

MEMORIAL

FORREST R. POPPE
(1886 – 1934)

RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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Forrest R. Poppe was born in St. Paul on January 8, 1886 and lived here all his life. His parents were Henry M. Poppe and Mina Poppe. His father was a well-known merchant and salesman. Forrest was educated in the Public Schools of St. Paul and graduated from Cleveland High School. He attended the State University and graduated from the Law School in 1907. On October 6, 1909 he was united in marriage to Martha Schlieper of St. Paul and four children were born to said union, Dorothea, Frederick, Forrest and Margaret. He died from infection and complications consequent on an abdominal operation, in St. Paul on August 18, 1934. He was a life-long member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

After his admission to the bar, Mr. Poppe in 1909, entered the service of the St. Paul City Railway, as assistant to the late W. D. Dwyer and served in that capacity until 1913 when he was forced to retire by reason of a hip injury resulting from a fall, which completely disabled him for a period of two and one-half years.

On his recovery he entered upon a general practice, which he actively pursued, as an individual, and in associate with others, until his fatal illness in the summer of 1934.

Mr. Poppe had a large and successful practice. He had the touch of nature that make all men kin. He was democratic in his tastes and sympathies. He had an unusual capacity for acquaintance and appeared to know every one in the community. The result was a large number of clients, drawn largely from the average walks of life, but including also men of large wealth and affairs. He held his clients and they were loyal to him. A waiting list of clients was a common incident of the day's work.

At this Easter season, it is fitting to observe that Mr. Poppe had faith in the life to come. He often made personal application of Benjamin Franklin's epitaph for himself, "Yet the work shall not be lost, for it will appear once more in a new and beautiful edition, corrected and amended by the author."

/s/ George W. Peterson

/s/ Joseph F. Cowern

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