# Annual Hennepin County Bar Memorial Session

Convening of the Special Session of Hennepin County District, Probate and Municipal Courts

Presiding
The Honorable Robert A. Forsythe
Hennepin County Courts Chief Judge

Invocation
The Honorable Allen Oleisky
Hennepin County District Judge

**Introduction of Special Guests** 

**Recognition of Deceased members** 

Musical Selection — "A Simple Song" lvy Bernhardson and Diane Stockman

Paul J. Morino
Chairperson Bar Memorial Committee

John B. Gordon, President, Hennepin County Bar Association

Main Address
Clinton A. Schroeder

Musical Selection — "Amazing Grace" lvy Bernhardson

Memorials Presented to the Court

**Presentation Accepted** 

**Court Adjourned** 

Wednesday April 23, 1986

Hennepin County Board Room

**Presented by the Hennepin County Bar Association** 

# HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION BAR MEMORIAL SESSION

# **PAST SPEAKERS**

April 23, 1986	Clinton A. Schroeder
April 94, 1985	Dean Robert A. Stein
April 25, 1984	Leonard E. Lindquist
April 27, 1983	Chief Justice Douglas K. Amdahl
	Associate Justice Rosalie Wahl
April 28, 1981	Maynard Pirsig
April 30, 1980	John M. Palmer
April 25, 1979	Charles T. Hvass, Sr.
February 15, 1978	Clyde F. Anderson
February 24, 1977	
January 22, 1976	George C. Mastor
May 22, 1975	David R. Brink
May 22, 1974	Everett A. Drake
May 23, 1973	Robert F. Henson
May 24, 1972	Judge Philip Neville
May 27, 1971	Chief Justice Robert J. Sheran
May 26, 1970	Henry E. Halladay
May 27, 1969	Judge C. Donald Peterson
May 28, 1968	Judge Harry A. Blackmun
May 25, 1967	Sidney S. Feinberg
May 26, 1966	Associate Justice George M. Scott
May 27, 1965	William H. DeParcq

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# **MUSICIANS**

Vocalist:

Ivy Bernhardson

**Accompanist:** 

Diane Stockman Piano

**Musical selections:** 

Amazing Grace
A Simple Song — Stephen Schwartz and Leonard Bernstein

#### INVOCATION

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING
THERE IS A TIME FOR ALL THINGS UNDER THE SUN:

A TIME TO BE BORN AND A TIME TO DIE

A TIME TO LAUGH AND A TIME TO CRY

A TIME TO DANCE AND A TIME TO MOURN

A TIME TO SEEK AND A TIME TO LOSE

A TIME TO FORGET AND A TIME TO REMEMBER.

THIS DAY WE TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER OUR COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE LEFT US AND WHO HAVE ENRICHED OUR LIVES WITH LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP.

THIS DAY WE REMEMBER TO GIVE THANKS FOR THE EXAMPLE OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE SET FOR US IN OUR PROFESSION AS LAWYERS AND ADVOCATES.

THIS DAY WE REMEMBER TO GIVE THANKS FOR THEIR LOYALTY, LOVE, STEADFASTNESS AND DEVOTION TO JUSTICE.

THIS DAY WE REMEMBER THEM FOR MAKING OUR LIVES BETTER AND ENRICHING OUR PROFESSION.

AND THIS DAY WE REMEMBER THEM FOR THE WARM MEMORIES THEY HAVE LEFT THEIR LOVED ONES. THEIR FAMILIES AND COLLEAGUES.

AND ON THIS DAY WE ASK YOU, 0 LORD. TQ WATCH OVER OUR COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE LEFT US. TO BRING SOLICE AND PEACE TO THEIR FAMILIES AND TO MAKE US EVER MINDFUL TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK THOSE COLLEAGUES HAVE STARTED.

WE ASK YOUR GUIDANCE IN OUR DAY-TO-DAY TASKS AS LAWYERS AND JUDGES THAT YOU MAY ENABLE US TO BRING CLARITY TO OUR JOBS AND DEVOTION AND AN ABIDING SENSE OF PURPOSE TO OUR CHOSEN. PROFESSION.

AND IF WE CAN PRACTICE OUR PROFESSION HONORABLY AS OUR DEPARTED COLLEAGUES HAVE TAUGHT US, WE SHALL HAVE TRULY HONORED THEM AND THEY SMALL LIVE FOREVER IN OUR MEMORIES.

AMEN JUDGE ALLEN OLEISKY

### MEMORIAL ADDRESS

By Clinton A. Schroeder Principal Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, P.A.

**April 23, 1986** 

Members of the judiciary, fellow lawyers, friends and family members of those lawyers 'who have departed from us during the past year:

We are here to salute the memory of those fine lawyers and judges whom we honor today. It is timely and appropriate that we do this. Each of us, lam sure, suffers a moment of sadness as we review the names of our departed colleagues and remember individually the friendships, the good times and the pleasant associations we had with them. But this sadness should not continue. In the words of one of the most famous of our fellow lawyers from over a century ago, Abraham Lincoln:

In this sad world of ours, sorrow comes to all with bitterness and agony. Perfect relief is not possible, except with time.

You cannot realize now that you will ever feel better. And yet it is a mistake.

You are sure to be happy again.

To know this is certainly true will make you less miserable now. I have had enough experience to know what I say is true.

#### Abraham Lincoln

Rather, let us remember the extraordinary contributions which have been made during their lifetimes by those lawyers and judges listed in the memorial booklet we have before us. It would be possible to cite specific accomplishments for everyone listed in the book and I encourage you to read each of the memorial tributes with this thought in mind. At the risk of slighting others worthy of special mention. I wish to cite examples of noteworthy service to the profession and the community from several of the members of the group, whom I knew personally:

Amos S. Deinard was a founder of the Minneapolis Human Rights Commission and was a tireless worker and promoter of the Minnesota Society for Prevention of Blindness. Harold C. Evarts was not only a prominent lawyer but active as a volunteer in both charitable organizations and political party organizations.

Judge Paul Jaroscak was a respected member of the Fourth District judiciary for many years.

Desmond F. Pratt was involved in city politics and was a respected advisor to many prominent citizens and recently was cited by the Minneapolis Tribune as having played a key role in the establishment of the \$27 million Emma Howe Memorial Fund at the Minneapolis Foundation.

James P. Rorris was a well-known practitioner and frequent lecturer at CLE programs on family law matters.

Donald O. Wright was a legendary leader in the Minnesota Senate.

Wells J. Wright was both a prominent lawyer and author and a long time educator teaching a course on business law to thousands of students at the University of Minnesota. [6]

Lewis E. Lohmann was a well-known defense counsel representing many indigent criminal defendants long before the present system of public defenders came into being.

I could go on and cite the contributions of others but I believe these few examples demonstrate the nature and breadth of service which lawyers in general and the group of departed members specifically have performed.

It has been a tradition in this country from the earliest days for lawyers to take leadership roles in the political and institutional developments of our nation. When the U.S. first asserted its independence from Great Britain, the Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 persons, 25 of whom were lawyers. When the Constitutional Convention met in 1787, almost 200 years ago, over fifty percent of the 55 members were lawyers. Recently. former ABA President Robert Meserve wrote in an article that 31 of the 55 members were lawyers and in February, 1986, at the Mid-Winter ABA Meeting, Chief Justice Warren Burger was quoted as saying 33 of the 55 delegates were lawyers. Since Justice Burger is not only Chief Justice of the U.S. but also Chairman of the National Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, I assume that his figure is the one that should be accepted. In any event, the conclusion is clear that lawyers played a key role in the establishment of the form of government under which we live. This tradition has continued to this day and. I am proud to say, has been reflected in the daily activities of lawyers of Hennepin County.

Probably the most notable recent accomplishment of Hennepin County lawyers is the dramatic response that has been made to the substantial cutback in funding for legal services to the poor which has occurred at the federal level in recent years. Let me cite three examples of this response:

- (1) Recently, two Hennepin County lawyers, Allen I. Saeks and Gerald E. Magnuson, headed a committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association which was instrumental in setting up one of the first programs in the country providing for Interest On Lawyers Trust Accounts to be set aside in a fund dedicated to funding legal services for the indigent and other public programs. To date, this IOLTA program has raised over \$3 million in the State of Minnesota.
- (2) The Fund for Legal Aid Society was established in 1982 to raise funds specifically dedicated to supplement the funding for the Minneapolis Legal Aid Society. That effort was spearheaded by lawyers and to date has raised approximately a million dollars for legal aid.
- (3) Recently, the Legal Advice Clinics celebrated their 20th anniversary representing a vast program of volunteer services by lawyers to staff neighborhood evening law offices to supplement the work of the Legal Aid Society.

It is clear to me that members of our profession are dedicated to continue the role of public services that was so nobly carried on by this remarkable group of lawyers that we recognize today.

#### PAUL T. AITKEN

October 24, 1915 — November 3, 1985

Paul was born on October 24, 1915 in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he received his elementary and high school education. After graduation from Roosevelt High School in 1933 he spent some time with the civilian conservation corps before entering his pre-legal studies at the University of Minnesota. Like so many his education process was interrupted by W. W. Il during which he served three years with the army 581st signal corps in the Pacific Theater.

Paul was industrious and after his return to Minneapolis he held various jobs while attending William Mitchell and the University of Minnesota School of Law from which he received his J. D. degree and was admitted to the practice of law August 1, 1949.

While working for an insurance company in the Detroit Lakes area Paul learned to love the lakes woods and open areas, so upon admission to practice he hung out his shingle in BarnsvIIIe, Minnesota where he met and married a Hawley native Bernice Ronsberg.

In 1951 Paul returned to Minneapolis with his family and practiced with the firm of Meagher, Geer and Markham until his appointment as Assistant Minneapolis City Attorney on October 5, 1959.

During his 26 years in the City Attorney's Office Paul, while doing a broad variety of legal work, developed great expertise in the areas of contracts and real estate law during a period of time when one of his clients, the Minneapolis Public Library, was engaged in an aggressive library building program including the purchase and sale of buildings and acquisition of property and construction of seven new library buildings.

Paul was a true student of the law spending much time in the Law library researching and writing very comprehensive and sound legal opinions on complex and often obscure new public law questions.

His devotion to fundamental principles of life led him to give much of his time and self in service to the church including serving on the councils of both Trinity Lutheran Church and the Historic Fort Snelling Chapel.

For relaxation he enjoyed fishing but most of all he loved just being and working around his cabin at Leech Lake where he thrilled to the beauty of the woods, water and sky.

Paul's devotion, integrity and presence is sorely missed by his family, his fellow lawyers and many other friends with whom he worked and played

Paul is survived by his wife Bernice, son James, son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Rebecca, daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Timothy Swanson, 4 grandchildren, and 3 nephews.

**KEITH M. STIDD** 

#### **ELOI BAUERS**

August 5, 1890 — June 5, 1985

Eloi Bauers actively practiced into his 92nd year. He was honored for 70 years of practice at the 1983 meeting of the State Bar Association.

Eloi graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1913. He founded the Minneapolis firm of Bauers and Carlson, later Bauers and Kelly. From 1974, until his death, he was counsel to Mahoney, Dougherty and Mahoney.

In 1953, he helped found the American College of Allergists. He was executive vice president, counsel and publisher of its Annals of Allergy until he retired in 1976. He was the only layman to receive the Distinguished Fellow Award of the college.

After serving the college, he became general counsel of the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA). He so served until his death. He was the first recipient of the PCMA Distinguished Service Award.

His work with the college and PCMA made him internationally known in the fields of professional associations and convention management. He was a field vice president of sales for Americana Hotels; special convention counsel to Air France and Hyatt Corporation; and a member of the Paris Convention Center Advisory Board. For bringing the first American medical meeting to the Paris Convention Center in 1974, he was awarded the Bronze Medal, La Bureau du Conseil de Paris. He was a member of the British Order of the Blue Medal. At age 92, he gave the keynote address to the World Trade meeting at the West Berlin Convention Center.

Eloi was born August 5, 1890, in Osseo, son of Casper and Anna Frances Bauers. He worked his way through college and law school by selling shoes and waiting table at the Minikahda Club, where his future law partner, Charles Carlson, Sr., was head waiter.

He ended his army service in World War I as a captain in the Field Artillery.

In 1911, he married Mary F. O'Mally. They had three daughters, Catherine Kimball, Helen Mahoney and Mary Boulay. "Mae" predeceased him. He is survived by 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Eloi was a devout Catholic and active in his church. He was the first trustee for both Christ the King and Our Lady of Grace parishes and was active in

St. Olaf's Church. He was a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He earned a pilgrim's shell from the Patriarch of Jerusalem for his trip to Jerusalem.

He was a member of the American, Minnesota and Hennepin County Bar Associations, the American Legion, Phi Delta Phi. Delta Sigma Rho, and the Minneapolis Athletic Club.

Eloi was well known for his ability to negotiate complicated leases and contracts. His ability to construct documents to reflect oral agreements was one of his strengths. He was an accomplished writer and speaker. His speeches were marked by his keen intellect, lively wit and expert use of the English language. In addition to a lawyer, he was a director, administrator, and parliamentarian.

He is missed by his family, friends and conferees.

**RICHARD P. MAHONEY** 

#### WALLACE H. BERGLUND

February 18, 1898 — April 26, 1955

Wallace H. Berglund died on April 26, 1985. A graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School (Class of 1924) he practiced law at 1921 Emerson Avenue North for 57 years until suffering a stroke in his office on December 19, 1981.

At his death he was survived by his wife Margaret (McNamara) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; his son, Daniel C. Berglund of Duluth, Minnesota; and his grandson Daniel W. Berglund.

Mr. Berglund was born in Franconia, Minnesota, on February 18, 1898 and received his early education in that community; his family later moved to Lindstrom, Minnesota and then in 1915, moved to Minneapolis where he graduated from North High School in 1917.

After graduation from high school he served in the United States army for a short period of time and then worked with a local bank before returning to school. As a long-time participant in north Minneapolis life he was active in a variety of activities including the Northside Commercial Club, the Northside American Legion Post, the Masonic Lodge, the former Russell Avenue Lutheran Church, and other community organizations. He provided services for the Selective Service Board for a number of years. Other interests included sports in his earlier years, politics, gardening, and travel.

He was a member of the Minnesota and Hennepin County Bar Associations and received his Senior Counsellor Award from the Association in 1974. His early practice was general in nature, his later practice concentrated in the area of probate. He was a sole practitioner throughout his career. He resided on the northside of Minneapolis from 1915 until his death. He is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

**DANIEL C. BERGLUND** 

#### IN MEMORMM

#### SALVATORE S. CECERE

July 14, 1920 — April 4, 1985

Sam Cecere cared about people, he cared about his family, he cared about his clients and he cared about his friends and fellow lawyers.

Sam was born Salvatore S. Cecere on July 14, 1990 in Minneapolis. He was raised in southeast Minneapolis and always took pride in being an East Sider." He was educated at Marshall High School in southeast Minneapolis where he excelled in football and wrestling despite his small stature. He was always delighted to relate his experiences as a halfback at Marshall High in a backfield with three other Italians called the "Spaghetti Backfield."

After graduation from Marshall, Sam first attended St. Thomas College and then the University of Minnesota where he continued his wrestling career. In 1942 Sam was drafted, originally for limited service because of his eyesight, but after pulling a few strings was able to be released for full duty in the U.S. Signal Corps in the South Pacific Theater. Upon discharge in 1945, Sam completed his undergraduate studies and entered the University of Minnesota Law School, from which he graduated in August of 1949.

Sam was a general practitioner all of his legal career. His first association was with A. E. (Bert) Reed from whom he learned the art of gentlemanly advocacy and which he practiced to the end. He later officed with Jean McVeety, was a partner of this writer for several years and at the time of his death officed with H. Gordon Taylor.

Sam is mourned by all those people he cared about, his wife Florence and his children, Sandy, Julia, Sharon, Tony, David, John, Theresa and Paul, and by his clients, large and small, who will remember the concern he always had for their problems; by his friends who will remember the little ploys he used on the golf course and at the card table; and by his fellow lawyers whose respect he always maintained by his honesty and integrity. And he will be missed by the writer as my good and great friend of over 40 years.

JOHN G. KRESSEL

#### RUDOLPH J. CLARK

December 28, 1900 — June 30, 1985

Rudolph J. Clark was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on December 28, 1900, and was a lifelong resident of the city. He graduated from Lake Harriet School and West High School, and attended Linden Hills Congregational Church where he taught Sunday School as a young man.

Rudolph was a 1923 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, was admitted to the bar in 1923, and was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity. After graduation Rudolph practiced law in Minneapolis until 1977, as a sole practitioner and in partnership with his father, Irving J. Clark, who was also an attorney. He also worked as an agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Society for about ten years. His interest and deep personal concern for his clients was reflected in their loyalty and respect for him.

In 1926 Rudolph married Catherine R. Clark and together they lived at 3926 Zenith Avenue South, in south Minneapolis, for over fifty years. He and Catherine celebrated their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary prior to his death.

One of Rudolph's great pleasures and interest was music and he was a member of the Minneapolis Barber Shop Harmony Society for many years. He was president of the Society in 1952 and was named Minneapolis Barber Shopper of the year in 1956. Membership in the Society increased many fold under his leadership.

Rudolph compiled, wrote, and published the Clark-Walrath Family History, tracing the history of those families from England, Scotland and the American Colonies prior to the Revolutionary War. Copies of his work are in the Library of Congress and in many state and local historical societies around the country.

In addition to his wife, Catherine, Rudolph is survived by one nephew and three nieces.

**DONALD G. CAMPBELL** 

#### AMOS S. DEINARD

March 10, 1898 — June 12, 1985

Amos Deinard was born on March 10, 1898, the son of Rabbi Samuel N. and Rosa Deinard. He grew up in Minneapolis and attended West High School, and the University of Minnesota and Harvard University Law Schools, where he excelled in his studies. One of his law professors, Felix Frankfurter, later a Justice of the United States Supreme Court, took notice of Amos, describing him as "eager, exuberant, full of elan and sensitive."

As a small child, he had defective eyesight which worsened rapidly until he became blind while he was still a schoolboy. He attended college and law school with his brother, Ben, who read the materials to him, and was his constant companion and partner throughout Ben's lifetime. Early in life, to compensate for his failing eyesight, Amos developed an uncanny ability to recall.

He was a founder of the firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard where he practiced law until his death. He was survived by his wife, Hortense H. Deinard, two children, Dr. Amos S. Deinard, Jr., and Miriam J. Kelen, and 6 grandchildren.

Amos Deinard was a living legend — a lawyer of consummate skill and dedication, a scholar, a philanthropist and a champion of the oppressed. He was a founder of the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Preservation of Hearing, and was active in its service until shortly before his death. He was a founder of the Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service (an organization devoted to the support of Jewish charities, local, national and world wide) and continued in its active service for more than half a century. He was one of the founders of Mount Sinai Hospital and served on its Board of Governors. He was a sponsor of legislation against unfair discrimination in our society and was a Commissioner on the Minneapolis Fair Employment Practices Commission for its first seventeen years (part of that time as chairman).

During his lifetime, he received many awards in recognition of his outstanding community service, among them the Distinguished Service Award of the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations of the City of Minneapolis, the Founders Award of the Minnesota Society for Prevention of Blindness and Preservation of Hearing, the Certificate of Recognition of the National Society of Christians and Jews and the Distinguished Service Award of the Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service.

He was gentle and wise, the soul of integrity, a staunch friend and a persuasive advocate. He served as a teacher and role model to the younger lawyers in his firm. He loved literature, classical music and poetry. His concept of the lawyer was well defined in a poem composed by him which was published in the American Bar Association Journal in 1975. One stanza of that poem read as follows:

"Trial by proof and wit, not battle — Reason thus supplanting strife —. Logic, suasion, never tattle, Are the lawyer's mode of life."

To quote from Hamlet, "He was a man. . .I shall not look upon his like again."

SIDNEY LORBER

#### THOMAS REEVES DYER

June 2, 1930 — September 16, 1985

Tom Dyer was born on June 2, 1930 in the south Minneapolis area where he lived until his untimely death, September 16, 1985.

Tom attended Washburn High School, Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin for two years and the University of Minnesota, and then he graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1956.

He met Helen, his wife, in 1951 and they were married after he completed the bar exam in 1956.

Tom started his career with Mutual Service Insurance Company (MSI) as an adjuster in 1953 and worked there steadily until his death. He held positions as a field adjuster, district claim manager, and his latest position was that of commercial claim specialist, where he was in charge of three desk adjusters and one telephone adjuster as well as handling numerous commercial files from his desk.

Tom enjoyed the out of doors. He was active in Indian Guides and also enjoyed fishing and hiking, did some ice boating when he was younger, but especially enjoyed summer sailing, that led to his many positions of responsibility in the sailing club, as well as judging for them. He was a long time member of the Calhoun Yacht Club where he was a keen competitor and instrumental in the perpetuation of the organization. He started competitive sailing at Lake Calhoun in the late '50's with his brother, John, and this last summer enjoyed a full season of sailboat racing with his son, Bill.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Minneapolis and helped in the drive to fund their new organ.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, daughters, Susan and Ann Marie, and sons, John, Bill, and Peter.

Tom always had time to listen, and helped others when he could and he will be missed by his family, many friends, and business associates.

**HAPRY S. FULLER** 

#### **ERNEST W. ERICKSON**

March 15, 1900 — June 19, 1985

Ernest William Erickson was born on March 15, 1900 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and died on June 19, 1985 at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ernie graduated from North High School in 1918 and was then eligible for draft into the army during World War I. He entered the University and received training as a soldier during that time until the end of the war in April, 1919. He graduated from the University Law School in 1924. During his years at the University, Ernie belonged to the boxing team. Those who knew him well would understand that interest, although his tall, lean build was not the classic build of a boxer. Also, during the years that he attended law school, he worked out of Hibbing, Minnesota on the Iron Range Railroad.

On November 4, 1945 Ernie married Marie L. Killian. They had no children. He spent his entire life practicing law, mainly in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. During his life he was a member of the Elks Lodge #44, Gustavus Adolphus Lodge, Norden Lodge and Smethoed Lodge. He also belonged to the Northside American Legion Post, Ernie's ashes were buried at Fort Snelling, Minnesota as a veteran of World War I

JAMES A. O'DOUGHERTY

#### HAROLD C. EVARTS

March 23, 1920 — January 8, 1986

Harold C. Evarts was born in Omaha, Nebraska on March 23, 1920. He and his family moved to Minneapolis when he was eight years old. He attended Clara Barton grade school, Ramsey Junior High and Washburn High School, graduating in 1938. His interest in nature and our environment was developed in Carleton College where he took courses in geology and majored in history. During his school years, he played a cello and went to Interlachen Music Camp one summer on a music scholarship. Several other summers he worked at Yellowstone National Park.

After his graduation from Carleton in 1942, he joined the navy and served with distinction as a gunnery officer in the South Pacific on the destroyer Portsmouth. He ended his active navy service in 1945 as a Lieutenant aboard the newly commissioned cruiser, Boston.

Following his navy service Harold went to the University of Minnesota Law School and graduated in 1948. His first legal work was on the staff of the Minnesota Attorney General, handling all sorts of different cases which included a good deal of real estate condemnation work for the Minnesota Highway Department. In 1952 he became an Assistant United States District Attorney working under George McKinnon, the United States District Attorney. He handled all sorts of trial work. About 1956, Harold joined the Best and Flanagan law firm and continued to do mostly trial work. He became a senior partner in the firm and then left the firm about 1979. Since 1979 he has served as a hearing officer in environmental protection hearings and has been involved in legal research until his recent retirement.

Harold's main interests in his life were his family, sailing and service to others through his work and community organizations.

On April 90, 1951, Harold married Patricia Moore Sheehy (Trish) and he is survived by Trish and three boys, Michael of Lyons, Colorado, and Peter and Jonathan of Minneapolis. All through his life, Harold has enjoyed sailing and he has owned several sail boats which he has moored most recently on the St Croix River. He has served as Commodore of the St. Croix Sailing Club.

Harold's service to others is evidenced by the organizations he belonged to such as, President of the Carleton Alumni Association, Chairman of 13th Ward Republican Party and Hennepin County Chairman, on the Board of

the West Branch YMCA, on the North Star Council of the Boy Scouts, Director of the Clearwater Lake Property Owners Association, which is now the Clearwater Watershed District, Minnesota Trial Lawyers' Association. Citizen League of Minneapolis, American Civil Liberties Union, a member of Plymouth Congregational Church which included service as a deacon, usher, and the search committee for an organist, member of the U.S. Yacht Racing Union, and others too numerous to mention.

His friends, in speaking of Harold, have used the following phrase: "a kind soul with a ready smile", "a man of ethics and integrity", "a quiet wit", "a true gentleman".

In one sense, Harold's spirit is living through those who knew and loved him and remember him for the positive effect he has had on their lives.

WHEELER SMITH

#### REGINALD BISHOP FORSTER

April 14, 1903 — April 8, 1985

Reginald Bishop Forster was born in St. Paul on April 14, 1903, the son of Benjamin and Grace Bishop Forster. He attended University High School in Minneapolis graduating with highest scholastic honors. Reg attended the U.S. Naval Academy for one year but decided against a naval career. He enrolled at the University of Minnesota and received his Bachelor of Law degree in 1926. He pursued graduate studies in law at the YMCA School of Law from which he received his law degree.

While working at the YMCA he became acquainted with James C. Fifield, owner and publisher of the American Bar Directory, a selective list of attorneys of the highest caliber and professional reputation. Mr. Fifield was so impressed with him that he persuaded him to join his firm, the James C. Fifield Company, rather than enter the practice of law. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Fifield died and Mrs. Fifield asked Reg to manage the company.

Reg not only managed the firm but expanded it by also publishing the Canadian Bar Directory and the International Bar Directory. In connection with his work he traveled extensively in the United States, Canada and the world. He eventually changed the name of the firm to the Reginald Bishop Forster Company.

Reg had many interests and activities. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and a member of the American Bar Association, the Minnesota Bar Association and the Hennepin County Bar Association. He enjoyed sports activities, playing handball, tennis and golf. He was a member of the YMCA, the Minneapolis Athletic Club and Interlachen Country Club. He and his wife, Eloise, regularly enjoyed concerts of the Minnesota Orchestra.

Reg was a friend to all and seldom spoke an unkind word about anyone. He never forgot his roots and enjoyed the company of people he knew prior to his success. For example, he preferred playing handball at the YMCA with longtime friends rather than at the Minneapolis Athletic Club or elsewhere.

Reg loved life and found great pleasure in sharing with others, whether through humorous stories or material gifts. His luggage on trips became heavier on the way home with gifts that he thought friends might enjoy.

Reg enjoyed telling stories and would often interrupt his putting on the golf course to tell a joke. To Reg, golf was for companionship, relaxation and fun. His family, his church and the YMCA were of primary importance to

him — and the community is better because of his caring.

From 1968 on, Reg faced insurmountable ill health in the form of Huntington's Chorea and Alzheimer's disease. This forced him to withdraw in 1972 from active participation in his publishing enterprise. He died in April of 1985 and is survived by his wile, Eloise, his son, Jon and two grandchildren of Woodstock, New York, his daughter, Ann of Willmar, Minnesota, daughter, Deborah of San Luis Obispo, California, and a sister, Julia Burke of Minneapolis.

Reg is missed by his family, his friends and others who were enriched by their association with this gentle, kind and humane individual.

LLOYD O. SWANSON

#### DIANE CAROLE HANSON

May 15, 1948 — April 22, 1985

Last year, I wrote this remembrance of Diane Hanson as a tribute to her professional and personal accomplishments. Time has softened my grief while making these memories even, more precious.

Diane's unmatched expertise in the intricacies of Minnesota's no-fault law made it possible for her to help many accident victims during her career. Even if it were possible to count the number of such clients Diane helped directly by her knowledge and persuasiveness — through letters to adjusters or masterful oral argument to the higher courts — it would be difficult to measure the effect of Diane's generous advice-giving to lawyers less knowledgeable in the law. Diane's unequaled work hours were partly so because of the time she took to thoroughly answer the numerous questions about insurance law. The questions were many, some sophisticated, some naive, but Diane never refused to help and never complained.

Diane seemed an exception to the adage, "It's hard to like someone who's impossible to dislike." Many adversaries found themselves in intellectual combat with Diane, but most went away liking her even after learning they had been beaten.

Diane had a deep love of laughter and a hearty, unforgettable laugh. She delighted in pranks. Teasing her about having a pet chicken as a girl, I threatened to bring her such a pet from a vacation in Mexico. She was horrified when presented with a basket emitting a chicken's cheeping sound. She laughed, eventually, at its contents of a ceramic bird and minitape recorder. A week later, I spent an entire morning at my desk, the only one oblivious to a plastic fish Diane had tacked to the ceiling above my head.

Diane's concern for fairness and ease with people made her a natural in office administration. Her death has left a permanent feeling of loss in our office. The comment "Diane wants it this way" has given way to "Diane would have decided it this way", a semi-serious reference to the weight afforded her opinions.

Diane joked that some day she would give up her endless work hours and tend sheep on a mountain somewhere. Her love of hard work made this prophecy questionable. Diane died near her cabin in Lutsen, Minnesota on April 29, 1985. She is missed.

# MAX H. HACKER

#### H. G. HAUGLAND

August 17, 1899 — September 28, 1985

Jerry Haugland was born August 17, 1899 in Danvers, Minnesota. He attended school in Watson, Minnesota. After graduating from high school in Watson, he attended and graduated from St. Olaf College and ultimately received his LL.B. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1933. He was a member of the Hennepin County and Minnesota State Bar Associations and the American Bar Association. For a time while he was attending law school and after graduation, Jerry worked as an investigator for the Minnesota State Bar Association.

In 1933, he opened his law office in the Camden community of north Minneapolis, and practiced continuously in that community until he retired in 1977. Jerry's older brother, Oscar Haugland, also practiced in Minneapolis, and during the war years Jerry worked for a time for Northwest Airlines while he and his brother kept the Camden office open.

Jerry served in the navy during World War I. He was active in the community. He maintained his membership in the American Legion. He served on the Anoka-Hennepin school board for 20 years and as a director of the Camden bank for many years. He was a Mason and a Shriner, being a member of Zurah Temple here in Minneapolis. Jerry was active in his church, the First Congregational Church. He was a member of the Minneapolis Athletic Club, the Minneapolis Gyro Club and a member of Delta Theta Phi fraternity. He was an excellent lawyer who enjoyed visiting with his clients and with other lawyers.

Jerry's practice was largely in the real estate and probate areas. All of us who had an opportunity to work with him will remember him as a gentleman, proud of his profession, a good lawyer and a loyal friend. He liked to travel, and to hunt and fish. He was always interested in nature and in conservation. He liked playing bridge and he liked to talk. He was always ready to share his experience with other attorneys as they began practicing. He had an instinctive ability to sort through the facts and recognize the problems lacing his clients and the possible solutions to those problems. He developed many close and lasting friendships and associations through his practice.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Cynthia, by his daughter, Sally Bushey, and his son, Richard Haugland. Richard graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School also, and while he practiced as a member of the Hennepin County Bar for a short time, he has lived and worked in Muskogee, Oklahoma for many years.

#### ARNOLD HORWITZ

July 19, 1949 — August 5, 1985

Arnold Horwitz was born July 19, 1949 in Duluth, Minnesota where he attended public schools and later, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Arnold received his degree in law from Hamline University and was subsequently admitted to the practice of law in Minnesota. He practiced law in Minnesota for a short period of time, which was a source of immense satisfaction and gratification to Arnold and his family.

While practicing in Minnesota, I had the privilege of meeting Arnold and was able to help him during the time he was here. Arnold was a very friendly and hard-working man who built up a every close and congenial relationship with me.

About four years prior to his death, at my suggestion, he left Minnesota for California and was subsequently admitted to the California bar and specialized in immigration law. Arnold decided to specialize in immigration law to help only those deserving immigrants.

While engaged in the practice of immigration law in San Francisco, he called me many times to help him solve problems and to obtain justice for his clients. As a result, Arnold had many devoted clients and friends who he served honestly and faithfully, notwithstanding the fact that many of his clients were unable to pay for his services. Arnold was a friend of all who approached him. His warmth, his sincerity, and his sense of humor was unfailing, and in my opinion, his judgment was reasonably sound.

Until his sudden affliction, resulting in his death while in the prime of life, he was religious in his faith and devoted to his parents and sister. He was truly valued by family and friends.

I considered Arnold a very close friend of mine and his loss was an extreme shock to me. I can only conclude with this statement: Arnold, wherever you are, I hope you are at peace with the world; I considered you a very close friend and your sudden death was a great loss to your family, your friends, and to me.

**SAMUEL SALITERMAN** 

#### PAUL JOHN JAROSCAK

December 3, 1895 — July 19, 1985

Judge Paul Jaroscak's parents came from Austria, Hungary, and settled here in Minnesota where he was born December 3, 1895.

Paul Jaroscak attended grammar school on the east side of Minneapolis. He started his habit of earning his own way early in life by working after school during his school days. His outside activities didn't prevent him from excelling in his studies, as evidenced by the fact that he was graduated as Salutatorian of his class at the Old East High School.

World War I broke into his education and Judge Jaroscak became private Paul Jaroscak, but not for the duration. He found his way into the field artillery and at the cessation of hostilities had achieved the commissioned rank of second lieutenant.

After his discharge from the army, Judge Jaroscak resumed studies at the University. He took an active part in student affairs — especially public speaking. He was a member of the debating team and was elected to Delta Sigma Rho, an honorary public speaking society. In 1919 Judge Jaroscak received his Bachelor of Arts degree and entered the University Law School. At the law school he carried a full classroom schedule and worked after school to pay for his education. In addition, he participated in debating and was an editor of the Law Review. In 1921 he was graduated from the law school and was admitted to the Bar. The same year that he was admitted to the Bar, he married his high school sweetheart Katharine Vos who became his lifelong companion.

Paul Jaroscak practiced law in Minneapolis from 1921 until 1944 when he was appointed special assistant attorney general by Minnesota Attorney General J. A. A. Burnquist. A year later Governor Edward J. Thye appointed him to the municipal bench. He was named a district judge in 1951 by Governor Luther Youngdahl where he served until his retirement in 1965. Judge Jaroscak was a student of the law. His East High School yearbook said: "He was a scholar and a ripe good one. too!" As a judge he was no publicity seeker. His real and primary concern was his solemn commitment to the citizens of Hennepin County. His most important legacy was his integrity.

Judge Jaroscak was a past president of the Hennepin County Bar Association and of the Minnesota Municipal Judges Association. He also had been a member of the board of governors of the Minnesota Bar Association and of the American Legion.

Judge Jaroscak is survived by his daughter, Phoebe Loban of Wauchula, Florida: two sisters, Anna Slettehaugh of Covina, California, and Mrs. Marion Sodd, Washington, D. C.; a brother Joseph of Perris, California; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**GEORGE R. RAMIER** 

# **DOUGLAS X. JUNEAU**

May 14, 1906 — April 25, 1985

Douglas X. Juneau, in the twenty-seven years he served as Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, became a part of two occurrences in American law: the expansion of responsibilities of public lawyers and the shaping and development of a new body of family and domestic law in which he played a major role in the State of Minnesota. Douglas Juneau was recognized locally and nationally as an expert in the field of Uniform Reciprocal Support and paternity. He wrote articles and appeared as a lecturer for the National District Attorney's Association, the Minnesota County Attorney's Association. His advice was sought by Legislators, private attorneys and County Attorneys. Douglas expertly brought the very difficult and delicate support and paternity matters before the Court with an ability logically to seek an honest, fair and just solution for even the most difficult case. The most remarkable thing that gained him great respect was the help he gave to counsel, the Court and the parties involved in actions in which he was appearing. He spent a great deal of time imparting his knowledge and this service approach to his County Attorney colleagues. His contribution to the expertise and continuity of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office is immeasurable. This counsellor, supporter and helping friend retired from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office in 1970. He was very proud of the fact he was certified as a Senior Counsellor by the Hennepin County Bar Association and had been gainfully employed through the age of thirteen to seventy-five years. Following his retirement, he served as referee in the Family Courts of both Hennepin and Ramsey Counties and his active mind occasionally drew him into private practice.

This long and successful career began when Doug graduated from Minneapolis College of Law in 1929 and was admitted to the Bar on April 20, 1930. For five years he practiced law with George Kodadek in the city of Minneapolis and then entered the service in about 1940 Doug served as a Sergeant in the 3299 Signal Service Company, U.S. Army Signal Corps in North Africa, where he was attached to French troops and the Italian campaign This gentle humorous courtly man was well traveled and maintained friendships with persons around the world. He had a great interest in railroading and as a hobbyist belonged to the Minnesota Railroad Historical Society. Doug was an active member of the Business Forum, the Theodore Peterson American Legion Post and the Hennepin County Bar Association. His colleagues remember him fondly and have been touched and influenced by his unselfish, justice-orientated approach as a public lawyer.

THEODORE R. RIX

#### STANLEY B. KORENGOLD

March 13, 1921 — July 20, 1985

Stanley B. Korengold was born m Minneapolis March 13, 1921, and died July 20, 1985, after a long illness.

Stan, a life-long resident of Minneapolis, graduated from North High School in 1938 and from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1944. While at the University, he was a member of the Minnesota Law Review, President of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity and President of the Student Body of the Hillel Foundation.

After graduation from Law School, Stan worked as an attorney with the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C.; and after returning to Minneapolis, he joined the law firm of Robins, Davis & Lyons, where he worked until he opened his own office in 1949. He continued to practice law until 1981, when he retired as a result of ill health.

Stan was active in the community. He was a member of the Minnesota and Hennepin County Bar Associations, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and President of the 1. E. Goldenberg B'nai B'rith Lodge.

Stan's fellow attorneys and many friends will remember him for his wit and humor and, most of all, for his integrity. His clients will remember him as a warm, kind, sensitive and compassionate person whom they could call upon for advice and help at any time. Many clients regarded him not only as their attorney but as a good and caring friend.

Stan is survived by his wife, Shirley, and his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Stephan Gilats, his daughters, Linda Korengold and Ann Combest, his son, Brent, and his grandsons, Judd and Kyle Gilats.

Friends and family will always remember Stan for his love and understanding and unfailing concern for others.

**WILLIAM SELTZ** 

### LEWIS E. "SCOOP" LOHMANN

April 10, 1895 — February 15, 1986

L E. 'Scoop' Lohmann was the second youngest of ten children born to John and Katherine Lohmann. He grew up in Pekin, Illinois where he played end on the high school football team whose center was Senator Everett Dirkson. He also worked on the high school paper where he earned his lifetime nickname of Scoop.

Half of his siblings remained in Pekin headed by his eldest brother Martin B. Lohmann, who was an Illinois State Senator for over fifty years. Three brothers and a sister made their home in Minneapolis. Scoop enrolled at the University of Minnesota but interrupted his studies to join the army in World War I. While in service General Pershing awarded him the Distinguished Service Cross for repairing communication lines under battle fire in France.

Following the war he returned to the University where he met his first wife, Anne Nelson, who received her Masters Degree in Chemistry at Minnesota. Her thesis on the Standardization of the X-Ray was used in the development of the atomic bomb at Oak Ridge Tennessee.

Scoop graduated from Law School in 1921 and worked for the Minnesota Industrial Commission before entering private practice. In the late 1930s his interests broadened when he became a member of the Board of Regents at the U. of M. from 1937 to 1939 and also served as State Chairman of the Farmer-Laborite party in 1938. His involvement in the Democratic/Farmer-Laborite party increased to where in 1945 he was a candidate for Mayor of Minneapolis, a position then won by Hubert H. Humphrey.

In 1949 he was appointed by the Hennepin County District judges as Public Defender of Hennepin County — the first such appointment since 1933. During most of his tenure he was a one man office and defended over 5,000 people accused of various criminal actions. Upon retiring he continued in private practice until 1984.

A past State Commander of the American Legion, Scoop was an active member of Theodore Peterson Post all his life, especially enjoying his long reign as the chief "King Tut." He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge and was a member of the Scottish Rite and Zuhrah Shrine.

In addition to his law practice. Scoop enjoyed hunting, fishing, and his lake home at Mille Lacs in central Minnesota. In his later years he traveled extensively with his second wife, Mildred Kaplan Light. He was a vibrant person and will be remembered fondly by many people.

His survivors include his wife, Mildred, his sister, Aithea Gutch, his son Paul Lohmann, his daughter, Sally Laue, and Paul's children, Andrew, Sarah, Paula and Fred.

SALLY LAUE

#### CHARLES R. MILLER

June 25, 1899 — April 11, 1985

Charles P. Miller, known to everyone as Charlie, was born near LeRoy, Minnesota on June 25,1899. He died on April 11, 1985. His wife, Florence, preceded him in death in 1969. They had no children.

Charlie received his early education at LeRoy and later attended the University of Minnesota and the University Law School. Upon his graduation from law school in 1929 he was employed by Wells Dickey Trust Company. This was a relatively small company employing few people. The nature of the enterprise offered Charlie the opportunity to handle every type of account and transaction which might come to a trust organization.

Through a series of consolidations between Wells Dickey Trust Company, Minneapolis Trust Company and First National Bank, the entire business ended up as the Trust Department of First National Bank of Minneapolis. This is where Charlie served as a Vice President until his retirement.

In his work Charlie was extremely competent and fair, but he could not be called "easy going". An excellent administrator, he was intense. He drove himself hard, making every minute count. His mind was highly disciplined and he enjoyed work. In a policy discussion he could be counted on with certainty to take the position that the degree of integrity of the trustee must be above that normally exercised in the market place. No matter was too complex for him to identify a possible conflict of interest. Pity anyone who tried to pass over such a matter. Because of his high productivity and administrative ability his responsibilities were heavy. At one time or another he was involved in the management and operating of every phase of the business.

Outside of his work Charlie was more relaxed, almost a different person. Although he was not forward in meeting people, his outgoing wife pushed him in that direction. He seldom forgot a person he met, even though the introduction was casual. He was friendly and good company. He belonged to Interlachen Country Club and was a life member of the Minneapolis Athletic Club. He also belonged to the Masonic bodies. For years, he and his wife went on vacation trips, always to different places. One of his hobbies at home was the raising of a large variety of flowers.

The easier side of Charlie's nature, always known to a few, became apparent to more people after his retirement. It was not generally known that this complex man was very sentimental. He had deep religious

convictions. He showed great tolerance in his relationships with his friends. Those relationships were permanent as far as he was concerned. For many years he kept what he called a "day book". Birthdays, anniversaries and other events in the lives of friends and acquaintances were noted. There was no profit in a wager with him about the occurrence or time of a past event.

A person could not have a better friend. He will be missed always by those of us who knew him.

FRANK B. WECK

# **JOHN A. MUIRHEAD**

October 21, 1915 — December 22, 1985

Born in Denver, Colorado in 1915, Jack Muirhead moved with his family at an early age to Minneapolis. Minnesota. He graduated from high school and began attending the University of Minnesota. Jack was married to Eunice Matson in 1941. Shortly thereafter he departed for service in the United States army during World War II. After an honorable discharge from the army, Jack returned to enrollment at the University of Minnesota where he received a Master's Degree in Business before attending law school. Jack graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1955 and entered into partnership with Robert Henretta. For most of his career in Minnesota he was a partner in the law firm Henretta, Muirhead, et al.

Jack Muirhead was an early and courageous advocate of racial equality. A charter member of the NAACP and CORE. During the 1950's and early 1960s, Jack served as treasurer of the Minnesota branch of the NAACP for a period of time.

Jack's legal practice involved specialization in corporate and partnership law. He earned the widespread respect of his colleagues for the quality of the intellect he could bring to bear upon any legal questions.

In 1975, Jack was divorced from his first wife. In 1976 he moved to Arizona. He was married to Helen Livermore the same year. From 1977 until his death, Jack was a Special Assistant Attorney General for the state of Arizona. Immensely popular with his colleagues, he was asked to continue to practice in that capacity even after reaching the "mandatory retirement" age of 70. Unfortunately, in June of 1985, cancer was diagnosed. Jack continued to work regularly until October of that year. He died on December 22, 1985. His ashes were scattered in the forests of Arizona he loved so much.

Throughout his life, when asked how he was, Jack's invariable response was "Why, I'm utterly magnificent." It was only in the last months of his life that this response was changed to "Well, maybe not quite magnificent." It is the fond wish of his family, his friends, and the colleagues he respected so much, that wherever Jack is today his answer is once again back to "Why, I'm utterly magnificent"

**DOUGLAS MUIRHEAD** 

## **DESMOND F. PRATT**

July 20, 1908 — August 27, 1985

Des was born in Montello, Wisconsin on July 20, 1908, and died in his office on August 27, 1985. He graduated from West High School in 1925 and from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1931. While a student at the U., Des was president of Phi Gamma Delta and secretary of Phi Delta Phi. Des maintained a life-long association with his "Phi Gam" fraternity friends. He also was on the editorial board of the "Minnesota Daily," a member of the debate team, and president of his senior law class of 1931. His law class had annual dinners, which Des arranged and chaired for 53 years.

Des began practicing law with the firm of Sweet, Johnson & Sands in 1931, and was officing with Frank Petri and Jack Brown in his 54th year of practice when he died at his desk. He and his close friend, Jimmy Rorris, who preceded him in death, were considered in the forefront of practitioners of matrimonial law.

Des was past president of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and appeared in "Who's Who in American Law." He was a former president of the University Club of Minneapolis, as well as the Inter-Cosmo Club. He was a long-time member of the Minneapolis Athletic Club. He was a member of the Minneapolis City Council for 16 years, and very active in Republican politics all his life.

Des married Mary Ellen Murray on June 23, 1945, and their union was blessed with five children, Desmond, Kathleen, Robert, Gregory and William. He was a devoted family man and loved the time he could spend with Mary Ellen and the children. His enthusiasm for, and anticipation of, their annual Christmas get-togethers with the children was a delight to witness.

Des had the ability to make a new acquaintance feel like an old friend. He was possessed of superior intelligence, unparalleled patience, and an enthusiasm for fellowship and camaraderie second to none. He happily presided over his beloved "Wednesday night seminars," attended by six or seven good friends, who were invariably entertained, instructed and inspired by this unusually gifted man. Des made a difference in our lives.

FRANK PETRI - JACK BROWN

## **JOHN PRINS**

September 27, 1901 — June 17, 1985

John Prins was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. He attended St. Paul Central High School and the University of Minnesota until called into service in the U. S. Army during World War I. When the war ended, he completed his undergraduate work at the University. He served as Cadet Colonel of the University's Reserve Officers Training Corp.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1923, he worked as an attorney for the Minnesota Industrial Commission for about four years. John then practiced law in Duluth until 1930. At that time, he took a position in the Claim Department of the Anchor Casualty Company in St. Paul. He later became Claim Manager. His duties included the trial of many cases before the Industrial Commission. In 1942, he was recalled by the army and served as an officer for more than three years. John returned to the Anchor in 1946, continued to try cases before the Commission for several years and became head of the company's Law Department. He was an active member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and served a term as chairman of the Corporate Counsel Section.

In 1965, John retired from the Agricultural Insurance Company (which had acquired the Anchor several years before). He joined our law firm, then known as Rider, Bennett, Egan & Johnson. In the next two years, he worked in all areas of trial preparation, conducted extensive discovery himself and attended numerous pre-trial conferences on cases in Hennepin and other contiguous counties. As a result of that activity, his skills as a negotiator and his vast experience in supervising so many litigated files for more than twenty-five years were noted by the judges of the Hennepin County District Court. In 1967, John was invited to fill the newly created position of Settlement Referee. He was a perfect choice. John later remarked often of his good fortune to be able to spend the last few years of his legal career in work he enjoyed so much. The position developed into one of considerable importance through John's efforts and he was able to be of great assistance in reducing the backlog which existed at that time. After seven years of distinguished service to the Hennepin County District Court Judges, John retired in 1974.

John and Hester were married in 1935 and had three children, Peter, Courtney and John, also known to many as Joe. He died at Green Valley, Arizona, and is survived by his wife and son, Joe.

John was a gentleman, always kind and thoughtful; he treated everyone he met with the same courtesy and respect. Possessed of a wonderful sense of humor, he delighted in the company of his fellow lawyers. John was proud to be a lawyer and is fondly remembered by we who were privileged to know him.

**WILLIAM T. EGAN** 

## **ROSS QUAINTANCE**

**December 31, 1957 — August 28, 1985** 

It is impossible to convey in words how Ross Quaintance touched so many lives in twenty-seven short years. Those that knew Ross can only shake their heads in agreement at the terrible void in their lives, each one mourning the terrible loss of an only son, a brother, or a friend.

Ross' big blue eyes and wide grin were just a small indication of his warm heart. He was an attentive listener and would make time for any troubled friend.

Ross graduated from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin in 1980. Following his graduation, he was Director of Special Events for the March of Dimes in Minneapolis for a year and a half.

This job was an example of Ross' dedication to public service. He was a strong advocate of helping those who were too poor, too disabled, or too uneducated to help themselves. His compassion for others extended beyond mere words into action.

Ross began law school at William Mitchell College of Law in 1982. After his first year of law school, Ross represented indigent clients for the Anoka County Public Defender's Office. The following year, Ross was hired by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office in the Juvenile Division. His pursuit of excellence, his hard work, energy and enthusiasm were admired by all.

Ross' approach to work was to ask "What is fair? What is ethical? What is just.?" His integrity was evident not only in his short legal career, but in his personal relationships as well. Ross was someone who appreciated honesty and was forthright in all matters.

Ross graduated cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in June 1985. In July of 1985, Ross successfully took the Minnesota bar exam. Following the bar exam, he vacationed in the beautiful Canadian Rockies, On his return, Ross was in a tragic automobile accident which left him paralyzed.

It is testimony to Ross' courage and will to live that he survived the next eighteen days. When friends visited him in the hospital, he gave them

strength and hope. When his friends were upset about his accident, he comforted them. When they came in tears, he would have them laughing in minutes. Infamous for his illegible handwriting, he joked to his friend, "At least my secretary will not have to read my terrible scrawl anymore."

Even when faced with the prospect of being quadriplegic, Ross had great courage and optimism to the very end. Ross was one of those heroes of everyday life who welcomed each day as a new challenge and adventure. He is missed terribly.

In addition to his many friends, he is survived by his parents, Richard and Charlotte Quaintance and his only sister, Kathryn.

**CAROL J. CHRISTENSON** 

## JAMES PETER RORRIS

February 15, 1913 — April 29, 1985

James Peter Rorris was born in Cumberland, Wisconsin, on February 15, 1913. All his life he was proud of his Greek and Italian ancestry and shared his pride with his many friends.

When Jim was six years' old, his family moved to Minneapolis where he promptly got a job selling newspapers to help support the family. By the time he was in high school, he had four newsstands at the intersection of Chicago and Lake Streets.

After high school, Jim attended the University of Minnesota, where he helped support himself by writing and selling course summaries. Upon graduation from college, he worked for the Federal Government as a wage and hour investigator. At that time, he met his future wife, Ruby Akre, while riding the bus.

Newly married, Jim was drafted into the United States Army during World War II during which time he was stationed in Italy. While he was in the service, his daughter, Mary Etta, his "Mary Sunshine," was born.

Jim completed law school on the GI bill, after an honorable discharge from the army in 1945. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1949.

In 1952, Jim's son, Eric James, was born. Jim and Eric remained constant companions throughout the rest of Jim's life.

Jim was the first Minnesota lawyer to specialize exclusively in divorce practice. For thirty years, he was the "dean" of Minnesota family law practice. He was a charter member, first Minnesotan to serve on the Board of Governors and a vice president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He was the founder and first president of the Minnesota Chapter.

Jim Rorris, despite his substantial accomplishments, was a uniquely humble man. Thirsting for knowledge, Jim often said, "I'm not too proud to learn from anyone," and he meant it. He was also interested in encouraging other people to learn. Jim helped establish the William Mitchell College of Law, taught Family Law at William Mitchell for many years, authored award-winning articles on divorce practice and spoke at Continuing Legal Seminars.

Jim loved his work and he loved people. He was known in the practice of law for his integrity, his humanity, his skill and his knowledge. In a legal arena, characterized by emotional conflict, he was uniquely able to maintain a reputation both as a hard fighter on behalf of his clients and as a decent man. At a testimonial dinner given for Jim in February, 1985, more than 250 guests turned out, most of them lawyers and judges. In a law career spanning 35 years, Jim had earned the universal respect and love of those with whom he had contact

Jim is survived by his son, Eric; his daughter, Mary Etta; his son-in-law, James; his grandson, Scott; his granddaughter, Mary Sara and his sisters, Helen and Carmen.

MICHAEL ORMOND

## LOUIS SACHS

October 8, 1895 — February 11, 1986

His long lifetime spanned the era from the horse and buggy to space travel. Born in Philadelphia, he returned to the old country with his family and then came to Minneapolis in 1902. He was brought up in a close knit family, and was educated and spent his life here — always with great appreciation for this beautiful area and its people. He served in the army in France in World War I; and traveled extensively in later years.

His curiosity and need to learn and understand was immense — and was there at the earliest age. He was fluent in several languages and read continually and extensively, especially in the fields of history, economics, politics and philosophy. He was a fine and dedicated teacher to many.

He was a staunch individualist who used his searching mind to develop his own ideas and philosophies and to become an excellent old time lawyer. He was a family-business-trial lawyer typical of the early years of this century. He began practice in 1919, and served and helped innumerable people in his long practice of over 57 years. He had the qualities of both an excellent trial lawyer and a fine counselor. He remained an avid and interested student of law, and kept up wonderfully well over the years as the law burgeoned. Also, he served the community in various capacities during that time.

He had a reputation among his circle as a fine and able gentlemen of high integrity. He was a marvelous and loving husband, father and grandfather; and a dear friend to many. He was always there to give substantial help — moral and material — to those near to him. He is survived by his son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren who remember him with great respect and joy.

RICHARD F. SACHS

## DALE R. SARLES

August 29, 1929 — February 28, 1985

Dale R. Sarles was born and raised in Minneapolis and graduated from Minneapolis Central High School. He then entered the army and served as an x-ray technician in the southern U.S. and Panama. Upon his return to civilian life, Dale attended St. Cloud State University and, while a student there, met, fell in love with and married a young school teacher working in Richfield named Bev. Dale and Bev were married just 1½ months before he graduated from St. Cloud State with a B.A. in Business Administration in 1955. While working days, Dale then attended William Mitchell College of Law, from which he graduated in 1959. Dale and Bev built their home in Wayzata where they would later raise their two children, Holly and Jeff. Alter graduation from law school, Dale entered private practice and worked for firms in Minneapolis and Anoka before opening his own offices in Hopkins. Dale later became a hearing officer with the Veterans Administration in Minneapolis where he heard medical claims cases. Dale missed the free-wheeling, give and take of private practice, however, and, so, in 1979, left the V.A. and opened an office in Golden Valley. He then practiced in Minnetonka and St. Louis Park, where he had offices at the time of his passing. Dale stayed at practice of law as long as he was able during his brief four months illness, before passing away at the VA Hospital. Typical of Dale, even during grave illness, he never burdened others with complaints and he faced each day with grace and good spirits.

Dale loved the law, enjoyed counselling his clients and thrived on the challenge of general practice and trial work. But, he had many interests in addition to practice of law. Dale was an active Mason for over 20 years, serving as an associate custodian of Job's Daughters, and was a past Master of the Wayzata Masonic Lodge. Dale was also active in the Zurah Shrine and, at the time of his death, was president of the Minnetonka Shrine. Dale was also a lifelong Episcopalian who had served as a member of his Parish Vestry and was a licensed Lay Reader. He was a moderate Republican. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, travel and reading on many subjects. Probably above all, however, Dale enjoyed people. Not only a devoted husband to Bev and father to his two children, Holly and Jeff, he always had time for a friend, of which he had many. Dale loved to socialize. He liked a "good audience" and always had a joke or story and a warm laugh. He was nonjudgmental and loyal to his friends, whether of high station or just 'ordinary people. He was a man who enjoyed life and inspired all of us who knew him with his kindness, humanity, generosity and warmth.

## **DONALD O. WRIGHT**

1893 - 1955

Donald O. Wright was born in Minneapolis in 1893 in the state legislative district he represented, the Kenwood Hills District which skirts the shores of Cedar Lake, and died in 1985 in the same district at the age of 92. He resided at 1164 Cedar View Drive which overlooks the lake, where he had lived for a great many years. Donald Wright was preceded in death by his son Donald O. Wright, Jr. He is survived by his wife Virna, and in addition to his wife he Is survived by other children, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was a 50 year member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a veteran of World War I, and a member of the Theodore Peterson Post #1 of the American Legion. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 224, the Scottish Rite and Zuhrah Temple. He practiced law in Minneapolis for 67 years, and was a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association. He acted as Lieutenant Governor upon the resignation of Lieutenant Governor Anchor Nelson. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1940.

He is most remembered for his services in the Minnesota State Legislature. He was elected from the legislative district in which he died. He was a member of the state House of Representatives from 1927 to 1933 where he served with great distinction. He was a member of the Minnesota State Senate for 38 years from 1935 until he retired and for many years its most powerful member. He was president pro tem of the state Senate in 1953. He served as chairman of the state Senate Tax Committee for the last 19 years of his membership in the state Senate and was responsible for most of the conservative tax legislation of those years. He was chairman of the state Senate Committee on committees from 1955 through 1961, and also served on state Senate committees on liquor control, public highways, civil administration and public welfare.

One of the great past times in his life was gin rummy, which he played with other members of the state Senate and with friends, and usually won. Until the last few years he spent a great deal of his time around his yard and keeping it up and had it in beautiful shape. After he retired from the state Senate he would on many occasions go to Florida for the winter, some times to the west coast and sometimes to the east coast to enjoy the Florida warmth and sunshine. During the last 4 or 5 years of his life his health confined him to his home in Minneapolis in the wintertime.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Minneapolis and the Minnesota Historical Society.

# **GEORGE A. FRENCH**

## **WELLS J. WRIGHT**

March 20, 1912 — September 7, 1985

Wells J. Wright was born in Max, North Dakota on March 20, 1912 and died September 7, 1985. He is survived by his wife, Marion, his daughter, Deborah Dimmock, his sons, Wells and Gregory, and six grandchildren. Wells attended school at Appleton, Minnesota where his father was an outstanding lawyer, and it was there that Wells developed his interest in the law and his exceptional athletic abilities.

Wells attended the University of Minnesota from 1930 to 1936 and received his Bachelor of Arts and L.L.B. degrees. Wells entered the practice of law with his father at Appleton, Minnesota. In 1938 he moved to Minneapolis, where he continued the practice of law throughout his career. From 1938 to 1940, he was a sole practitioner; from 1940 to 1941, he was a partner in the firm of Watson, Wright and Lindquist; from 1941 to 1951, he was a partner in the firm of Vennum, Neville and Wright; from 1951 to 1955, he was a partner in the firm of Wright and Eastlund; he was a partner in the firm of Wright, West and Diessner from 1955 to 1984, when that firm merged with the firm of Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. which firm he was associated with until his retirement from the practice of law on December 31, 1984.

At the University of Minnesota, Wells lettered in basketball. His interest in athletics continued and he was an active member of the University M Club; he served as its president in 1945 and in 1946 served as the president of the Greater Gopher Educational Foundation. He was appointed to the Senate Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics. He remained an outstanding athlete and enjoyed participating in sports. He will long be remembered as an outstanding golfer at the Interlachen Country Club and as one of the best bowlers and volleyball players at the Minneapolis Athletic Club.

Wells continued his interest in the University. He was active in the Minnesota Alumni Association and served as its president in 1951. He was the recipient of the Alumni Service Award from the University in 1976.

Wells was not only dedicated to the practice of law, but also to the teaching of the law. He commenced teaching Business Law at the University of Minnesota in 1941 and continued in that capacity and as head of the Business Law Department until his mandatory retirement. His interest in young people, combined with his interest in the law, resulted in the time he spent in this pursuit as a gratifying and rewarding experience for him.

Of his many civic activities, some of his most enjoyable were those associated with the Minneapolis Aquatennial and the year he spent as Commodore of the 1956 festival.

In Wells' passing, his family has lost a devoted husband, father and grandfather, the University has lost one of its true friends and loyal supporters, the Bar has lost one of its highly respected and outstanding members, and his many friends have suffered an irreplaceable loss.

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In closing, I would like to share with you one of my favorite poems by Rudyard Kipling which I find appropriate for this occasion:

When earth's last picture is painted, and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it — lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall set us to work anew!

And those that were good will be happy:
they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas
with brushes of comets' hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from —
Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting
and never be tired at all!

And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of working, and Each, in his separate star,
Shall draw the Thing as he sees It for the God of Things as They Are!

L'ENVOI by Rudyard Kipling

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