

## Edward Everett Bagnell



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Suffolk, VA

08.13.1937 - 05.14.2019

**Birthplace:** Virginia

**Served in the :** Army

Hon. Edward Everett Bagnell, age 81, of Suffolk, Virginia died May 14, 2019 at home after several years of declining health. He grew up in the small community of Crittenden in Nansemond County and was the son of the late Carl Edward Bagnell and Anne Everett Bagnell Jones.

Judge Bagnell graduated from Chuckatuck High School, Randolph-Macon College and received his Juris Doctorate from T.C. Williams Law School at the University of Richmond. During his two-year service in the U.S. Army he received the Army Commendation Medal for Distinguished Service.

He began his legal career in Suffolk in private practice with the late Senator J. Lewis Rawls. He was appointed a substitute Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge in Nansemond County in 1967, appointed a General District Court Judge in 1976, and elected to Circuit Court Judge the following year. He served 32 years on the bench and always considered it a high honor to serve the Commonwealth of Virginia. He was proud to be appointed to serve on the Model Jury Instruction Committee for many years.

He remained active in the legal community in retirement and had many rewarding years as a mediator and arbitrator. He was a member of the Virginia State Bar for 50 years.

Judge Bagnell was a member of the Suffolk Christian Church where he had served on the Board of Deacons. He was a past president of the Lions Club, Crittenden Ruritan Club and Jolly Boys. He was a board member of the Seaboard Bank and Hampton Roads Savings and Loan.

Judge Bagnell will be remembered for his love of family and friends, strong work ethic and strength of character, as well as his love of tennis, golf, and fishing at Cape Hatteras.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Nita Cox Bagnell; daughters Anne Cox Bagnell Everhart and husband Randal of Apex, NC; Molly Bagnell Young and husband Rutledge of Charleston, SC; Elizabeth Bagnell Totten and husband Daniel of Suffolk, VA; and son Edward Everett Bagnell, Jr and wife Erin of Richmond, VA; and eight grandchildren Mary Eston Everhart, Caroline Young, Anne Young, Henry Young, Latane Bagnell, Anne Everett Bagnell, Henley Totten and Crawford Totten. He is also survived by his sister Virginia Lee Bagnell of Suffolk, VA; brothers in law Gordon Henderson Cox of Winston-Salem, NC and Kenneth Allen Lawder of New Orleans, LA and nieces Edie DeSantis, Suzanne Corbin and Cathy Turner.

The Family will receive friends in the R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory, 509 W. Washington St. Suffolk VA on Thursday, May 16, 2019 from 5:00 pm till 6:30 pm. A graveside service will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, PO Box 2156 Norfolk, VA 23501 or the Bagnell Scholarship Fund at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy 3373 Pruden Blvd. Suffolk, Va 23434.

The family would like to thank his special caregivers, Sylvia Anderson and Lisa White for their loving care and kindness. Condolences may be registered at [RWBakerFH.com](http://RWBakerFH.com)

### **Visitation**

**Start Time:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 05:00pm

**End Time:** Thursday, May 16, 2019 - 06:30pm

R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory

509 W WASHINGTON STREET

SUFFOLK, VA 23434

United States

### **Google Maps Link**

[Directions to R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory](#)

### **Guestbook**

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**Jim Grandfield**

**Tue, 05/14/2019 -  
05:30pm**

I practiced in front of Judge Bagnell for many years. He was always good to me as a young lawyer, and I always knew he would not let my lack of experience ever hurt a client.

Jim Grandfield

**JEAN R. PERRY**

**Tue, 05/14/2019 -  
07:17pm**

JUDGE BAGNELL WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I WORKED IN HIS COURTROOM AS CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK OF THE SUFFOLK CIRCUIT COURT FOR MANY YEARS. JEAN R. PERRY

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**John Brandt**

**Wed, 05/15/2019 -  
07:27am**

Judge Bagnell was a genius on the bench. My condolences to his family, legal profession, and community.

John Brandt

**John R. Stevens,  
Judge ( Ret. )**

**Thu, 05/16/2019 -  
08:23am**

My father, John H. Stevens was a teacher at Chuckatuck High School in the early 50's. I believe his mother was my first grade teacher who I remember fondly. I used to get word from other parties from Judge Bagnell saying hello.

John R. Stevens, Judge ( Ret. )

**Lloyd Pugh**

**Thu, 05/16/2019 -  
09:41am**

Farewell Brother R-M C Phi Kappa Sigma

Lloyd Pugh

**Jeri Yarnell**

**Thu, 05/16/2019 -  
10:40am**

My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Judge Bagnell. I worked with him for many years as a Deputy Clerk. He was so very helpful and patient with me when I first started in the Clerk's office and going to court. He continued to be very supportive through the years.

Jeri Yarnell

**Dana Cooper Mitchell**

**Thu, 05/16/2019 -  
10:51am**

I knew growing up and being the friend of his daughter...He was a man to be respected! I remember him in his leather chair and the sparkle in his eye as he asked us about life and our weekend or more distant plans. "Your honor" was a fitting way to address an honorable man, a father, and a patriarch of such a lovable family!

My love to all of his loved ones!

Dana Cooper Mitchell

**Deidre Mitchell  
Harrell**

**Thu, 05/16/2019 -  
01:46pm**

I worked for the Judges' office for several years sometime ago, and Judge Bagnell was one of my bosses. He was a good Judge and I always remember him talking about his family. We were all privileged to know him!

Deidre Mitchell Harrell

**Ronald H. Williams**

**Fri, 05/17/2019 -  
08:50am**

Dear Family,

On behalf of the City of Suffolk Treasurer's Office, I want to extend to you our sincerest sympathy on the loss of Judge Bagnell. I have know the Judge for many years and it was always a privilege to be in his presence. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Williams, City Treasurer and Office Staff

Ronald H. Williams



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