



## Henry P. Trawick, Jr.

July 20, 1926 - September 29, 2017

Henry P. Trawick, Jr., a distinguished attorney, passed away on September 29, 2017. Henry was born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 20, 1926 and moved to Florida in 1938.

He graduated from Plant High School in Tampa in 1944 and went into the Army Air Force near the end of WW II. When he completed his service, he attended North Carolina State College for two years before transferring to the University of Florida where he graduated in 1950 with an LLB degree.

He began practicing law in Lakeland and moved to Sarasota in 1956 where he was engaged in a large litigation practice, as well as a probate, real estate and general civil matters practice.

He was the Sarasota County School Board attorney from 1960-65 and represented the Ringling Brothers Circus and Mrs. Charles Ringling's trustee for a number of years before succeeding him as trustee.

Henry was highly instrumental in revising Florida law with appointments to the Florida Law Revision Committee in 1967, becoming its Chairman from 1969-72; the Legislative Lay Advisory Committee on the Mechanic's Lien Law that rewrote the then existing Florida Construction Lien Law; and the Uniform Probate Code Study Commission where he served as its chairman and

rewrote the existing probate statutes.

He served on numerous committees of The Florida Bar. He was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States; United States Courts of Appeals of the Fifth and Twelfth Circuits; and the United States District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida.

He authored several books, including Trawick's Florida Practice and Procedure; Trawick's Redfearn, Wills and Administration in Florida; Trawick's Florida Practice and Procedure Forms; Law Office Administration (1977); and Corporate Formation Forms (1979). He wrote many articles for magazines on professional subjects and taught a large number of seminars throughout the State.

The University of Florida awarded him an Honorary Doctorate Degree in 2015.

Henry was an ardent believer of the educational value of studying American History, with a passion for the study of the Civil War.

Henry was an honorable man, the epitome of a southern gentleman and always willing to help others. He will be dearly missed.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife, Louise J. Trawick.

He is survived by his sister Margaret Shewell (Richard); nieces Louise Kanaan (Mitch) and Nancy Monger (Michael); nephews Richard Shewell, Jr., William McNeese (Edna), and Jeffery McNeese (Lena); and companion Sherry Smith.

A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Redeemer, 222 South Palm Avenue in Sarasota on Monday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Cat Depot of Sarasota, 2542 17th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234, [www.catdepot.org](http://www.catdepot.org) or Moffit Cancer Center Foundation, 12902-Magnolia Drive, MBC-FOUND, Tampa, FL 33612, [foundationinfo@MOFFITT.org](mailto:foundationinfo@MOFFITT.org).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Henry was a kind supporter of our animal sanctuary for many years. He was always willing to help at a moment's notice and was a pleasure to work with.

*Our sincere condolences to Henry's family and friends. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.*

*From everyone at Forest Animal Rescue (fka Peace River Refuge & Ranch)*

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**Lisa Stoner** - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Henry Trawick was a lion in the field of law. Any time I called, he was willing to help and he always provided practical legal advice. He will be missed. Condolences to his family. Lori Hultman

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**Lori Hultman** - October 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Henry was a trusted friend and my lawyer for over 30 years. I shall miss him; he cannot be replaced.

*Thanks, Ed Johnson, Arcadia, FL*

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**Ed Johnson** - October 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Henry was always willing to help me. He was a legal legend and marched to the beat of his own drum. Henry will be greatly missed by the many people he touched in his personal and professional life. Condolences to his family and friends and long-time co-workers, Julie Bifano and Wendy Davis. Rest In Peace, Henry



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**Sherry Smith** - October 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM