

March 4, 2010, 90<sup>th</sup> birthday tribute to Herndon Inge, Jr by his 3 sons, held at Country Club of Mobile and put on by his wife, Alice Inge:

1<sup>st</sup> Tribute: George B. Inge, MD, his youngest son.

Thank you for helping us honor our Dad on his birthday

What I admire about the way he has lived his life: obedience, hard work, high goals, optimism, and good luck

Examples:

1. Quit Murphy High School before his senior year to work at Quigley's Service Station for \$15/week, giving  $\frac{1}{2}$  to his family and saving the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  for college.
2. Worked in the Treasurer's Office at The University of Alabama and paid for his own education. Graduated in ROTC as an Army Infantry Lieutenant and was obedient to the call to serve his country in World War II, landing on Normandy, D Day plus 90, climbing down the rope netting on a troop transport ship into a landing craft.
3. Trapped in a trench with 18 scared enlisted men on the southern edge of The Battle of the Bulge, Orsholtz, Germany, after 2 sleepless nights of battle, his radioman dead at his side, he was obedient to Officer Candidate School training, knowing he must lead these men out of this trench or all would be killed, said "come on let's go", all following him up the hill to a bunker with medics and wounded. He promised to always be "a believer" if God kept the Psalm 91 promise: "A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you"
4. Escaped from a German prisoner of war camp when liberated by Tank Task Force Baum trying to free a fellow POW who happened to be General George S. Patton's son in law, the tanks and prisoners became surrounded and trapped by the Germans, the ranking American POW Colonel said, "follow me back to the prison camp", Dad was obedient and survived.
5. Circuit Judge/Juvenile Judge for over 17 years in Mobile County, obedient to the call of civic duty.
6. Obedient to Ken Burns, appearing in the PBS documentary, "THE WAR"

He worked as a lawyer until age 88, he has led a life of obedience, hard work, high goals, optimism and good luck and now as the LAST MAN STANDING, recently was honored by a law signed by Governor Bob Riley naming him Supernumerary Circuit Court Judge of Mobile County and eligible for full retirement benefits!

Happy Birthday Dad, you're a tough act to follow.