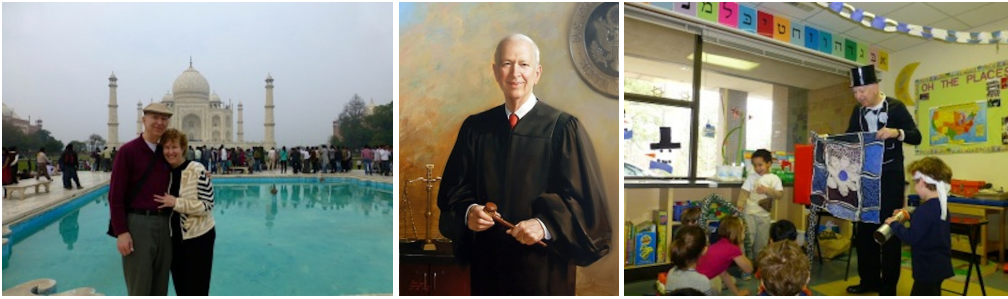

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The luckiest day of my life occurred on Friday the 13th. On that date in March of our senior year, I was fixed up on a blind date with Betsy, then a freshman at B.U. We dated steadily from that point on and were married in June of 1966. During the ensuing 47 years of a very happy marriage, I graduated from Harvard Law School, practiced law for 30 years with a Memphis law firm, became president of both the Memphis Bar Association and the Tennessee Bar Association, and was appointed as a federal appellate judge by President Clinton. This last gig is still going strong after 16 years, with no end in sight for my lifetime appointment.

On the homefront, Betsy and I have two daughters--Laura and Sherry--both now in their 40s. Betsy worked as a preschool teacher and became the director of a preschool before her retirement. Laura is a physical therapist married to a doctor and Sherry is a high school college counselor (and nonpracticing lawyer) married to another lawyer. Both have two children, ranging in age from 7 to 16, and we are greatly enjoying seeing our four grandchildren grow up.

My primary hobby is magic. I have been a member of both the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of Memphis Magicians for 35 years. The main audience for my prestidigitation is my law clerks (we start each week with a Magic Monday demo), with occasional magic shows for my grandchildren and a scattering of magic tricks presented at legal seminars (mainly to keep the audience awake).

All in all, life has been good and I have no complaints. I particularly look forward to more Friday the 13ths as a reminder of my luckiest day.

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