon the permanent records of the Association and copies thereof shall be sent to the members of his bereaved family.

Your Committee considers it an honor to have a part in this occasion in memory of our beloved and departed friend, Leon Gilbert.

COMMITTEE:

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