

# W. Pelham McMurry lived to see many visions come true

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W. Pelham McMurry, one of Paducah's most prominent attorneys and a visionary who served as McCracken County attorney and county judge in the 1950s and '60s, has died.

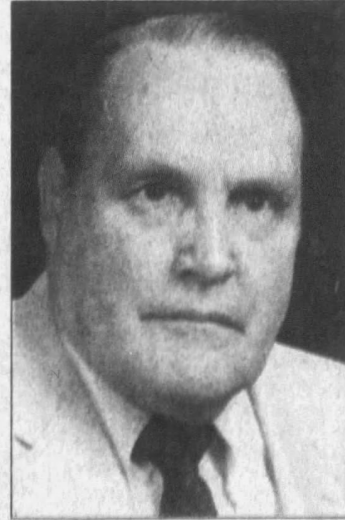
Mr. McMurry, 74, died at 4:11 p.m. Saturday at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. McMurry was a founding partner of McMurry and Livingston, one of the region's largest and most successful law firms. He began practicing law in Paducah in 1947 and worked until three weeks ago when he became ill.

He was a lifelong member of Broadway United Methodist Church.

Mr. McMurry didn't allow adversity to get in the way of his ambition and enthusiasm. He was stricken with polio during his senior year in high school, his father died just before he graduated from law school and his twin brother, William Fletcher McMurry III, was killed during the Korean War.

Mr. McMurry dedicated the early part of his career to public service and politics. In 1953, he was elected county attorney and served until 1965 when he ran for county judge, losing to veteran incumbent Roy Stewart. Stewart died in December 1966, and Mr. McMurry was appointed to serve the final three years of the term. In 1970, he left public office to devote his full attention to his private law



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