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NASHVILLE BANK & TRUST CHAIRMAN DONALD W. THURMOND DIES



NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 8, 2009 – Donald W. Thurmond, age 69, founding chairman and CEO of Nashville Bank & Trust, died this morning after a brave and private battle with cancer.

“Don was revered mightily here at Nashville Bank & Trust, and everyone who works here knows that our success is attributable to his leadership,” said CEO Tom Stumb. “He was the most principled, smart, disciplined and thoughtful leader I have ever known. He was also someone who never drew attention to himself. He didn’t need to. Those who knew Don knew how good he was – which was arguably the best, most experienced trust man anywhere.

Thurmond served as chairman of Nashville Bank & Trust since its inception in 2003, and as CEO until last year. In the banking industry for more than 40 years, he served in several senior management roles at SunTrust Bank, heading up the bank’s trust businesses in Tennessee and Georgia, before helping to found Nashville Bank & Trust.

“Working with our employees, shareholders and clients was the greatest joy of Don’s long and distinguished career. He was proud of what Nashville Bank & Trust has accomplished in its first five years, becoming a rock solid, financially strong bank and trust company during some of the most challenging economic conditions in modern history,” Stumb added.

A native of Madison, Ga., Thurmond was active in several civic organizations in both Georgia and Tennessee. He served on the boards of the YMCA of Middle Tennessee and the YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta, the Boys Club of Atlanta and the Emory University Board of Visitors. He was a member of the Robertson Association of the United Way of Metropolitan Nashville, the Canby Robinson Society of Vanderbilt University, Leadership Nashville and the Belle Meade Country Club. He was a past trustee of the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center in Georgia, a charter member of Georgia’s Morgan Conservancy and member of the Madison Baptist Church of Madison, Ga.

He was a graduate of the University of Georgia, where he earned both a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Doctor of Jurisprudence; Emory University School of Law, where he earned a Master's degree in taxation; and the ABA National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University. He also served in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant, where he received awards for distinguished service.

Visitation will be on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at Saint Paul Christian Academy, 5035 Hillsboro Road. A private memorial service will be held at Madison Baptist Church in Madison, Ga. on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. eastern time. Thurmond spent much time commuting between Georgia and Tennessee, but it was his wish that friends in Nashville not attempt the drive to Georgia, but use such time to visit a loved one or do a kind deed for some one in need.

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