and what each man would accomplish. There was no name-calling and no accusations. It was almost a sedate and gentleman-Iv race. Ben Atchley won that campaign easily and remained in the Tennessee State Senate until his retirement in 2003.

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former Congressman Ray Blanton had been elected governor over Lamar Alexander. The Democrats proved just how viable they were in 1976: Tennessee was Jimmy Carter's second best state in the country after his native Georgia Bill Brock, despite meeting

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community. Throughout his entire life, Ben Atchley embodied what his generation saw as the "American Dream." Although an extremely

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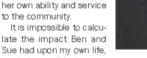
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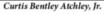
modest man, it was readily apparent just how shrewd Ben really was when one

to the community. It is impossible to calculate the impact Ben and

Sue had upon my own life. nor is it possible to measure their warm friendship. The older I've become, the more I've realized the greatest gift life has to offer are

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those friendships that bring us love and comfort. Thave loved Sue and Ben for a very long time and like so

many others, will keep Ben Atchley alive in my heart and memories for the rest of my own life.



## **Attorneys for** sheriff retirees seek \$190,000 in fees

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The original "settlement" proposed by the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board provided \$5,000 to each of the six raticing damption and one widow named in