

John Lasley O'Dell, 55, died Sunday, July 1, 2007, in Chattanooga after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Jane; his children, Thomas Marshall O'Dell, of Tucson, Ariz., John Andrew Cameron O'Dell, of Trenton, Ga., Cody Yates, Lacy Yates; mother, Elaine Lasley O'Dell; four sisters, Lauren Ling, Anne Faulk, Betsy Scanlan, Kate Bailey; nieces, Kate Brock, Logan Ling, Betsy Bailey; nephews, R. Kingsley Brock, John Brock, Hamilton Faulk, William Bailey.

He was born November 18, 1951 in Chattanooga. A graduate from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in 1985, John served as the assistant district attorney in the North Georgia Circuit Court from 1989 through 2007. Talented and dedicated, he was a well-liked and effective prosecutor. His family and friends remember a quiet man with a dry wit who was devoted to his profession and his family.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. on, July 5, 2007, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Burial followed at Forest Hills Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, 850 Fort Wood St., Chattanooga, TN 37403, or the Book of Remembrance at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 305 W. Seventh St., Chattanooga, TN 37402.