



JAMES WALTER COWART

08-29-1918 -- 09-11-2001

FOREST LAWN MEMORY GARDENS
CHAPEL OF FAITH MAUSOLEUM, LEVEL 6, CRYPT #217

315 GREENWICH ROAD

SAVANNAH, GA

NAME: JAMES WALTER COWART 8-29-1918

PERSONAL INFORMATION

OCCUPATION(S): LAWYER AND JUDGE 1956-1985

OTHER INFORMATION: _____

MASONIC INFORMATION

LODGE(S): THUNDERBOLT #693 3-3-1966

STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

CHAPTER(S): GEORGIA #3 4-6-1966

STATE OFFICES HELD: GRAND HIGH PRIEST 1987

COUNCIL(S): GEORGIA #2 4-13-1966

STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

COMMANDERY(IES): PALESTINE #7 5-13-1966

STATE OFFICES HELD: _____

OTHER MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS: OHP 4-17-1973 PRESIDENT 1986
AASR - 33^o 1989 KYCH #306

OTHER MASONIC STATE OFFICES HELD: PRIOR GEORGIA #39 1984-1985

NATIONAL MASONIC OFFICES HELD: _____

MASONIC AWARDS: GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 1990
KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR 1992

OTHER INFORMATION: _____

J. Walter Cowart

J. Walter Cowart, 83, a Savannah lawyer and former judge, died Sept. 11, at [Hospice Savannah](#).

The native of Tattnall County joined the Navy in 1936 as an enlisted man, served with the U. S. submarines during World War II and was discharged in 1945.

He received an A.A. degree from Armstrong College, a B.A. in History -- Law from Mercer University and a L.L. B. from the University of Georgia.

He was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1956 and was appointed by Gov. Lester G. Maddox as judge to the City Court of Savannah in June 1970. He later became judge of State Court of Chatham County and for five years prior to December 1965 was pro-tem judge of the Municipal Court of Savannah. He withdrew from active law practice in 1985. He was active in the formation of the Southside Fire Department.

He was a prominent Mason, serving in various capacities including Worshipful Master of Thunderbolt Lodge No. 693 and president of the Knights of Mecca and the Ritualistic Divan of Alec Temple.

He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Knight Masons, (S.C.), and York Rite College of North America (Florida and Georgia). He spearheaded efforts to exempt Georgia Masonic lodges from ad valorem taxes.

SURVIVORS: his wife, Angeline Frances VanOosbree Cowart of Savannah; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas A. and Beverly Cowart of Brooklet; two sisters, Hazel C. Jefferson and Helen C. Waterfield, both of Savannah; a niece, Jean Stefanick of Savannah; a nephew, Jack Waterfield of Savannah; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

FUNERAL: 11 a.m. today at Hubert C. Baker Funeral Home, Hodgson Memorial Chapel, with entombment in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

REMEMBRANCES: Mollie Moseley Foundation Inc., 811 Mulberry St., Macon, GA 31201; or [Hospice Savannah](#), 1352 Eisenhower Drive, Savannah, GA 31406.



In Memoriam

J. Walter Cowart

Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

April 1987 - April 1988

Born: August 29, 1918
Tattnall County, Georgia

Died: September 11, 2001
Savannah, Georgia