

In Memoriam

Clifford N. Carlson

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Clifford N. Carlson was born at Minneapolis on December 14, 1907, the son of Carl E. and Alice Carlson. He attended the public's schools of Minneapolis and later the University of Minnesota, where he distinguished himself as an able student. He received his law degree in 1931. More than one member of his class has remarked to the writer that Clifford was the outstanding member of this class. He ably represented the University in intercollegiate debates, for which he was elected to membership in Delta Sigma Rho, the honorary forensic fraternity. As a member of the editorial student Editorial Board of the Minnesota Law Review, he won the respect of his fellow students and members of the faculty. He received the high honor of membership in the Order of the Coif.

Upon being admitted to practice, Clifford became associated with Paul J. Marwin. After Mr. Marwin's death in 1931, Clifford joined Gerhard N. Sonnesyn, John E. Peters and the writer hereof in a suite at 638 Security Building. That association continued without change or interruption until his death. In the practice of law he followed the precepts and principles which he learned as well in his childhood. Every client he served received the very best representation that an honorable, intelligent, well trained lawyer could render. Every adversary received fair, courteous and equitable treatment from him.

Clifford was active in many things. He served on various committees of the Bar Association. In 1938 he was awarded the President's trophy for the best essay submitted during the year on suggestions for improving the activities of the Hennepin County Bar Association. He was a leader in the Law Alumni

Association. He taught at the Minneapolis College of Law. He participated in YMCA work. He was truly religious and he actively practiced the teachings of his church. He had love and esteem for his fellow man in a broad, not a restricted sense. He was the Treasurer of the Central Free Church for several years and, despite his youth, was outstanding in church councils. He was one of the organizers of and Secretary for the a Christian Business Men's Association of Minneapolis. He contributed generously of his time and funds to civic, religious and charitable organizations.

On May 17, 1934 Clifford was married to Miss Goldie E. Hokenson of Minneapolis. He was devoted to his wife and she to him. Their home life was most happy. Two lovely children blessed their union, a son, James Bradford, born in July, 1936, and a daughter, Patricia Joan, born in May, 1939. In addition to his wife, children and parents, Clifford left surviving him two brothers, Oscar and Paul, and two sisters, Elizabeth and Astor.

The sudden death of Clifford N. Carlson from poliomyelitis on the morning of Tuesday, September 13, 1939, cut short a career apparently destined for outstanding success and distinction. His achievements were many for 31 years. His passing was almost without warning. He had, in fact, appeared in this court on an important matter the preceding Saturday. His last efforts reflected his high regard for the duties which he as a lawyer felt toward his clients.

The richness of his personality, the forthright manner he had of meeting life's problems and the courage he showed in facing life's end leaves us inspired. The memory of his goodness must be an inspiration to all those who knew him.

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