



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

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**LATE CHIEF JUDGE PAMELA L. REEVES  
TO BE HONORED AT MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

KNOXVILLE – August 10, 2021 – Chief U.S. District Judge Pamela L. Reeves, who died last September, will be honored in a two-part memorial service to be held at Church Street United Methodist Church on Henley Street and in the courtyard of the Howard H. Baker, Jr. U.S. Courthouse on Friday, August 27. The judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee invite the public to attend.

The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the church, where Judges Reeves’s family—husband City of Knoxville Law Director Charles Swanson and children Reedy Swanson and Amanda Swanson—will unveil her portrait and former Governor Bill Haslam will address the gathering. The Reverend Dr. Jan B. Wade of Church Street United Methodist Church and Reverend Dr. Harold Middlebrook, retired pastor of Canaan Baptist Church of Christ, will give the invocation and benediction, and Noelle Harb Brundidge will sing “Amazing Grace.”

Guests will then proceed to the courthouse courtyard. There, the Court will dedicate a memorial garden to her memory, in honor of her passion for gardening and service to the Court. The creation of the garden was led by Judge Reeves’s friends and colleagues, Chief Magistrate Judge Susan K. Lee and Magistrate Judges Debra C. Poplin and Cynthia R. Wyrick.

Judge Reeves was the first woman to serve as a district judge in the Eastern District. She

joined the Court in 2014 and became its chief judge in 2019.

A reception will follow in the courthouse rotunda entrance, where the portrait, painted by Sergei Chernikov, will be on display.

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