

IN MEMORIAM

OWEN A. GALVIN

(October 13, 1894 - September 30, 1956)



**Hennepin County Bar Association
Hennepin County District Court
Fourth Judicial District
Minneapolis, Minnesota
May 10, 1957**

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(1894-1956)

Owen A. Galvin was born at Montrose, Minnesota, on the 13th day of October, 1894, and died in Minneapolis, Minnesota on the 30th day of September, 1956, having suffered a heart attack at his home at 5604 Edgewater Boulevard.

He was educated in the public schools of Montrose and Buffalo, and attended St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to World War I; at the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the Fifth Marines with whom he served with honor and distinction throughout the war, and was discharged with a disability as a result of his service. He attended the University of Minnesota from which he graduated in 1926, and was admitted to the bar of this state [on July 1] in the same year.

Until December 28, 1943 he practiced law in the McKnight Building here. His deep devotion to his disabled comrades of World War I was reflected in his practice. For many years his major interest and his great success was in prosecution of war risk insurance cases on behalf of his disabled comrades. He was active in the Minneapolis Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans in which organization he held many offices; he was state commander of the state organization of the DAV, and in the year 1938-1939 was honored by his comrades in being elected National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans.

With typical Irish wit and eloquence, he was in great demand as a patriotic speaker, during his years of private practice, and will long be

remembered for his stirring addresses throughout the state and the nation.



Owen A. Galvin, center, is the newly elected National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans. Shown at honorary dinner at the Covered Wagon Café, Minneapolis, are L to R: Alvin Friberg, Commander of the Minneapolis chapter, Owen Galvin, and J. W. Cardwell, state commander. Date of photograph: September 2, 1938. Source: Minneapolis Newspaper Photograph Collection, Hennepin County Library.

In December, 1943 he entered service for his country, again, this time as a member of the rating boards at the U.S. Veterans Administration facility at Fort Snelling. Except for a brief period of service outside Minnesota, he has worked with the local facility and maintained his residence in Minneapolis, and at the time of his death was a rating specialist for the Veterans Administration here.

On June 14, 1930 he married Gertrude Perry of this city, who, with his three children, Perry D. Galvin of St. Paul and Virginia and Muriel of Minneapolis, survives him. He was also survived by his aged father, Patrick Galvin who followed him in death within a short time, and by three brothers, John, Robert and James Galvin, and by three sisters, Ethel Effords, Edna Scanlon and Helen Kespohl.

He was a devout Christian, a loyal comrade, a loving and generous husband and father. He will live long in memory.

**“ - - for loving thought
Was warp and woof of which is life was wrought.
He is not dead. Such souls forever live
In boundless measure of the love they give.”**

- Jerome B Bell

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