



## Richard L. Hodge Obituary

August 24, 1946 - June 16, 2010

The Honorable Judge Richard Lee Hodge passed away at his home on June 16, 2010. At his side was his wife, Linda Stieb Hodge. Judge Hodge has one son, Matthew M. Fox, and one daughter-in-law, Julie Strickland Fox. His grandchildren are Sarah Camille, Matthew and William Hodge Fox. They loved their "Grumpa". Richard has one sister, Sandra Hodge Farnsworth and a brother-in-law, David of Americus. Their children, Richard's niece and nephew are, Mary Beth Farnsworth Oliver and James "Boo" Farnsworth. A great nephew is Hudson Townes Oliver. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Mary Hodge. Richard was an integral part of Linda's family. One sister-in-law, Lani Stieb Dill and her husband Alan reside in Denver; another sister-in-law, Sandra Stieb Klos resides in Albany. His niece Ashlee Klos Daniel and her husband D.J., who have one daughter, Richard's great-niece, Penbrooke, are also of Albany. A brother-in-law, Jeff Stieb and his wife Lisa and nephews, Joe, Matthew, and Andrew reside in Weymouth, MA. Judge Hodge considered the members of the U.S. Courts of the Middle and Southern Districts of Georgia to be extended family. In particular are his law clerks, Alicia Brown and Maria Dickerson. Richard attended Albany High School, graduated from Darton College, Georgia Southwestern and Mercer Law School. He served four years in the United States Air Force as a White House Communications Specialist. Although he was a member of many organizations, his great passions were family, friends, fishing, boating, biking, Georgia football, car racing and his lake place. Richard will be missed by all

who knew him, including those who appeared before him in court. He was known to be fair and treated all with dignity. The family would like to give a special thanks to the Albany Community Hospice and to everyone who shared their time and love.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L. Hodge Obituary*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Judge Hodge. He is a a great man with the best sense of humor and will be deeply missed.*

**Lylli Van Whittle** - June 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard and I were neighbors at Radium Springs during our Jr. High days and were members of the same Scout troop (Troop 14). One of my fondest memories of Richard was the patience he showed in teaching me to water ski. I was so saddened to hear , first of his illness and now his passing. I had no idea that he had left us as I have been extremely busy this past week with my youngest daughter's wedding (6/19) and just got the news. My sincerest condolences go to Linda and the rst of his family and loved ones. He will be missed.*

**Bill Smith** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We will always remember Richard's wit and love of life.*

**Mr/Mrs Lawrence Medlin** - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Linda, Trina and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Richard will be missed by a lot of people. Vern Smith and I had such a great visit with Richard last Christmas. I still remember that great fishing book filled with pictures and quotes that he shared with us. We are right down the street if you need us. God Bless.

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**Jimmie Faulkner** - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Linda - I am just so sorry to hear about Richard. I'm so glad I got to see you both last year. Richard was a great boss & taught me a lot about being an adult AND having a sense of humor. Love to you & your family.

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**Rebecca Cook DiGiuro** - June 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Linda, Matt and family, we are so sorry. Richard was a true gentleman, his handshake was his word, one of the good guys - fair and honest. Mercer law School was when we all met. We are so glad we did. Thank you Richard for all you gave of yourself to Albany. You will be missed.

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**Peggy & Glenn Kirbo** - June 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I have worked with a lot of judges over the years but he had to be one of my favorites. He was loved and liked by everyone and will be greatly missed.

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**Connie Lassiter** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Judge Hodge was a joy to work with and he will be greatly missed. He was always so kind. Your family is in my prayers.

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**Sandra DeCesare, Valdosta, GA** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

UR

“ Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time-May you find comfort in your memories...

*Stephanie Sceals  
Dana Abercrombie  
Hazel Stroud*

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**U-Save-It Dawson Road** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Such a great loss and a wonderful man.

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**David Grindle** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Linda: My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow. May God deliver peace and comfort now, and in the days to come.

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**Gina Griffis** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ As a former "across the alley" neighbor, I'll always have good memories of Judge Hodge. As he was responsible for any part of the yard that was not a flower bed, he would hire me to cut the grass. I noticed that the grass area in the back yard on Audubon would get smaller each year. To Linda, Matt, and the rest of the family, please know that my prayers are with you during this difficult time. We'll miss him! P.S. The WHS Class of 1990 sends their condolences as well...we passed the word on Richard's condition last weekend at the reunion.

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**Russ Allen** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Judge Hodge was one of the best examples of a judge that I have had the pleasure of knowing. I am thankful that I was able to practice in his court. I will miss him very much. My prayers are with his family.

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**Rick Collum** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to you and your family. I have known Richard since the 1st grade and remember his laughter and big smile. May God hold you in his arms during the days ahead and comfort you

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**Janice Ivey Bass** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Richard was the best boss I have ever had in my adult life. He made working ... fun! He was very devoted to his family and he will be truly missed by all his friends and family. He cared about the people he worked with and was a fair and just Judge when dealing with others. God Bless!

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**Lenora and Louis AndrT** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear about Richard. My thoughts and prayers goes out to all of you.

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**Dianne Tedder** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ The Hodge Family has always been a big part of my family on both sides. I will I will always have wonderful memories of Richard as a member of the official Morrison race team from the very early days, being one of my regular YMCA members when I worked there during college, and being my first reference when I graduated. And of course his and Linda's support for my mother. My heart and prayers go out to you. He is a fine man and will be missed greatly.

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**Melissa Morrison Wood** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ A true friend and wonderful mentor. He will be missed; never replaced.

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**Tommy Langstaff** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ We are praying for each of you during this time. May God bestow His peace upon each of you.

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**Andy Goode** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Linda, it is with a very heavy heart that I send this to you, and I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and Matt. I will always treasure the memories we shared with you and Richard, high school graduation party at Joeys, many good times with Reb on Spring Flats Road. My sympathy goes out to you and you will be in my thoughts and prayers. We love you all, Laura, Jason and Stevie.

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**Laura Welch LaCanne** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dearest Linda,  
Our love and sincere sympathy is with you and your family at this most difficult time. We have thought of you and prayed for you these many months of Richard's illness. Always know you are so special to both of us.  
Dub & Carleen

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**Carleen & Dub Flowers** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Linda, Our hearts go out to you and your family at this time of loss. Richard married us over ten years ago, and we still have his 'altered' marriage vows. Every anniversary we take them out, and still laugh. He will be missed.

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**Doug and Meribeth Crow Bice** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of the family of Richard...Having known Richard and his family, his mother was a neighbor of my mother's on Magnolia for many years, and having known him for many years through his service as a Judge, as I worked with an attorney's office, his presence will indeed be missed. May God's blessings and peace be bestowed upon you all,  
Kathy (Carow) Thomas

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**Kathleen (Carow) Thomas** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ For the Hodge Family -  
I am so sorry for your loss. I met Richard when I was about 12 at a church social. He was one of the finest people I have ever met. My dad was honored to write him a rec for his White House job and my son loved him as a camp counselor. God bless you all.

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**Karen (Carow) Dees** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I had the privilege of working with Richard many years ago. He was a good man. Had the best sense of humor. I will always remember his smile. I was young when I first started working in the court system and he had a way of making me feel right at home.

*My thoughts and prayers go out to Richard's family. He will truly be missed.*

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**Susan Bracewell Sebastian** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Linda, I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Richard was a dear person and loved and respected by so many. I pray for you and your family.

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**Marilyn Trawick Bishop** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Linda, we were so sorry to hear that the end had finally come. We are glad that he was at home and hopefully at peace.

*I often think about the retirement reception in Albany for Richard. I thought it was just perfect in every way. So many people showed up for Richard, the place and food was awesome, and Richard seemed to be thoroughly enjoying it all. I'll remember him as he was that night.*

*Let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Greg*

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**Greg and Gelle Leonard** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Sandy and family, so sorry to hear about your brother. May God comfort you all through this.

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**Jackie Harvard Palmer** - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Sandy and David, and Hodge family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Although I never met Richard, Sandy, you made me feel as though I knew him. It seems that he had such a love for his family, friends, and for life itself. He is at peace now, but I know he will be tremendously missed by his family. My prayers are with you in this dark hour.  
Love, Samille

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**Samille Posey** - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Richard, We think of you often during the 5:45 AM spin class at the YMCA. You will be missed.

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**Brenda Marley** - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Judge-You were always my favorite Judge. I truly enjoyed working for you and will miss you greatly. I will always be impressed by your kindness to others, your down-home manners, and your integrity and desire to always do the right thing in your financial dealings with the court.

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**David Lee** - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ Matt, Julie and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with  
all of you.

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**Osan Petroleum Co.** - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM