

***Annual Hennepin County  
Bar Memorial Session***

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

**Presiding  
The Honorable Eugene Minenko  
Hennepin County Courts Chief Judge**

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**Invocation  
The Honorable Patrick W. Fitzgerald  
Hennepin County District Court Judge**

**Introduction of Special Guests**

**Recognition of Deceased Members**

**Musical Selection—"Goin' Home"  
William D. Birch and Robert R. Johnson**

**Mr. John D. Gould, Chairman Bar Memorial Committee**

**Mr. Edward S. Parker, President Hennepin County Bar Association**

**Main Address  
John M. Palmer  
Partner in the firm of Levitt, Palmer, Bowen, Rotman & Share**

**Musical Selection—"His Sheep Am I"  
William D. Birch and Robert R. Johnson**

**Memorials Presented to the Court**

**Presentation Accepted**

**Court Adjourned**

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**Wednesday, April 30, 1980      Minneapolis City Council Chambers**

**Presented by the Hennepin County Bar Association**

## INVOCATION

In Your presence, Oh Heavenly Father, we assemble to remember our honored colleagues, dear friends and their families. Words and thoughts will never replace these understanding, thoughtful, hardworking advocates.

As we assemble here today, we are ever hopeful that our departed colleagues will share in the glory which You, Oh Heavenly Father, have promised to your faithful people.

Now, they shall know forever in the fullest measure Your goodness and love. Extend to their families Your blessings.

As it has often been stated, when You close the door, You'll open the window. Open the window to the families of these good, departed lawyers.

With those of us who are following in their footsteps, both lawyers and judges, assist us, Oh Heavenly Father, that we will fulfill our duties, without error of judgment, and in consideration of the rights and interests of all concerned.

God of all truth, knowledge and judgment impart that wisdom into us so that we may further Your work and do honor to the memories of these good friends and colleagues who are now with You.

We ask all of these things in the name of our Heavenly Father.  
Amen.

JUDGE PATRICK W. FITZGERALD

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# **MEMORIAL ADDRESS**

**BY**

**JOHN M. PALMER**

It is good that lawyers and judges pause in their busy schedules to pay tribute to those of our members who died over the past year; good that we can share this time to remember them with their families and friends. It would be fitting to go down the list of 22 departed members of the bar and to pay a special tribute to each one. This was the practice some 40 years ago when I served as Chairman of the Bar Memorial Committee and addressed the same ceremony in Judge Bardwell's courtroom in the old Court House. Time will not now permit this practice to continue. I must, therefore, address my tribute to all the departed members of our legal fraternity collectively.

First, we honor the departed members of our bar as human beings who expressed their energies and talents in constructive ways, that is, in ways not only designed to improve their own mental, economic and emotional being, but, also, in ways to help others develop their own mental, economic and emotional potential.

Second, we honor them for their dedication to discipline and hard work. To become lawyers, long years of schooling are essential. Tough self-discipline is called for. Sacrifice of time and money for them and their families was frequently demanded. In this day of the quick and easy buck and lavish economic rewards for accomplishment of ephemeral value, this tribute to dedication and work seems particularly appropriate.

Third, we honor them for the development of a personal philosophy and a sturdiness of character to withstand the frustrations, the humiliations, and the shocks of disappointment which are the lot of every lawyer, no matter whether his area is the courtroom, the conference table, the legislature, or the Congress.

Finally, we honor them as able members of a great profession.

Let us consider a moment the era in which our departed members lived and practiced law. Many commended their lives at or near the turn of the century. A few were born before the turn of the century. Over the span of their lives, great changes took place in the world, their nation, and in society. Most experienced World War I in some first-hand way. A number fought in that war. Most received their education in the law not many years after World War I. Many started in the practice in the bottom of the depression in the '30's when the benchmark of the lawyer was the brown paper bag in which he carried his lunch. For a day in

court, the lawyer was fortunate to obtain a fee of \$25. World War II uprooted a large segment of our profession, as many in this courtroom today can attest. We had hardly settled down in the practice following World War II when the Korean War came along and again uprooted many. The New Deal of the '30's was a shock to many of our members of that time. There was a flood of government regulations; there were the new rules of civil procedure; the discovery practices were revolutionary for the trail lawyer of the time. It was a difficult period of adjustment. Much of the old law and practice was repealed, so to speak. In common with all of us, they adjusted — many with great success.

In paying our respects collectively to those who left us in the past year, it is appropriate to pay our respects to the profession of which they formed a part. A number of speakers in years past have pointed out that without the growth of our legal system, it would have been impossible for this society to construct the great economic system which is the envy of the modern world. The wealth produced by this system has made possible a humanism and regard for the rights of the individual which the law and lawyers have helped to espouse and perpetuate here and throughout the free world.

Our late members were a part of great change in our profession. Over their life span, the bar association of this country, as the collective expression of the profession, grew from a few files in the office of the president and secretary to an established office with a paid staff and permanent records. Over those years, the need for continuing education of lawyers was perceived and acted upon. Lawyers must now go back to school. They must keep abreast of the ever-growing changes in the law. They must attend seminars which are for the most part conducted by lawyers experienced in the subject matter or by law professors or judges who are well grounded in some area of the law. I have the temerity to suggest that the practicing lawyer of today is better equipped to serve his clients, the courts, and the needs of his community than he has, at any time in the past, been able to do. The expansion of this business of continuing legal education gives promise of even more improvement in the competence of members of the profession.

What about the ethics and moral judgment of members of our profession? What does the present and the future hold? Those whom we honor today were molded by a system which emphasized individual reliability and integrity — stipulations and agreements were frequently based on a man's word given by telephone or across the table. They took pride in the precept that "a man's word was as good as his bond." Failures in this area were the rare exception. The complexities of the world of today, however, seem to demand that stipulations and agreements between lawyers be put in writing. The "cover" letter is the practice of the day. Paperwork demands much more time of the courts and the profession. Automation in the office and in the courts seems essential to deal with the ever-

growing burden. Although we may lament this change, and decry the time consumed and the expense involved, nevertheless, man is ingenious enough to automate and lawyers, as conservative as we are alleged to be, nevertheless keep up. This change in practice which accelerated in the past decade was not all bad. I suggest that it has been good. It made the lawyer define his stand and establish a point of reference in dealing with his fellow members of the bar and with his clients. When I served as Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Hennepin County Bar Association some 30 years ago, it became apparent to me that a large percentage of the complaints filed against lawyers were based on failure to communicate with the client and other members of the bar. I would expect that much of this type of complaint has been eliminated by the practice of reducing understandings to writing.

With the blizzard of paperwork now imposed on the profession and the higher standards of competence brought about by our present-day schooling, we are experiencing higher costs in the delivery system of legal services. To the ever-increasing cost, fueled by inflation, the profession is responding by providing free legal service through legal aid or by legal assistance programs with costs adjusted to what the client can afford. These services, however, appear to be overburdened by increasing public demand. Measures are being considered by the American Bar which would compel all lawyers to contribute some part of their time to what is called “pro bono publico” service. Our departed members of the bar would perhaps find it difficult to understand why it should be necessary to compel members of the bar to devote time to the public good without pay. Many on the Memorial list devoted many hours of their time to help the poor and the underprivileged. Many served on advisory public bodies of the state, the county, or the municipality without compensation. This was accepted practice in their day. However, the demands of today leave little time for such service. The “hourly rate system” which has become the byword in most, if not all, metropolitan law offices watches over us at all hours of the working day like a tyrant. But, it is good that this problem is recognized by the American Bar and good that ways of dealing with it are prominent in the minds of the profession. The lawyer is, today, the indispensable conduit through whom the public must seek justice. He must not “price himself out of the justice market.” If he does, he may find himself displaced by a government-operated system — his function taken over by a commissar of the state.

Turning to the list of the departed, each of us in the profession will recognize many who gave much to the profession by way of talent, effort, and time. Many gave in the form of pro bono work. Many gave in the form of work for the bar association. Gifted ones gave us the benefit of their study in some old or in some new field of law. We honor all because they were lawyers giving to us and to the public such of their gifts and talents as they were able to bestow. It is good, as I have said, to meet here with their families and friends. It is good that in our memory of them we draw together as members of a professional fraternity which is privileged to serve individual and public needs.

## IN MEMORIAM

### CHARLES W. (CHUCK) ANDERSON

October 10, 1939 — January 21, 1980

Chuck Anderson was born in Minneapolis on October 10, 1939. He was 2 years old when his father died and the remaining family moved to Dassel, Minnesota where he attended elementary and high school. His fierce competitiveness and strong determination to succeed at whatever he endeavored, attributes which never weakened during his lifetime, made him a top athlete in several school sports and a first chair musician in the school band and orchestra. His boyhood goals were to be a trial lawyer and to hunt the game-rich plains of Africa.

Chuck's love for hunting and fishing for the forest, fields, lakes and streams began when he was very young and, in the waning years of the depression, he provided for his financial needs and a portion of the family food needs through his trap line and his hunting and fishing ability.

Chuck joined the U.S. Marine Reserve on graduation from high school and he was the first recruit in his unit to earn a promotional stripe and he won the division rifle competition.

Upon graduation from St. Cloud State he enrolled at the William Mitchell College of Law where he attended night classes and worked days for the first 2 ½ years as an insurance adjuster and for the last year and a half he was law clerk to Judge Amdahl. In his freshman year he met, courted and married Susan and by the time he completed law school he was the very proud father of two daughters, Vicki and Terri.

He and a law school companion entered the private practice of law as the firm of Anderson and Christopherson which firm later became The Charles W. Anderson Law Firm.

Chuck became a very successful and highly regarded trial lawyer in both civil and criminal matters. His success provided the opportunity to achieve the second of his boyhood dreams. He made four safaris to Africa and developed a consuming love for the people, the lands and the animals there. He became proficient in Swahili, the universal native language, and acquired a tracking and animal sign reading ability which brought him the respect of professional native trackers.

His real relaxation came at the family cabin at Woman Lake with Sue and the kids. Each family member had a motorcycle and a snowmobile and the woods and hills were joyfully explored by the family group. Chuck was proud of his water skiing ability but was even prouder of Vicki and Terri when they became more proficient than he at the sport.

Chuck was president of the Nordic Club in Minneapolis and was active in many ways for that group. He served in many capacities and offices of the Fur, Fin and Feather Club of Minneapolis and was honored by being elected to president of that sportsmen's group He was a member of Joppa Masonic Lodge, of the Scottish Rite and of Zuhrah Temple of the Shrine.

He was above all a man to live life to its fullest and the flame that burns the brightest consumes its fuel the fastest.

Susan, Terri, Vicki, and we others who knew him well, will long remember, and greatly miss him.

DOUGLAS K. AMDAIHL



## IN MEMORIAM

### A. LYMAN BEARDSLEY

July 18, 1897 — July 10, 1979

Albert Lyman Beardsley was born in Sioux City, Iowa, where he spent two years in Morningside College doing his pre-law work. He thereafter studied his law at the University of South Dakota, receiving his Bachelor of Law Degree in 1919. Lyman practiced law for ten years in Ipswich, South Dakota, during a part of that time being State's Attorney. In October, 1929 he joined the law firm then known as Kingman, Cross, Morley and Cant in Minneapolis and retired in 1967.

Prior to his retirement Lyman said to me, "I am going to retire at 70 and have some fun the rest of my life". This he did, moving to Laguna Hills, California, where he thoroughly enjoyed doing the variety of things in which he was interested.

Many who are baseball fans will recall Leo Durocher's famous statement, "Nice guys never win", but there is a fallacy in generality, and Leo did not know Lyman Beardsley. Lyman tried a good many cases during his career as a lawyer, some against lawyers who prided themselves on "being tough" and who traded on irascibility to gain their ends. Lyman, however, continued to be the quiet gentleman throughout the many cases he tried, and one would have thought from his success that his opponents would have learned the value of gentility when blended with intelligence. But gentleness in Lyman's life was not synonymous with weakness, for he was a person strongly devoted to the highest principles of ethics in his professional life and in morality, and all that morality stands for, in his personal life.

Lyman was hired by Kingman, Cross, Morley and Cant, now Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, primarily as a trial lawyer, but he later turned his attention to a variety of other facets of law practice, leaving the trial work to others. He helped many of the younger men of our firm get their start in practice by kindly counsel and healthy example. Quite a number of lawyers practicing today owe the solid foundation of their practice to his kindly tutoring. Lyman still had time, however, to devote to his profession and community as a most active member of the State and Hennepin County Bar Associations, of which latter association he served as President.

Lyman was the ideal law partner. His wise counsel and sensible approach to the problems that afflict all partnerships steered our firm through more than one treacherous course, and the cohesiveness which our group enjoys today can be traced to Lyman's leavening influence. When you can hold such a group of people together as partners without harshness, but with gentle strength and sound judgment, you are indeed a very superior individual.

In our conference room are hanging the photographic portraits of the partners who have been separated from us by retirement or death. In that group of photographs is a particularly fine portrait of Lyman Beardsley. And there it will always remain as a reminder of a fine lawyer, a devoted partner and a true gentleman.

FRANKLIN D. GRAY

**IN MEMORIAM**

**EVA L. BECK**

**January 4, 1889—December 13, 1975**

**Eva Beck was born on January 4, 1889, at Sardinia, Ohio, and died December 13, 1975 at Minneapolis at age 88. Her mother was Sarah E. Rice and her father was Hermar U. Beck. The family moved to Minneapolis in 1904.**

**Eva was the youngest of 13 children all of whom she survived except one who lived to the age of 101. Although Eva never married, at the time her estate was settled she was survived by heirs at law residing in Alaska and six other states as well as in Canada and places as far distant as the Republic of Singapore.**

**She lived for many years in the family home on Humboldt Avenue South and the last six years of her life resided at the Harriet Walker Home.**

**Eva attended East High School in Minneapolis and in 1911 she became secretary to Dean Francis C. Shenehon in the College of Engineering at the University of Minnesota. From 1917 until 1929 she was secretary to Dean Ora M. Leland of the College of Engineering. During her 18 years with the engineers she was fondly called “The Dean” by the engineering students and in fact the “title” stuck and she was called Dean by many friends during later life.**

**While working at the University she attended night law school at the Minnesota College of Law which became part of the present William Mitchell College of Law, and she was admitted to practice law September 20, 1929. She officed many years in the Baker Building and her practice was devoted largely to probate, real property and tax matters. She was a successful sole practitioner until she retired June 21, 1961.**

**Eva Beck was a long time member of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, the Eastern Star, and a long time member of the Minnesota Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. She was much devoted to the D.A.R. and well known to many members. She served as State Secretary and the excellence of her records there reflected her long training in being precise, accurate and orderly. She also became president of the S.O.C., the State Officers Club of former leaders in the D.A.R. Among her friends she became quite an authority in genealogy. She also did important legal work for the D.A.R. and for the Harriet Walker Home. Among her many friends in the D.A.R. was Jennie Hiscock, who, like Eva’s sister Maud, was a long time and affectionately known teacher at West High School.**

**Eva was a firm and strong Republican and always maintained an active interest in politics and world affairs. She also enjoyed traveling adventures with her**

sister, Maud, in European countries. Eva Beck's work in the law and her well trained mind will be remembered by her loyal friends and by her achievements.

**NELLIE M. MINER**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**RAYMOND E. (RAY) BENSON**

**June 7, 1915 — February 1, 1980**

**Anyone who knew Ray will never forget him. He was a rugged individualist. He was proud of the fact that he was an American, a lawyer and a “Navy Man”.**

**He was born on June 7, 1915 in Auburn, Washington and soon he with his family moved to Hennepin County, Minnesota, where he spent the rest of his life, with the exception of ten years in the United States Navy. He enlisted in the Navy in 1936 and served on active duty until 1946. He was in many of the famous battles of the Pacific as a chief gunner’s mate aboard a destroyer with Admiral Halsey’s fleet. He never lost touch with the Navy and served actively in the Naval Reserve for another ten years after his discharge. He was a life member of the 9th Naval District Batallion and after obtaining his law degree became an authority on military law, successfully defending many servicemen in court-martial trials.**

**Ray was married on November 10, 1940 to his fine wife, Josephine; they had three children, Caroline, Robert, and Richard, and four grandchildren. Robert is also a member of the Minnesota Bar Association and practicing in Preston, Minnesota.**

**Ray attended the Minneapolis-Minnesota College of Law which later merged with the St. Paul College of Law to become the William Mitchell College of Law and received his degree in 1950. He went into private practice and remained an active practitioner until his death on February 1, 1980.**

**He served as a Justice of the Peace in Brooklyn Center and was a life member of the Suburban Judge’s Association. He was a fine lawyer, judge, and family man.**

**He served his country with great distinction. We lost a fine man on February 1, 1980.**

**JOHN F. BONNIER, JR.**

## IN MEMORIAM

### DOUGLAS L. CARLSEN

May 15, 1921 — July 19, 1979

Douglas Lee Carlsen, specializing in the field of patent and trademark law, died on July 19, 1979, at the age of 58. Death followed a sudden and unexpected heart attack while he was playing tennis — his favorite pastime, and came as a sad shock to his family and many friends

Doug was born in St. Paul, but at an early age moved with his parents to Minneapolis where he received his primary and high school education. At Roosevelt High, he was president of the senior class and gave a thought-provoking oration at the graduation exercises in Central Lutheran Church in 1938.

He then spent a year of preparatory study at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, before returning to Minneapolis where, in 1939, he enrolled in the University of Minnesota Law School. Before completing his law course, he went into service in World War II for about 3½ years (mostly in Europe). When discharged with the rank of Captain, Doug returned to the University of Minnesota to complete his law studies and gain admission to the bar.

He next joined the law firm of which his father was the senior partner, where he set about to more thoroughly master the practical aspects of the patent and trademark law and practice, which he did very effectively.

In 1963 he was honored by being elected to the office of President of the Minnesota Patent and Trademark Law Association, and was more recently elected to membership in the Rotary Club of St. Louis Park.

From his fifth year days in grade school until he passed away, Doug was constantly associated with the Y.M.C.A., or one of its groups, first as a camper and later as counselor, director or committee chairman in the Hi.Y, or Y's Men groups.

No tribute to Doug Carlsen would be complete without some reference to his family ideals and to his spiritual convictions, both of which he left as living legacies of his character and integrity. He is survived by his wife Mary, two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Merrilee) Fryer and Patricia Carlsen, his son Gregg, and daughter-in-law Nancy, two grandchildren, Joey and Maggie, and parents Neva and Andrew Carlsen. It can truly be said that there was a proud and strong bond of intimacy between Doug and the other members of the family; the memory of which should continue to sustain and inspire them through their remaining years.

Although Doug had a pleasant disposition and a keen sense of humor, he also had a serious and boundless faith in his God, and did much to spread and perpetuate the Lord's Work in this world. Perhaps his greatest contribution in this regard was the tireless service and effort he put into his church, the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in which he was not only a charter member but was President of the congregation for two terms. He was also Chairman of the Building Committee, and served on various other boards and committees to make that project a success. He will be greatly missed.

JOHN D. GOULD

**IN MEMORIAM**

**DONALD A. CHAPMAN, JR.**

**May 27, 1922 — January 9, 1980**

**Donald A. Chapman, Jr., recently retired Referee in Hennepin County Juvenile Court, died January 9, 1980 at the age of 57 years. At the time of his death he was residing with his wife, Bea, and two children, Matthew and Maureen, at their home in Wayzata, Minnesota.**

**Don was born in Minneapolis on May 27, 1922. He was educated in Minneapolis graduating from Washburn High School after which he attended the University of Minnesota and in 1950 graduated from William Mitchell College of Law Cum Laude. He was admitted to practice the same year and commenced the private practice of law with his father, Donald A. Chapman, Sr.**

**Don's academic pursuits were interrupted only by his military service with the Army Air Corp. He was commissioned as an Army Air Corp pilot and as a Captain served in the European theater as a fighter pilot with the 8th Air Force in England.**

**Don's legal career led in 1953 to the Minneapolis law firm of Davis, Rerat, Yaeger & Lush where Don became a specialist in the area of railroad personal injury law. That association resulted in a partnership with Carl Yaeger and Robert M. Austin. During the years of practicing private railroad personal injury law, Don's travels were far and wide. The clients he served were from Minnesota and many other parts of the United States and his approach to the serious cases that he was handling was that of a calm, intelligent and well liked negotiator. The results he achieved on cases were exceptional. The friendships that he established with clients and the bar were not short term but lasting associations of a meaningful nature.**

**Don's ability to engender trust in others was something that lasted throughout his days as an attorney, Referee and counselor with Hennepin County. That service began in 1959 when Don assumed a position with the Hennepin County Attorney's office. Later, he joined the Hennepin County Juvenile Court as a Referee, serving in that capacity for 13 years until his retirement in late 1979.**

**Don's years as an attorney are a tribute to the legal profession not only because of his ability to understand problems that were legal in nature but to have a facility to understand people and for them to feel close to Don and feel that he was their friend, not only a lawyer or Referee. His willingness to always assist was a character that was common in his everyday activities. The recipients of this activity were young as well as old. The friendships that Don created were many in the many jurisdictions he practiced in throughout the United States and,**



of course, particularly here in Minnesota especially in the Hennepin County Juvenile Court and its support divisions of the County.

Don was always interested in outside activities, he was an excellent bridge player, he loved sports and loved being with people. During his life Don had ten children, two of whom were at home with him at his death. He is also survived by his wife, Bea, two brothers and other relatives. Don will be missed by many. However, the memory of Don's assistance, kindness, outgoing nature and "calm" approach to life will never be forgotten.

**JOHN T. CHAPMAN  
JEROME F. CHAPMAN**

## IN MEMORIAM

### RICHARD LEROY DUXBURY

May 17, 1901 — August 18, 1979

Richard L. Duxbury was born in Spencer, Nebraska, on May 17, 1901, and passed away in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 18, 1979. 'Dux', as he was known to his friends and associates, lived as a child in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was an avid saxophone player in his high school and college years, playing in dance bands; although afflicted with a walking handicap as a result of polio at the age of two years, he played with the University of Minnesota Marching Band. He passed on his gold-plated saxophone to a grandson who shared his grandfather's musical interests.

Dux entered the University of Minnesota in 1920; was a member of Phi-Alpha-Delta Fraternity, and graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1929. During this college period he also worked for the Foshay Company. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of Minnesota September 20, 1929.

Dux joined Aetna Insurance Company in 1930 and worked as one of their attorneys until his retirement on June 1, 1966. Because he was a person who loved his work and cherished his ability to be a productive attorney, he in 1967 joined the law firm of Anderson, Bell and Chadwick as a consultant attorney. Ill health required that he permanently retire ten years later. His continuing interest in his beloved profession motivated Dux to gain admission to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1973. He was honored as a senior counselor of the Minnesota State Bar Association on June 12, 1979, for over fifty years of honorable service.

Dux was married June 7, 1930, to Norvell Bowers, who preceded him in death. Out of this union was born their son, Richard, who resides with his family in Bloomington, Minnesota. On November 18, 1972, he married Margaret Wimmer, who shared his remaining years, actively participating in Bar Association functions as well as frequent world travels.

Dux was a member of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church for over 45 years, serving as an usher for 30 years. He also enjoyed his membership in the Masons and Zurah Temple Shrine Masquers Dance Group.

Dux is survived by his widow, Margaret, his son, Richard, Margaret's three daughters, and 13 grandchildren, all of whom he dearly loved and who will miss his presence in their lives.

When Dux walked into a room, he brought with him dignity and warmth. His pleasant disposition, smile, expertise in his profession, and devotion to his associates and acquaintances, whether they be neighbors, friends, business associates or adversaries, inspired all whose lives he touched.

Dux has been to all who know him an inspiration and an example of a man who truly lived his life to its fullest enjoyment, and did so while serving others. He lives on in the memories of those he inspired.

EARLE T. ANDERSON, JR.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**KENNETH J. ENKEL**

**October 16, 1916 — October 29, 1978**

**Kenneth J. Enkel was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on October 16, 1916 and passed away in Minneapolis, where he resided, on October 29, 1978.**

**One of two children, Kenny attended St. Paul Public Schools and graduated on the Honor Roll from Central High, where he lettered and was active in tennis, the band and various school activities. Upon graduation from high school, Ken entered the University of Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1941.**

**Ken was deeply interested all his life in working people. Upon graduation from law school, he immediately began practicing in the labor law field with the Hall & Helstein law firm in Minneapolis. That firm grew and he became a partner of it at a later date. He continued to practice in the labor law field during his entire professional career. Representing unions and members, Ken functioned as an organizer early in his career, and he understood their problems first hand. In the early 1950's he separated from the Hall firm and thereafter engaged in sole practice, maintaining his office with other lawyers in the Midland Bank Building, the Title Insurance Building, and the Soo Line Building.**

**Ken was a person of deep and sincere social and political conviction. This found expression throughout his legal career in his representation, often without fee, of politically and racially oppressed people — from persons being deported for their political beliefs in the 1950's to the Wounded Knee defendants in the 1970's. Ken was active in many progressive causes and was an outspoken activist in the DFL Party.**

**Ken represented his clients to the full limits of his abilities, and his personal concern for each client gained their added confidence, respect and loyalty. Ken practiced energetically until a degenerative neurological disease forced him to limit his schedule in the last year or so of his life. His courage and resourcefulness was an example for all who knew him, and he continued to practice until his death.**

**Ken is survived by his wife, Virginia, and his daughters, Barbara and Holly.**

**ROBERT D. METCALF**

## IN MEMORIAM

### S. HARRY GAINSLEY

March 5, 1903 — November 27, 1979

S. Harry Gainsley was born in Minneapolis on March 5, 1903, one of four children. His father was a sergeant with the Minneapolis Police Department, something which surely helped foster his love and respect for the law.

Harry grew up in Minneapolis' South Side, graduating from Central High School. He went on to the University of Minnesota and finally to law school, earning his tuition doing construction and other menial labor.

After becoming established in the practice of law, Harry married Betty, and they had three children, Melanie, Philip and Julie.

Most of his legal career was spent as a private practitioner, but in 1965 his dream came true: His son graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and, pursuant to Harry's foregone conclusion, joined him in the practice. Subsequently, their firm grew to eight attorneys and a paralegal at the time of his death on November 27, 1979. While Harry was pleased with the firm's growth, his primary concern was, as always, the quality of the service given to and the work performed for his clients. Those of us who worked with Harry can explain that quality simply by acknowledging his experience, instincts and advocacy. He "knew," for example, that a company's accounts receivable should not be distinguished from an employee's wages, and, in 1970, convinced our Supreme Court that a pre-judgment garnishment of those accounts was an unconstitutional taking. That case is still cited by appellate courts throughout the country.

Harry was a unique individual, possessing humor, intelligence and an almost unbelievable energy in the pursuit of his clients' causes, which he championed as though they were his own. His brusque manner masked a warm, mellow and tender heart, which was revealed and well known to those who really knew him.

Harry Gainsley clearly had the respect of the bench and bar; he was always known to be prepared, whether in litigation or simply negotiation. One could always learn from him; yet he never acted as if he were teaching.

He had an instinct for detecting individuals of high integrity and competence and encouraged them to seek public office. Thus, when Walter F. Mondale and Warren Spannaus began to emerge, Harry was there to support and encourage them.

Harry adored the game of golf, which he played every weekend during the season. In his later years of practice, he had even taken to playing on Thursday afternoons; and for the past decade he would take six weeks off during the coldest time of winter and go to Palm Springs, for even more golf. But advance sheets accompanied him, and there always had to be the daily forwarding to him of “bulletins” from the office.

His humor, persistence, dignity and fair-mindedness are sadly missed by the firm he created and by the many clients he served so loyally over his 55 years as an attorney and counselor.

His devotion and protection as a husband, father and grandfather can never be replaced.

PHILLIP GAINSLEY,  
THOMAS J. SQUIER  
and SHIRLEY KONKOL

## IN MEMORIAM

### RALEIGH ZANE GOLDBERG

September 12, 1932 — December 12, 1979

“...You gave me encouragement which  
I will feel my whole life.  
You gave me so many things...  
You gave me life.  
And you gave me love  
and all I can do is hold your hand  
and say I love you.”

These feelings, expressed in a poem to Raleigh Goldberg by his daughter, Stacy, encompass the whole of his life. All who knew and were privileged to be a friend of this kind and wonderful man, can share in this expression of love.

No one who came in contact with Raleigh ever heard him utter a word of regret about this life or an ill word about another person. His concern for those who surrounded him transcended his problems and gave strength and purpose to his very being.

One can speculate as to what develops a person's character and integrity, his family, his friends, his associations or his education. Whatever it may be, there never was any doubt that Raleigh's character and integrity were beyond reproach and a model for those who knew him or knew of him.

Raleigh was a fine, kind and good human being, successful in his profession and admired by his colleagues. He was noted for his ability to recall the details of matters he handled years ago and respected not only for his legal ability but also for his trust, integrity, openness and sincere interest in others and their problems. An unusual man who had the ability to look at people, and at life, and to see the good. He saw other peoples' virtues rather than their faults and was always ready to give other people the benefit of the doubt. He was not easily discouraged by what life brought, rather he remained optimistic in the most difficult circumstances.

Born and raised on the northside of Minneapolis, he attended Willard Grade School, Lincoln Junior High and North High School. In this environment he had an opportunity to meet and associate with people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs, an enriching experience which prepared him for a lifetime of helping people with their problems. After high school he attended the University of Minnesota graduating with a BBA in 1955. He served with the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957 when he was honorably discharged and accepted a position as a civilian auditor with the U.S. Army Audit Agency in Minneapolis.

In 1961, he began a second career by entering the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating Cum Laude in 1964.

For the next three years Raleigh was in the private practice of law in Minneapolis. In 1967 he joined the law department of Investors Diversified Services, Inc., serving as a Counsel until his death on December 12, 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and children Stacy and Matthew. They have lost a husband and father. We have lost a friend.

PERRY VOLDNESS



## IN MEMORIAM

### ROBERT B. HAWKINS

December 12, 1928 — January 27, 1980

Bob (it was almost never “Robert”) Hawkins spent his formative years in Philadelphia, which entitled him in later times to bestow upon himself the label “Philadelphia lawyer.” The connotation of excellence was in fact earned. Bob’s keen and inquiring mind was well suited to solving legal problems, and commencing work with the Oppenheimer Law Firm in 1960 following graduation from the University of Minnesota Law School gave him the opportunity to apply himself in many fields of law.

The Firm in those days was small, Bob on joining it being its 15th lawyer, and was, perhaps of necessity, guided by the philosophy that any of its lawyers could handle any legal problem for any client. Bob was thrust into a role of responsibility for a wide variety of problems, causing him to become from time to time a tax lawyer, a securities lawyer, a trial lawyer and so forth, in corporate, real estate, international, estate planning and other fields.

This breadth of experience did not lead to shallowness. The differing nature of the many projects necessitated intense study and a great deal of hard work as one strove to acquire all the knowledge and understanding that could be brought to bear upon the particular problem. Bob’s intellectual integrity and fierce pride would not permit him to do something less than a highly competent professional job. It was with a great deal of satisfaction that he was able to say that at one time he had known more about trade secrets law than perhaps any other person, having studied every case, article and text on the subject in connection with representing a client involved in a significant case involving that subject.

One difficulty with the Oppenheimer approach of that time was whether one could really gain enough knowledge and understanding to become sufficiently expert in any field. Today the concern is met by an increasing reliance upon specialization. During Bob’s years with the Firm, he came to learn the value of teamwork, as he and the other lawyers unstintingly cooperated with each other to help bring a complex problem to a successful conclusion.

Bob also possessed a ready wit, quick to deflate but never mean or ill-natured. He was fiercely loyal to his friends, who will miss him severely. He was highly principled, yet pragmatic.

These traits allowed Bob to deal very quickly with any problem, to get through the facts with great rapidity and to find the proper course of action to take.

Bob was well-rounded, an athlete who had played basketball in his undergraduate days at Amherst, where he graduated in 1951. He was an avid boatsman, and he and his wife, Nancy, also enjoyed tennis and golf, particularly at their vacation home in Palm Desert, California.

Bob also brought to his law practice an understanding of, and interest in, the business world. Following Amherst, he had spent a year at Harvard Law School, but had left the study of law to pursue a business career. For several years he operated his own small merchandising business, dealing with people and the various problems encountered by small businesses.

Bob's business experience was perhaps one of the factors that led him to a prominent role in the Firm's management structure. He was elected to its Executive Committee and in time became a de facto managing partner. He played a major role in the Firm's establishment of an office in Brussels, Belgium, and its development of an international practice, and in its establishment of an office across the river in Minneapolis to better serve a Twin Cities practice.

In his later years with the Firm, Bob's practice was evolving into what is today described as "corporate", working with both large and small companies. He was able to relate to their problems and to combine sound business counsel with legal advice. In 1971 he was elected Corporate Secretary of Control Data Corporation, a client with whom he had worked closely for a number of years, and in 1974 he left the Firm to join that company on a full-time basis, adding the titles of Vice President and General Counsel.

Bob was respected, trusted and well liked at Control Data. He applied himself energetically to the new types of problems he encountered with good success. He counselled senior management, served on a number of committees and task forces, became a member of the guiding Policy Committee and assumed responsibility for some areas on the business side, having been given responsibility for the Company's efforts in the area of technology and joint ventures in developing countries. He was also instrumental in developing the in-house legal capability of the Company, with particular emphasis on the preventive aspects of the practice.

As can be seen, Bob was an extremely talented person. He was enjoyed by all who knew him. He was a good father to his children, Philip, Mike and Martha. He will be missed by many.

OPPENHEIMER, WOLFF, FOSTER,  
SHEPARD AND DONNELLY

## IN MEMORIAM

### RICHARD T. HEFFERAN

May 12, 1922 — December 18, 1979

Dick Hefferan was born in Ellsworth, Minnesota, May 12, 1922, one of five children of a local grocer. He moved to Minneapolis from Ellsworth in 1939 and was graduated from Minneapolis Central High School in 1940.

He soon was launched into a fast-paced career which took him to sea, through law school, into the Federal Bureau of Investigation, into a career of trial work in private practice and finally into the Hennepin County Attorney's Office as a criminal prosecutor.

He signed with the Navy for what he understood would be a three-month cruise in May, 1940, upon completion of high school. That tour of duty was delayed until August of 1940 — and continued to November, 1945. Dick Hefferan spent the better part of five of the intervening World War II years at sea, more than two years aboard the battleship Texas in the Pacific Ocean and more than two years aboard the USS Cossat, a tanker, largely in the Atlantic Ocean.

Within days of his discharge from the Navy in 1945 he was enrolled at the University of Minnesota School of Business Administration. Attending an accelerated program, Dick Hefferan was graduated from the school in the summer of 1948 and began law studies that same summer at the University of Minnesota Law School. He married Lorraine (Bunny) Gallagher of Minneapolis in 1949 and was graduated with an LLB in August, 1950.

Dick Hefferan joined the FBI in October, 1950, as a special agent and after training was stationed for about one year at Memphis, Tennessee. From there he was transferred to Newark, New Jersey, where he was assigned to internal national security investigations.

He left the FBI in September, 1957, and returned to Minneapolis where he began the private practice of law with Earl L. Johnson. He continued in private practice until June, 1969, and during the latter years of this period was associated with the firm of Gross and Von Holtum for five years. He was primarily a trial lawyer with special emphasis in criminal and personal injury cases.

Dick Hefferan joined the Hennepin County Attorney's Office on June 1, 1969, where he served as a criminal prosecutor until his death. He was known to the entire criminal defense bar of the metropolitan area through his permanent assignment in recent years as the "calendar man" at the daily call of the criminal calendar.

Heff and Bunny, who also survives him, have two daughters, Jackie and Terri, and five sons, Marc, Hugh, Robert, Greg and Jim, all of the metropolitan area.

The “Gray Eagle”, as a circle of office friends frequently called him, often assumed the gruff, harsh demeanor of a chief boatswain mate, his rank at sea. But the countless visitors who enjoyed the generous array of candy jars in his office found him to be a generous and warm man who engendered deep affection in people close to him.

In recent years Heff spent much of his private time traveling, principally in connection with attending legal conferences. He was a gourmet cook and, in earlier years while an active angler, a fishing camp chef of some renown.

DAN BYRNE

## IN MEMORIAM

### KENNETH JAMES JUDGE

September 25, 1928 — December 1, 1979

Kenneth James Judge was born in St. Louis, Missouri but was raised and lived in nearby Belleville, Illinois for most of his life until 1974. After graduation from high school in 1946 and two years in the Army, Ken entered St. Louis University, where he graduated from the Law School in 1955 after additional military service during the Korean War. Ken was admitted to the Illinois Bar that same year and shortly thereafter joined Chicago Title and Trust Company in neighboring Edwardsville, Illinois, beginning a corporate association which, except for two years in private practice, continued for the rest of his career.

Advancing to Office Counsel of the Edwardsville Office, Ken became a widely recognized and highly respected real estate title authority in the area. A devoted family man and avid sportsman, Ken also was active in the Illinois and local Bars, the Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus, the Kiwanis Club and contributed his time and talents generously to professional, civic and community organizations.

In 1974, Ken was invited to the Twin Cities as Divisional Counsel of Chicago Title's Minnesota Division. With a daughter beginning her senior year in high school and a son recently graduated from college and living in St. Louis, his decision to leave a comfortable, well established personal and professional life required courage and a keen desire for new challenges and opportunities.

In Minnesota, Ken rapidly established himself as one of the area's most respected real estate attorneys. Looked to by employees, customers and attorneys for counsel on a wide range of title and corporate matters, Ken's quiet good humor, unfailing patience, profound understanding, clarity of thought, willingness to help and absolute integrity made him a trusted and valued counselor. A legal scholar, problem solver and teacher, Ken enjoyed finding practical solutions to complex title questions, but perhaps most of all, he found satisfaction in teaching and assisting others.

An active participant in Bar, industry and civic organizations, Ken's contributions were substantial and the organizations the richer for his participation. For relaxation, Minnesota lakes provided Ken and his wife, Helen Mary, with opportunities to indulge his keen enjoyment in fishing.

Ken's genuine interest in others, his very evident abilities and his quiet strength earned him many good friends who will miss him deeply. He will be missed most of all by his wife, Helen Mary, and by his children, Greg of St. Louis, and Jane Ann Quigly of Springfield, Oregon.

LAW DEPARTMENT, CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

## IN MEMORIAM

### JAMES L. KELLY

November 6, 1908 — July 9, 1979

Both in his professional career and in his private life, Jim Kelly found his greatest satisfaction in helping people. In exchange, Jim won the loyalty, respect, and affection of his clients and friends. Jim was charitable, thoughtful, and kind. He was, above all else, a man of morals and integrity.

Jim Kelly was born on November 6, 1908, one of nine children. His father, a farmer, died when Jim was two years old. However, through sacrifice and hard work, Jim was able to obtain his education. He was steadily employed through college and law school. He was graduated from St. Thomas College in 1935 and the Minnesota College of Law in 1938.

Jim's practice was interrupted by his service in the Army during World War II. He spent nearly four years in the Counter Intelligence Corps. After his discharge, he resumed his practice in Minneapolis specializing in trusts, estates, and corporate work.

Jim was fortunate to work for generous clients, who desired to establish trusts and foundations to help others in the future. Through the competence of the lawyer and resources of the client, funds are provided in perpetuity for a number of charitable, educational, medical, and social service organizations. The benefits which will be constantly received are a tribute both to attorney and client.

In addition to his practice, Jim served on the Board of Directors of the B. F. Nelson Roofing Company. He was secretary and a member of the Board of Directors of the Creamette Company for thirty-two years. He was a member of the Serra Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Minneapolis Athletic Club, and the Interlachen Country Club. He belonged to and served his state and local bar associations.

In 1951, Jim married Anne Dolan of St. Paul and they lived at 4356 Harriet Avenue South, Minneapolis. Anne was a devoted and supporting wife. In recent years, Jim developed osteoporosis of the spine, restricting his activities. During this time, Anne gave moral and physical support to Jim, enabling him to continue his practice. She was a constant source of inspiration and encouragement for Jim.

In the Mass of the Christian Burial, the Reverend John J. Sullivan made this observation:

**Jim had great style, somewhat understated, the rarest kind of good judgment, a singular point of view, a magnificent heart for your needs, integrity and humor.**

**Leaving us with memories of a very loving person, Jim Kelly passed away on July 9, 1979.**

**THOMAS M. KELLY**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ROBERT C. LUFF**

**May 14, 1948 — January 24, 1980**

**Robert C. Luff was born on May 14, 1948 and died suddenly in Minneapolis on January 24, 1980 at the age of 31 years.**

**Rob graduated from Edina-Morningside High School in 1966. He served as a medic in the United States Army Reserves. He graduated from the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis in 1973 with a B.A. degree. He attended Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Washington where he graduated in 1977.**

**At Gonzaga he earned many scholastic honors. He was twice a recipient of the Law School Faculty Committee's annual scholarship, served on the Gonzaga Law Review and graduated 8th in his class. Following his admission to the Bar in Minnesota in 1977, he served as general counsel for Van Dale, Inc. of Long Lake, Minnesota until he died. He was a member of the American Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association.**

**Rob was an accomplished athlete, he was a champion weight lifter and body builder, and, through his accomplishments in these fields and his skills as a businessman, he rose to a top managerial position with a National Health Spa organization in Pennsylvania. Rob left this work so that he could return to school to complete his undergraduate education and later study law at Gonzaga.**

**Rob's death has left a very large void in our lives. He had compassion for all people, especially those who were less fortunate than him who lacked the skills that he had acquired and developed. He was sensitive, unselfish, devoted and uncomplaining. He was one of those rare individuals who was likable and liked by everyone. He had many friends. To Rob the most important part of any friendship was his trust for and loyalty to a friend. In the very words he wrote, he aspired to be always, "a good, solid, loving friend." And most importantly of all, Rob was a proud and devoted son and brother.**

**Robert Luff was an intense competitor. He had a certain faith in his God and himself to dream and aspire to difficult goals, the courage to attempt them and the unending drive to accomplish them. He was a person who could and did find something in each and every moment of his life to enjoy. These are some of the legacies that he left to us, who in our good fortune knew him and were his friends; but, if there is a single thing to which we look to remember this man, it will be our memories that he too cared for, trusted and was loyal to each of us as his friends.**

**HIS FRIENDS**



## IN MEMORIAM

### HENRY CLINTON MACKALL

February 18, 1885 — October 5, 1979

Henry Clinton Mackall, distinguished attorney in Minneapolis since 1909, died at his home October 5, 1979, at the age of 94 years.

Mr. Mackall was born in Moorhead, Minnesota, on February 18, 1885. After being graduated in 1902 from Moorhead Normal School, he received his B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1906, his law degree from Harvard University in 1909. He immediately returned to Minneapolis where he was admitted to the Bar and began active practice.

In 1918, he, in partnership with Robert Jamison, James G. Swan and Frederick, Stinchfield, founded the law firm of Jamison, Swan, Stinchfield, and Mackall, forerunner of the present firm, Mackall, Crouse & Moore. Although he had retired from the active practice about 15 years ago, he went to his office almost daily until about 6 months before his death. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and grandson, Peter Mackall Sperzel. His son, Henry C. Mackall, Jr., and daughter, Nancy Mackall Sperzel, predeceased him.

Over the years, he received numerous plaques, awards and testimonials in recognition of his outstanding public service. Included were Fifty-year awards from the Minnesota State Bar Association and the American Bar Association of which he was named a "Fellow". He was a trustee of the Minnesota State Bar Foundation and the Minnesota representative on the National Commission on Uniform Laws. He also was chairman of the American Bar Center Drive in Minnesota and a charter member of the World Peace Through Law Center.

In the fields of education and religion he received many similar honors: the "Outstanding Achievement Award" from the University of Minnesota in recognition of his leadership as a founder and first chairman of the University of Minnesota Foundation, the "Distinguished Alumnus Award" from Moorhead State University, and the designation "Trustee Emeritus" by St. Mary's Hall, an Episcopal school in Faribault. He served as Vestryman, Junior Warden and Senior Warden of the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, Minneapolis; and he was the Chancellor of the Sixth Province of the Episcopal Church.

His personal and community interests over many decades included membership in the Minneapolis Club (President in 1941), the Minneapolis Foundation (trustee for 35 years), and Wells Memorial Settlement House in north Minneapolis (long-time board member). Since 1911 he was an active member of the Minikahda Club, serving on its governing board some 45 years, and as its president in 1923-24. He served several terms on the boards of the Western Golf

Association, the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, and the U.S. Golf Association. He was honored by his college fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Amazingly, he also found time for such hobbies as stamp, coin, mushroom, and seashell collecting, and as a golfer he had a nine handicap in his prime years. In addition, he was always assisting persons in special need. For many years he has been listed in "Who's Who in America".

Those related closely to him knew him best as one deeply dedicated to his family, his church, his profession, and to the many worthy causes he served. He had a quick and logical mind. He was articulate, energetic, humorous, conscientious, gracious and thoughtful, and he was most generous with his time, talents, and resources. He was highly respected by his countless friends and colleagues here and elsewhere. His extraordinary life will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

**JAMES B. HANNAH,  
GEORGE R. A. JOHNSON, and  
FLOYD E. NELSON**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**OTTO MORCK**

**April 17, 1901 — June 4, 1979**

**Otto Morck was born in Iowa in 1901. He moved to Minnesota with his parents at an early age and remained a Minnesotan until his death on June 4, 1979.**

**Otto received his undergraduate degree and his law degree from the University of Minnesota.**

**His professional life was devoted for many years to the private practice of law. He also spent several years as first assistant in the Hennepin County Attorneys' Office. On leaving the County Attorneys' Office Otto returned to private practice associating with Ernest Rich and Chester D. Johnson. From 1961 until shortly before his death he was associated with the firm of Rider, Bennett, Egan, Johnson & Arundel in an "of Counsel" capacity. During these years he earned the personal and professional respect of all those associated with that firm.**

**He was a member of the American, Minnesota State and Hennepin County Bar Associations during his practice of law and had many friends among the bench and bar.**

**Otto is survived by his wife, Bernice, often called "Bobbie" by their friends.**

**Otto's devotion to the practice of law and to his clients inspired many special friendships. He will be long remembered with admiration and affection.**

**STUART W. RIDER, JR.**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ROBERT H. PETZKE**

**September 16, 1891 — November 30, 1978**

**Robert Henri Petzke was born September 16, 1891 on a farm near Riceville in Howard County, Iowa. He was the only son of August F. and Sophia Schreiber Petzke. He attended public schools in Iowa and after graduation from high school enrolled in the St. Paul College of Law (now William Mitchell Law School) from which he graduated in 1915. He was admitted to practice law in Minnesota in 1915 and retired from the practice of law in 1965. In June 1917 he enlisted in the United States Navy and served until July 1919 as a Pharmacist's Mate.**

**Bob Petzke was a personal friend of mine for 27 years and although our legal careers overlapped by 12 years, strange to say I know very little about Bob Petzke as a lawyer. Although we generally saw each other at least twice a month at our Masonic Lodge, by common agreement we never talked law. Bob Petzke became a Mason in Iowa in 1919 and in 1922 he demitted to Minnesota Lodge No. 224 in Minneapolis and for the rest of his active life he was one of the pillars of that Lodge. In 1936 he was Worshipful Master of his Lodge and thereafter for many years served as its Treasurer and one of its Trustees. His presence at the meetings of his Lodge was regular and his service to the Lodge was most devoted. All of us in the Lodge knew that we could count on Bob whenever we needed him. His Masonic affiliations extended to the Scottish Rite and Zuhrah Temple. Bob Petzke was also a member of Navy-Marine Post 472 of the American Legion and had served as its Commander.**

**Robert Petzke was a man of dignity and circumspection but to those of us who were associated with him, he was a man capable of warm friendship. He was loyal and this loyalty kindled a reciprocal loyalty on the part of his associates and friends. Several years before his death he let it be known that he would want as his pallbearers Past Masters of his Lodge and Past Commanders of his Legion Post. It was a request that we were privileged to be able to fulfill.**

**Bob is survived by his wife of 46 years, the former Bess Krogness, and his niece, Mrs. Lennert Erickson of Lansing, Michigan; but in a true sense he is survived by his many friends and colleagues who knew him as a Mason, a Legionnaire, and a lawyer. He was our friend, brother, and compatriot. Knowing him has made our lives richer and better. I think of no finer memorial tribute can be given to Bob Petzke than to say that we are better for his having touched our lives.**

**CHARLES L. HORN**

## IN MEMORIAM

### EUGENE A. RERAT

March 19, 1900 — November 7, 1979

On November 7, 1979, one of Minnesota's most colorful, eloquent and persuasive attorneys passed away at the Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Eugene A. Rerat, "the people's lawyer", passed away after a 50-year career of battling, in open court, for the rights of the underdog and the injured. Fighting the establishment, major corporations and insurance companies on behalf of his clients was never easy, but dozens of appellate decisions in the Supreme Court of Minnesota and various appellate courts throughout the nation attest to his forceful, innovative and trail-blazing talents as a trial advocate. These talents led to his election to the Board of Directors of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in 1973.

Born the son of French-Irish immigrants, Gene commenced practice and developed his skills as a leading trial lawyer in the criminal courts of Minnesota, setting a record for defense verdicts over the span of 15 years. In those Depression-racked times, he also allied himself closely with the political leaders of the Democratic Farm Labor party.

Commencing in the late 1940's and continuing throughout his career, Mr. Rerat devoted virtually all of his time to the service of railroad labor. He became one of a handful of designated counsel throughout the United States for various railroad brotherhoods, representing and trying cases of injured railroad workers under the provisions of the Federal Employers' Liability Act. The cases which were referred to him by union officials or members and by other attorneys required that he try cases "back-to-back" throughout the various jurisdictions, sometimes for months on end.

Gene's ability to catch the attention of the press, inadvertently as well as purposefully, was legend. His office still contains four large scrapbooks devoted to press accounts of his victories in court and honors awarded him by the railroad unions, their international officers or by political figures. While he was acclaimed for his high jury verdicts, perhaps his greatest national press recognition arose from his efforts to restrain the State of Minnesota from its late 1960's efforts to eliminate the deer herd from the Carlos Avery Game Preserve near New Brighton, Minnesota. This pre-Christmas legal effort on his part resulted in any number of Minnesotans coming to his aid, thousands of letters of support and coast-to-coast press coverage.

Gene's selflessness and generosity not only to his clients but to charitable, religious and educational institutions was well known. A moot court at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul bears his name and will provide a training

ground for young lawyers to develop the trial skills so necessary to insure future clients a fair hearing and a just result.

Gene Rerat's voice will no longer be heard in the trial courts of the nation, but his techniques, his words and his aspirations will continue to live and flourish so long as advocacy remains the central ingredient of our profession.

Gene is survived by his beloved wife, Violet B. Rerat, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, his brother, James L., and his sisters, Mrs. Clifford (Marie) Olson, Mrs. Donald (Grace) Chapman and Mrs. William (Yvonne) McAdams, all of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Donald (Marguerite) Gribble, of New Ulm. To them especially we offer our sympathy and condolences.

RERAT LAW FIRM, P. A.  
R. A. BOURSIER

## IN MEMORIAM

### HONORABLE LUTHER O. SLETTEN

August 19, 1907 — May 15, 1979

“Luke”, as he was known to all of his many friends, was a man of many parts and many talents. Distinguished Judge, former Assistant County Attorney for Hennepin County, singer and athlete, he was a man of varied interests and hobbies who still found ample time to give to his beloved family, church and civic responsibilities

Born the son of a well-known Lutheran pastor on the north side of Minneapolis, Luke, like his father, had the gift of humorous storytelling. Armed with a generous supply of written and unwritten anecdotes and jokes, he could relieve the tension at an important directors’ or judges’ meeting and thus create a mood of friendly cooperation that would aid in the expeditious disposition of the business at hand.

Educated at North High School in Minneapolis and later attending Augsburg and St. Olaf Colleges, Luke displayed his talent on the basketball court. In addition to later becoming a professional basketball player, he was known as a mean “Spiker” on the volleyball court. Gifted with a deep, resonant bass voice, he was a welcome addition to the famed St. Olaf College Choir and traveled with the choir on its European concert tours. No one sang “Old Man River” or “Wagon Wheels” with more gusto and depth than the Judge. His singing skills led him into barbershop quartet work and he traveled through many states with the ATOMIC BUMS, a well-known barbershop quartet in Minneapolis.

Luther received his Law Degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1935. From law practice he served in the Hennepin County Attorney’s office from 1941 through 1949. His judicial career commenced with his appointment to the Hennepin County Municipal bench in 1950. From that court he was appointed a District Court Judge in 1961 and remained on the District Court until his retirement in 1974. The Judge ran a “tight ship” and lawyers respected his decisive rulings and his unquestioned fairness and impartiality in all matters brought before his court.

Luke enjoyed fishing with his good friends of Torske Klubben (a Norwegian Luncheon club) and he did play a fair game of golf. However, his major “hobby” or interest was in people. He loved people of all backgrounds and because of that love, people who were privileged to know him loved him deeply.

His leadership qualities found expression in serving for many years on the Board of Directors of Fairview Hospitals, serving as President of both the Minneapolis Athletic Club and the Apollo Club of Minneapolis, and serving on the Board of

**SPEBSQSA (Society for the Protection of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America).**

**Judge Sletten is survived by his widow, Marion, his daughters, Nancy Anderson and Barbara Keller, and five grandchildren.**

**We will always remember Luke for his generous contribution of time and talent to the law and to the bench. More importantly, we will always think kindly of him as our very good friend.**

**JUDGE IRVING C. IVERSON**



## IN MEMORIAM

### PAUL L. SPOONER, JR.

July 16, 1913 — March 25, 1980

Paul L. Spooner, Jr., an able and diligent lawyer, whose cheerful wit and amiable eccentricities endeared him to his many friends, died on March 25, 1980, at the age of 66. He was survived by his wife, Ruth, a daughter, Kristen, and a son, John.

Paul was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and its Law School, where, some of his classmates remember, he was remarkable for mastering the curriculum with what struck his envious associates as only minimal effort. Later associates observed that he played tennis with the same insouciance. (On one occasion, after just managing to hit the ball on its second bounce, with mock innocence he inquired, "We're playing double-bounce, aren't we?").

Paul Spooner grew up in Minneapolis, where his father was a practitioner for many years. He played football for West High School and was all-City end. His enthusiasm for football endured all his life, and even his work rarely kept him from the stadiums on Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the season. More memorably, he could work himself into a state of high excitement listening to recordings of 1930's U. of M. football broadcasts, while his guests got their fun watching him.

After service as a Naval officer in World War II, and a few years with Root, Clark & Ballantine in New York and with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, Paul returned to Minneapolis, where he practiced until his death, becoming a distinguished specialist in commercial law. He was a partner in the firm of Cronin, Mitchell and Spooner and later a principal in the firm of Richards, Montgomery, Cobb and Bassford, P.A. In 1978 he left that firm to devote his time to representation of a single substantial client.

It can be anticipated that his friends will never stop swapping "Spoonerisms." Once upon being introduced to a stranger, Paul asked him to repeat his name and then politely said, "Are you sure you're pronouncing that right?" Another time, while Paul was waiting for a friend, also a lawyer, to make a purchase in a store, Paul asked him for his business card and then handed the card to a passerby, stating to the passerby that he was a good lawyer and that his fees were reasonable.

But Paul was not only witty in himself; he was, like Falstaff, "the cause that wit is in other men." Everyone felt brighter and better after an hour or two with him.

**His clients will miss his counsel, his friends will miss his humor and wisdom. The Bar can take satisfaction in his having been a member of it.**

**JOHN R. GOETZ  
AND  
JAMES B. HANNAH**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**GLENN S. STILES**

**December 27, 1890 — August 15, 1979**

**Glenn S. Stiles was born in Armour, South Dakota, on December 27, 1890. After graduation from high school he attended the University of Minnesota and graduated from the law school in 1913. While at the University of Minnesota he was a member of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity. It was at this time that he became a strong friend of Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye, which friendship continued throughout his life.**

**After graduation from law school he became associated with William B. Henderson in the practice of law. He served as a lieutenant in the Field Artillery Corps of the U.S. Army during the First World War. After his return from service, he renewed his association with William Henderson.**

**In 1928 he joined the law firm of Faegre & Benson. During his partnership with that firm, he served as counsel to Archer-Daniels-Midland Company for many years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and had a lake home at Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, where he spent many of his leisure hours.**

**Glenn was a member of the Hennepin County and Minnesota Bar Associations during his active practice of law. He had many friends among both Minneapolis and St. Paul lawyers. He was also a member of the Minneapolis Athletic Club and the Minikahda Club.**

**Surviving Glenn is his wife, Dorothy, his daughter, Mary Godfrey of Edina, Minnesota, and his son, Robert of Dallas, Texas. He will be missed by his many friends.**

**RODGER L. NORDBYE**

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