

Jennie Howle Randolph

Jennie Howle Randolph, age 94, of Atlanta, Georgia, died November 16, 2007, at her home.

Born in Wetumpka, Alabama on January 13, 1913, Jennie attended public schools in Wetumpka. She graduated with highest honors from Alabama College, Montevallo, AL (now Montevallo University) in 1933 as a mathematics major, with minors in history and English. She was elected to Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary scholastic fraternity. Upon graduation, she was awarded a teacher's certificate, but chose to attend Soule Business College in New Orleans, LA rather than teach.

She entered government service as a clerk-stenographer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service in Clinton, LA, and soon accepted a similar position in 1937 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. She soon transferred with the SEC to the Atlanta Regional Office, and lived in Atlanta the rest of her life. A top-notch clerk, she received continuous promotions, until she reached the highest level possible without having a law degree.

While continuing her day job, Jennie enrolled in the Woodrow Wilson College of Law in Atlanta and earned her LLB degree summa cum laude in 1953, which paved the way for her to work as an attorney with the SEC in Atlanta beginning in 1955. She continued her record of outstanding performance with well-earned promotions until she eventually was appointed as Southeast Regional Counsel of the SEC. All of these career achievements were at a time when women rarely worked outside the home and even more rarely held supervisory positions. Jennie retired in 1976 as Atlanta Regional Counsel after 39 years of service.

After a career of investigating and prosecuting securities fraud, Jennie never had complete confidence in any of her personal financial advisors, bankers or stockbrokers and religiously reviewed every transaction and statement for potential errors. Her disciplined attention to detail continued until her eyesight became too poor to read. Jennie ran a law & order office, and maintained a law & order home, where every piece of paper had its assigned place in a properly labeled file folder.

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