

MEMORIAL

TO

AARON LIONEL BRILL

(September 6, 1914 • August 13, 1953)

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Hennepin County Bar Association
Hennepin County District Court
Minneapolis, Minnesota
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Read at the Memorial Service of the

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I consider it a personal privilege to be called upon to present this memorial for Aaron Lionel Brill, more affectionately known to his family, friends, and to the Court as "Bud" Brill, who, at the age of 39, passed away on August 13, 1953.

With his passing, all of us who knew him personally, as well as all the members of this Bar generally, have lost not only a good friend and a highly esteemed brother at the Bar, but the Bar as a whole, and the profession generally, may truly mourn the loss of this young man who was taken from our midst in the prime of his life.

Twenty-two years of close association, not only in business but also in pleasure and recreation, might be thought sufficient to draw an adequate word painting of an individual; yet I know that nothing I can say here will increase the respect, regard and affection which those of us who knew Bud had for him, not can any characterization of mine paint for those who did not know him the impression that I would like to convey to do him justice.

I became acquainted with Bud while we were both attending the University. I, being older, was in the law school at the time whereas he had just entered the University as a freshman. We were both members of Phi Epsilon Pi and, naturally, we saw quite a bit of each other. There was never any doubt in his mind but that he was going to study law. His father was then occupying, and still does, a very enviable and honorable position in the Hennepin County and State Bar Associations.

It was, therefore, with a great deal of anticipation for future association with Bud that I accepted a position in his father's law firm in 1933.

Bud Brill was a resident of Minneapolis all his life. He was born on September 6, 1914, and after taking his preparatory work at the University of Minnesota, from which he graduated in 1936, he took his law work at Harvard and was admitted to our Bar in 1939. He immediately became a member of the Hennepin County, State and American Bar Associations.

Upon being admitted to the Bar, he entered his father's firm and became a partner thereof with his father, Samuel H. Maslon and myself, and remained in the practice of law with his father until the time of his death.

Both of us, being the young men the firm, naturally were thrown together very often. We both had high hopes for our future together in the practice of law. We were not only partners, but were most close and intimate friends. He was a man of the strictest integrity, at all times thoroughly honest and dependable, and his professional dealings were always above reproach. Our clients always enjoyed doing business with him because of his warmth and ability to understand their problems.

My close association with Bud was brought even closer when I married his first cousin in 1938.

Notwithstanding the arduous duties of a growing practice, he nevertheless found time to serve the people of this community otherwise than in a professional capacity. He was quite active in Community Fund and Red Cross work and, of course, participated in Bar Association activities. In addition to these activities, he was an active worker and on the Boards of the Temple Israel and Oak Ridge Country Club whose members, as well as ours, mourn his passing.

Bud was also very active in the B'nai B'rith work here in Minneapolis, having been one of the first presidents of the Ira Weil Jeffrey Lodge. In addition thereto, he never lost his interest in his social fraternity at the University and, by reason of his continuing interest in its affairs, was selected to the national governing board of Phi Epsilon Pi Fraternity.

Bud Brill is survived by his son, Mark Brill, who at present resides with his mother at San Mateo, California.

Bud Brill's memory will long remain green in my heart and in the hearts of his many friends.

Oh, heavenly Father, as we conclude this memorial, remember the soul of Aaron Lionel Brill, whom we affectionately recall in this solemn hour. Grant peace and perfect rest to our dear, departed friend. May his soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life. Grant that his memory ever inspire us to noble and consecrated living. Amen.

Maurice L. Grossman
Minneapolis, Minn.

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ADDENDUM

Bud Brill was admitted to the bar on October 5, 1939. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Brill & Brill law firm.

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