

Annual Hennepin County Bar Memorial Session

Convening of the Special Session
Of the Hennepin County District Court
Chief Judge Lucy A. Wieland
Presiding

Invocation
The Honorable H. Peter Albrecht
Hennepin County District Court

Introduction of Special Guests

Musical Selection
Catherine S. Victorsen, Harpist

Recognition of Deceased Members
Marlene S. Garvis, President-Elect
Hennepin County Bar Association

Introduction of Speaker
Brent E. Routman, President
Hennepin County Bar Association

Main Address
Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum
United States District Court

Musical Selection
Dolce Wind Quintet

Memorials Presented to the Court

Presentation Accepted

Court Adjourned

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Hennepin County

Presented by the Hennepin County Bar Association

INVOCATION

APRIL 20, 2005

Dear Lord, please hear this prayer, and let us know Your presence with us today.

We come together, colleagues and families of loved ones who have passed away. For just a short while this morning clients can wait and courts will recess, while we take time from our daily routine to stop, reflect and remember. Yet even in conducting this service we know that we necessarily open wounds that are only now beginning to heal. For family, just being here and reading the memorials brings with it not only cherished memories, but also a very palpable pain in our hearts, and a near fainting of the soul, only adding to the dull but constant ache of the void that was created with the passing of our loved one.

We have prayed to You for our loved ones before. Some, as a constant part of our faith. For others, we came back to You, prodigal, as near strangers. Our prayers before death were desperate cries for help. Our prayers after death were cries of unbearable anguish. We have tried to understand You, and have failed. And yet, here we are today, supplicants once more.

This much we do know: You are loving, forgiving, and understanding of the human condition. You understand that, even in light of natural disasters causing massive, incomprehensible loss of life on this earth, and even with the ongoing, numbing loss of life brought about through war, even at the same time as these enormous human catastrophes, You still understand our personal loss of even one life. We believe that You understand the sorrow and the pain that the loss of one single life brings to those who loved and were loved by the person lost to us.

So we ask You to share with us today Your grace, Your presence, and Your unfathomable love for us. We ask You to give strength to the families here today, bring us the peace that passes all understanding, and keep their loved ones safe in Your presence for all of eternity.

Amen

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MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Hennepin County Bar Memorial Session

The Community of the Law

April 20, 2005

A few times, over the past few years, I have spoken at programs welcoming new law students as they begin their legal studies. Setting aside the shock my own law professors might find at the thought I might welcome law students to do anything, this has given me a chance to think a bit about law, the legal education, and lawyers.

My chats with these not-yet-formed lawyers focus on the fact that they will soon learn a common set of ideas, a new way of thinking about causation, and new ways of thinking how people do things. They will learn of the law, its practitioners and traditions, and different ways people might resolve their conflicts. After developing these ideas, I suggest that they are really joining a new common culture — the culture of the law.

This year, I have been given the very kind — but rather humbling — invitation to speak at this bar memorial. This invitation leads me to think again about those young law students and my discussions with them. On reflection, it occurs to me that there is a consequence to joining this culture that I hadn't really thought about before. I should probably add that speaking in this kind of event reminds me of the fact that I, too, am no longer as young as I once thought myself to be.

It occurs to me that once those incipient lawyers actually attain their education, and after they acquire and join this culture, something else happens: Those common culture adherents move into the "real world" and began to participate in a community. It is the Community of the Law.

The Community of the Law is a group of people, united by common principles. It has its own set of duties, ethics and mores. Lawyers — not, perhaps to a person, but certainly as a group — are dedicated to helping people live their lives and realize their legitimate goals. They help others purchase their homes, control their assets, and comply with the law. And, of course, they help people deal with the consequences when their actions don't go as planned, or when they go astray. In such cases, the lawyer's is a valuable, occasionally even a noble, pursuit.

Lawyers know, perhaps even more deeply than others, that they are not perfect. But, it seems that in a sense, the broader world recognizes this lawyers' role. As a convenient example, even if the lawyer never practices, people will say "she was a lawyer, you know." In that sense, the law itself becomes an attribute of its practitioner.

It is, I think, an aspect of this sense of community — and our part in it, as lawyers, spouses or family of lawyers, or simply as their friends — that motivates us to gather here today. Our community, the Community of the Law, has lost a friend, a sister or brother. Each of those we honor today has made their own contribution and built the community in which we live.

This is not a time to weep, but a tear may not be out of place. There are good reasons why this gathering takes place three or four months after the past year has ended. It gives a time for the immediate pain of our loss to ease — if only by the passage of time. This Memorial, instead, celebrates and honors those in our community who have given their service, and are now departed from it.

Each has left his and her mark on us, on the law, and on those they served. It is now their time to rest — and our time to remember. Trees have fallen, but the forest remains. In honoring them, we render service to them, to ourselves, to their contributions to us, and to the Community of the Law.

HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION BAR MEMORIAL SESSION

SPEAKERS

April 20, 2005	Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum
April 21, 2004	Byron E. Starns
April 16, 2003	Judge Joan N. Ericksen
April 17, 2002	Daniel S. Kleinberger
April 18, 2001	Sheryl Ramstad Hvass
April 19, 2000	Associate Justice Paul H. Anderson
April 21, 1999	Dean E. Thomas Sullivan
April 22, 1998	Vance K. Opperman
April 23, 1997	Chief Judge Edward Toussaint, Jr.
April 24, 1996	Dean Harry J. Haynsworth
April 26, 1995	Judge Diana E. Murphy
April 27, 1994	Bernhard W. LeVander
April 28, 1993	Walter F. Mondale
April 22, 1992	Dean James F. Hogg
April 24, 1991	Judge Doris O. Huspeni
April 25, 1990	Frank Plant, Jr.
April 26, 1989	Allen I. Saeks
April 27, 1988	Arthur Whitney
April 22, 1987	Judge Susanne C. Sedgwick
April 23, 1986	Clinton A. Schroeder
April 24, 1985	Dean Robert A. Stein
April 25, 1984	Leonard E. Lindquist
April 27, 1983	Chief Justice Douglas K. Amdahl
April 28, 1982	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	Edward J. Schwartzbauer
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

IN MEMORIAM

MARK STANLEY ANDERSON

December 18, 1946 - March 17, 2003

Mark Stanley Anderson was born on December 18, 1946, at Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. He was the first child of Stanley and Phyllis Anderson.

Mark became the older brother to Barry in 1951, and then to Christian in 1953. He attended Noble Grade School and was active in Cub Scouts, Little League baseball and the Golden Valley Recreation Association. In 1958, his brother Dane was born.

Mark attended Robbinsdale High School. Throughout his youth, Mark was also a part of the community at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church in Golden Valley.

Mark completed one year of college at the University of Minnesota in 1966 before he was drafted into the military. He served in Vietnam as an E5 chaplain's assistant of the 1st Air Cavalry Division in the U.S. Army. He flew 25 combat missions and was awarded two medals, including the Bronze Star.

Shortly after his return from Vietnam, Mark met his future wife, Barbara Jean Ingvalson. Mark and Barbara were married at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church on October 7, 1972. The couple's first house originally belonged to Mark's grandparents and was located near Lake Nokomis.

Mark earned his bachelor's degree in economics and went on to work for the Minnesota State Planning Agency and the Minnesota State Chamber of Commerce. Later, he enrolled at William Mitchell Law School in St. Paul. After earning his law degree, Mark joined the firm of Hillstrom and Bale, where he soon became partner.

Mark and Barbara purchased their cabin on Bay Lake in Deerwood in 1977. Their first child, Kristin, was born on May 7, 1978. The couple built their current home on Colby Lake in Woodbury in 1980. Their daughter Karin was born on July 21, 1984, and their son, Mark Thomas, was born on September 5, 1986.

In 1990, Mark became managing partner of his law firm, Bale, Anderson, Polstein, Randall, Hill Ltd. He was devoted to his work and to his career as a real estate tax specialist. Mark earned the trust and respect of his clients and established relationships with politicians and businessmen throughout the state.

Despite his undying commitment to his work, Mark's two primary loves were his family and his beloved Bay Lake. Mark was the No. 1 fan of his children's accomplishments, and was a fixture at their musical and sports performances. He loved to tackle projects such as making an ice rink for his kids in their back yard and building a batting cage so Mark Thomas and Karin could practice their hitting.

At Bay Lake, Mark enjoyed summers with Barbara and their children, his parents Stan and Phyllis, and his siblings Barry, Chris, Dane and Mary at cabins nearby.

Weekends became family gatherings, and Mark is remembered for giving boat rides in his cherished collection of antique boats and sneaking candy and treats to his many nieces and nephews. Mark is survived by his loving family and a host of friends. Many lives have been touched by Mark's wisdom and sharp wit, and we will miss him dearly.

WILLIAM BALE

IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT M. BOWEN
July 3, 1913 — July 6, 2003

Bob Bowen was born in Mankato, the eldest child of Ivan Bowen and Mildred Morehart Bowen. In the Twenties, the family moved to Minneapolis, and Bob graduated from West High School and the University of Minnesota. He attended Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA, and began practicing in Minneapolis in 1939. He maintained a solo practice for more than 20 years, sharing an office with his father; his uncle, LeRoy Bowen; and later with his cousin, Robert E. Bowen. Bob was a generalist and represented a number of individuals and proprietors of small businesses in the Twin Cities and Mankato.

Bob enjoyed duck hunting and for years would occasionally begin a work day with an early morning shoot at the Long Meadow Gun Club. On such days, he would still arrive at the office before nine. He could also get in a bit of fishing at his Christmas Lake home.

In 1965, Bob joined Matthew J. Levitt and John M. Palmer in the partnership later known as Levitt, Palmer, Bowen, Rotman and Share, which in 1983 merged with Briggs and Morgan, where Bob remained a partner until his retirement in 1992. While at Briggs and Morgan, Bob practiced principally in the area of trust and probate law. He was known for his close attention to detail and for emphasizing the importance of personalized service to clients.

Bob married Lois Arnold in 1940, and their long and happy marriage continued until her death in 2002. They had two children: David, who died in 1968, and Ann Ware, who with her husband, Tad, lives in Chanhassen. Bob was always a guiding force in the lives of his family, and at his memorial service his grandchildren related many of their fond memories of his love and his mentoring.

Bob's loyalty and jolly nature earned him a host of friends, and he is missed by them as well as by his family. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Tad Ware; his grandchildren, George and Ann Elise Ware; his sister, Mildred Bolstad; his brother, Ivan Bowen II, and many nieces and nephews.

THE HON. ROBERT E. BOWEN

IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL LANGDON CULHANE

January 30, 1920 – July 20, 2004

Michael Langdon Culhane of Bloomington died July 20, 2004, at the age of 84 years.

Michael was born on January 30, 1920, in Brookings, S.D. He moved to Minneapolis at an early age. He graduated from Central High School and attended the University of Minnesota, from which he received a bachelor's degree (cum laude) in 1942 and a bachelor's of law (L.L.B.) in 1950. He also belonged to the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Delta Phi fraternities.

Michael was an accomplished singer and musician. In his senior year at the university, he was selected the school's "Most Talented Undergraduate" and earned a guest appearance in New York City on the Fred Allen "Coast-to-Coast" radio program. Upon graduation from the university, Michael entered the U.S. Navy in World War II. Initially, he served with the Band, Music and Entertainment Department at Great Lakes, IL. Upon obtaining his commission, he served as an officer with the Navy amphibious forces in the Mediterranean area. Later, he served as staff officer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C., and in New York City. Upon discharge from the service, he continued his musical studies in New York with the American Theatre Wing.

After returning to Minneapolis, Michael earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota and, upon being admitted to the bar, commenced practice with his father, M.E. Culhane. He was later joined in this practice by his brother, James, and his sister, Mary. He also had another sister, Alice, who practiced law, and a brother, John, who trained in the law, but did not practice. Michael's law practice focused on commercial transactions, with an emphasis on creditors' rights and remedies. While practicing law, Michael appeared frequently as a baritone soloist in local concerts and theatrical productions, including two appearances with the Minneapolis (now Minnesota) Symphony Orchestra in its productions of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Mikado." In those productions, he played the role of KoKo.

Michael was a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association and was admitted to practice before the Minnesota Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th and 8th Circuits, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Michael was a talented individual with a quick wit and a friendly laugh. He was pleasant to be around and regularly entertained friends and family at gatherings, often pretending to be a radio-show master of ceremonies. He will be missed not only by Minnesota's legal community, but also by his extended family.

JOHN L. CULHANE, JR., nephew
Attorney at Law
Philadelphia, PA

IN MEMORIAM

GERALD RUSSELL FREEMAN SR.

February 14, 1928 - December 25, 2004

My friend of almost 50 years, Jerry Freeman, was many things in his career, including an Army Paratrooper who was afraid of heights, a Minneapolis homicide detective, and a practicing lawyer for more than 44 years. He served on the boards of Professional Responsibility, the Minnesota Bar Foundation and the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association. He was a Master Member of the Amdahl Inn of Court and honored by inclusion in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in American Law."

He was also a recovering alcoholic who celebrated 30 years of sobriety last summer at a special Alcoholics Anonymous meeting with his wife, Ann, and his son, Brady, at his side. I had the privilege of being his law partner for a number of years prior to his sobriety, and can attest to remarks made at his funeral that Jerry became a new person by virtue of his recovery. He truly lived his life one day at a time, mostly helping others.

His wife has stated that Jerry's passion was recovery. He did not celebrate his sobriety alone. He needed to reach out to others and was one of the co-founders of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, a group that reaches out to those in the legal profession who have addictions or mental health problems and which has touched thousands of lives. He served twice as its chairman and was a member of its board of directors from the time it was founded. His work for others speaks to the character of our distinguished colleague. Many will benefit from this organization in the future. Jerry was truly a man for all seasons and never forgot the grace that God gave him to assist those who needed wise counsel.

Jerry could be a ferocious competitor in the courtroom, and at the same time display gentleness, compassion and love for people. In addition to his other credentials, Jerry was also part Dakota Sioux and was enormously proud of his heritage. He even served as a Tribal Court Judge for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa.

It is said that the true mark of a person's courage, ethics and moral standards is what one does when no one is looking. Jerry was the same both in public and in private life. He left a legacy in which all of us in the profession can take pride. He was a humbling example for our respective contributions to the community.

He is survived and greatly loved by his wife, Judge Ann Alton; sons, Brady of Plymouth, Gerald of Maple Grove, Jon of Bay Minette, AL, and Craig of Big Lake; daughters, Samantha and Kelley, both of Minneapolis; a brother, Jim, of Bloomington; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by countless friends who will miss his sense of humor and generous spirit; and by those who have benefited and will benefit in the future from his commitment.

Rest in peace, old friend. Your memory is and will be honored not only by your family and friends, but - thanks to your dedication - also by people you have never met or who have not yet been born.

THE HONORABLE GARY W. FLAKNE

IN MEMORIAM

HARLAN MADOR GOULETT JR.

July 1, 1955 - April 19, 2004

Harlan Mador Goulett Jr. was born in Minneapolis on July 1, 1955, and was a loving father, loyal friend, attorney, teacher, accomplished artist and philosopher. He died unexpectedly April 19, 2004. His father, Harlan Goulett Sr. - a well-respected former Hennepin County attorney - preceded him in death.

To all who knew him, Harlan was a devoted, lifelong friend with a unique spirit - ever the champion of the underdog. He was a music lover, voracious reader, teacher, philosopher and brilliant thinker who wrote passionately about the law and its application. He took great pride and care to teach, debate and share his depth of knowledge.

Harlan was a constant student in his pursuit of information and artistry, whether it was in Art at the Minneapolis College of Art & Design or as an undergraduate student at the University of Minnesota. Following further in his studies, Harlan attended the University of Minnesota Law School in Minneapolis, William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul and Temple University in Pennsylvania. He also attended and taught classes at the various other institutions.

It was often difficult to determine whether Harlan was the teacher or the student at any individual university at a particular time. He was always the student, ever learning and eager to pass on his findings to others and to assist them in their cases. He could recite the latest decisions and interpret them so that even the nonlawyers at the law firms could understand the basic concept of the decision and what led to that conclusion.

The only thing Harlan was more passionate about than the law was his daughter, Natalie, and his family. He was always in some sort of creative environment, whether developing his own writing or supporting his brother with great pride through his brother's musical career. If you were to visit Harlan at home, you would find scores of books flagged with Post-it notes and writings in the margins containing his perceptions and thoughts about the publication.

Outside of the law and his family, Harlan's next greatest passion was motorcycles. He owned many throughout his life but had a particular enthusiasm for Harley-Davidson bikes. Many times you could see him tooling around the city on his way to meet up with friends to bike, or on his way to a library for yet more research. Fearless in his challenge of the application of law, Harlan was never afraid to take the risk of infuriating opposing counsel or the judiciary, because he believed in his cause and how the law should be applied. Sometimes viewed as a rebel, he was always trying to speak for those who could not speak for themselves. For all who believed in constitutional rights, the world has lost one of its great warriors.

JAN RANGEL AND THE GOULETT FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM
WALTER C. GUSTAFSON

August 11, 1922 - March 31, 2004

After reviewing several hundred sympathy cards after my husband Walt Gustafson's passing, I found that one phrase stood out the most: "He was such a nice, kind and considerate man." And, in remembering our 40-plus years of marriage, I remember that he always looked at me with a smile in his eyes.

Walt was born in Minneapolis to parents of Swedish ancestry and was the youngest brother to Harry, Don and Vivian. He attended Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, went on to serve in the Army during World War II, and then attended the University of Minnesota to obtain his bachelor of science and juris doctor degrees. He practiced law for 54 years until his sudden death. He worked with State Farm Insurance Co. in settling claims and then joined forces with his brother Harry in what became known as the law firm of Gustafson & Gustafson. As time went by, several others joined the firm. He was involved in many aspects of general law and enjoyed his work, with clients becoming friends through the years. He was also the prosecutor for the City of Edina for 27 years. Again, he was always kind and considerate, and I recall that a number of those he prosecuted later became clients!

Walt was active in many organizations, including the Edina Lutheran Community Church Men's Garden Club, the American Swedish Institute, the Roosevelt Alumni Club, the 60th Signal Corps, the Big Brother's program, Opportunity Workshop, Habitat for Humanity and March of Dimes. His hobbies included golf, travel, gardening, fishing, family photography and entertaining large groups at our home.

He will be missed by our children, Alan, Lori and Holly; son-in-law, Jim, and daughter-in-law, Judy; grandchildren, David, Michael, Maya and Amra; nieces and nephews; family and friends.

To conclude this memory, his family asks you to honor Walt by consciously imitating just one thing he did well: We ask you to say "Hello" to a stranger and make him or her feel welcome. Please look at a loved one with a smile in your eyes. Try helping a less fortunate person and do so anonymously. And, if you get mad, may your strongest admonition be one of Walt's: "That dirty pup!"

MELBA GUSTAFSON

IN MEMORIAM
DOUG HALL

April 23, 1915 – October 24, 2004

Early on Sunday morning, October 24, 2004, Legal Rights Center's first Executive Director, Doug Hall, breathed his last at home on the land he loved in Wabasha.

Doug insisted that he was not the founder of the Legal Rights Center. He wished to be remembered as its first Executive Director, a man who responded to African-American and American Indian community founders' bold vision of "a law firm of and for the people." The center was started as a community-based law office when there was little or no legal representation for American Indian and African-American clients. Doug's vision of a law center with the community as its heart and soul led to creation of the position of full-time Community Worker, a staffing model that received national recognition. To this day, full-time Community Workers represent their respective communities and cultures as partners with full-time lawyers, working as advocates, investigators and dispositional advisers.

Doug is remembered for many things. The State Board of Public Defense and many others honored Doug for his lifetime of service to the poor. In December, the Minnesota Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union will honor him with its Earl Larson Award. The basement of his home above the Mississippi River contains boxes of state and national awards. They have been placed in storage for a reason — Doug knew that public recognition is fleeting, and believed ego is a very dangerous thing. The love of Sparky, Doug and wife Mary's dog, was more real to him than all the awards in his basement.

In his later years, Doug became a leading voice for restorative justice as preferable to the adversarial system in criminal cases where there is an admission of responsibility. He understood the connection among racism, historical trauma, poverty, cultural assault and criminal behavior and the need for community healing and empowerment.

Partly because of Doug's humility and his deference to the community's own voice, he will remain the heart and soul of the Legal Rights Center. Those of us who survive him will be forgiven for saying what he would have refused to say: Doug Hall was a unique combination of courage, conviction, compassion, high principle, intellectual clarity, dogged determination, toughness, tenderness and profound respect for human dignity. He understood himself to be part of nature — refusing to trim eyebrows that had become nearly as long as his ponytail; delighting with his daughters in organic gardening that produced the most remarkable asparagus, raspberries, cucumbers and apples; sitting with Mary and Sparky, listening to Indian flute music or Miles Davis while watching the chickadees, finches, and cardinals that flocked to his feeders; watching a hawk or an eagle soar across the skies above the Mississippi.

There is only one Doug Hall. But his legacy lives on in all whom he mentored both before and after his three retirements. The world and the courts are different because of Doug's thoughtful pauses, clear mind and passion for justice and peace. Well done, Doug. Well done!

GORDON STEWART, Executive Director, Legal Rights Center
HON. MICHAEL J. DAVIS, U.S. District Court Judge
for the District of Minnesota

IN MEMORIAM
BRUCE H. HANLEY

May 31, 1950 – March 6, 2005

Bruce Hanley always knew he wanted to be a lawyer. Bruce fulfilled his dream and then some. After graduating from William Mitchell College of Law in 1976, Bruce set up shop in a Minneapolis storefront office, and soon became one of the most prominent criminal defense attorneys in the Twin Cities. Although Bruce was incredibly successful, it was the way in which he lived his life and practiced law that made him so remarkable. He was a warm, engaging man to whom people were instantly drawn. Bruce loved to meet people, listen to their stories and find out about their lives. He had a unique ability to connect with others.

Bruce's enthusiasm for his profession and life in general was contagious. No matter what type of case, Bruce was always excited about taking on the challenge. He believed passionately in his work. Bruce once wrote that, "often times, [criminal defense attorneys] are looked down upon by society because of the role that we play in defending people accused of crimes. I am proud of the role I have played, and would not have wanted to do anything differently in my legal career." Bruce treated his clients with dignity and respect, and he worked tirelessly for them. Bruce understood that his clients were putting their lives in his hands and he never took this responsibility lightly. A fierce advocate, Bruce was never afraid to try a case if he felt his client was not being offered a fair deal.

Bruce was also a very generous person in many respects. He was often the first person to congratulate another lawyer on a victory. Bruce also believed in giving back to the community and being an active participant in the legal community. He was involved in numerous organizations and devoted much time to pro bono work. Bruce was a mentor to many attorneys over the years. No matter how busy he was, Bruce always made time to talk with another lawyer. Bruce not only taught other lawyers about legal issues, he taught them how to conduct themselves as professionals. Bruce was the epitome of ethical. He had the respect of his clients, prosecutors and judges alike.

Those who had the privilege to work with Bruce Hanley learned a great deal from him. We are all better people for having known him.

PIPER KENNEY WEBB
ERIC J. MAGNUSON
On behalf of the Rider Bennett Law Firm

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES B. HANNAH

October 26, 1921 – November 1, 2004

James Blain Hannah, a retired member of the law firm of Mackall, Crounse & Moore in Minneapolis, died on November 1, 2004. Jim entered Harvard College at the age of 16 and graduated in 1942. He spent the next three and one-half years as an officer in the Navy, including 27 months aboard a ship in the Pacific.

In 1948, he graduated from Harvard Law School. He sent short biographical sketches for inclusion in his college class reunion booklets every five years, and the following excerpts from those submissions describe his life at various times over the last 60 years in his own words:

Regarding World War II

The Second World War has undoubtedly been the most unusual experience of my life so far; at least, so it would seem to almost anyone but the members of the Class of '42, for whom, of all groups, the war was a commonplace. From the decks of a sub-chaser and later a destroyer escort, as well as from the decks of about ten other ships upon which I was temporarily stationed as a passenger, I saw Panama, Bora Bora, Fiji, New Caledonia, Tonga, New Hebrides, Solomons (as far as Vella Lavella), Pearl Harbor, Midway, Wake, Guam, Ulithi, Leyte, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Tokyo (for the surrender) and other beautiful islands and places.

Regarding Community Service

Chairman National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 1953-54; President, Blake School Alumni Association, circa 1953-54, and Harvard Club of Minnesota, circa 1953; Chairman, Aviation Committee, Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce 1957, Minnesota Harvard Law School Fund 1965-67, and Lawyers' Committee, United Fund, 1965; Director, Minneapolis Citizens Committee on Public Education, circa 1957; Legal Adviser and Director, Planned Parenthood of Minneapolis, 1965-67.

Regarding Retirement

A heart attack in 1983 persuaded me to retire, and retirement, a condition which I feared, turned out to be a very pleasant *modus vivendi* (even Bachelors of Science know some Latin). I have even successfully battled the Puritan work ethic - by convincing myself that I have paid my dues.

Regarding Family

My wife continues to be a part-time interior designer. My son continues to be a painter in New York City, where he is a member of the Cowles Gallery in Soho and where two of his large paintings (oil on canvas) are in the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum. My daughter continues to be active in the Minneapolis Public Schools, both as an employee and as a volunteer. (She is presently President of her daughter's high school's PTA.) My son-in-law is a very successful telecommunications consultant. My grandchildren (sixteen and twelve) are prospering in school and soccer.

Jim is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rosemary; daughter, Holly (Barrs) Lewis; son, Duncan R.; grandchildren, Hannah and Sage Lewis; and sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Donald Swanson.

MARTIN AYDELOTT

In Memoriam

BRUCE EUGENE HANSON

August 25, 1942 – October 5, 2004

Bruce Eugene Hanson was born on August 25, 1942, in Lincoln, Nebraska, and passed away in St. Paul on October 5, 2004. Bruce is survived by his mother, Gladys Hanson; his brother, Ronald Hanson; and his sister, Karen Hanson. Bruce's wife, Peggy, passed away in 1989. A celebration of the life of Bruce Hanson was held on Saturday, November 6, 2004, at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul, where his family, friends, partners and clients all gathered to pay their respects.

Bruce received his bachelor's degree in economics at the University of Minnesota in 1965 and a JD, cum laude, Order of the Coif, from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1966.

From 1966 to 1999, he practiced at Doherty, Rumble & Butler, where he was a shareholder and had served as president. Bruce was always concerned about how the firm's decisions would impact the nonprofessional staff. Since 1999, he practiced law with the Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly firm. He was a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the American Academy of Hospital Attorneys. He served as a director and as president of the Minnesota Society of Hospital Attorneys, as chair of the Health Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association, as Chair of the Ramsey County Court Rules and Procedures Committee, and as a Trustee and as Chair of the Board of Trustees of United Hospitals.

Bruce remained in love with his late wife, Peggy, whom he met when they both worked at Doherty. As an example of his ethics, Bruce began dating her only after she left Doherty. Peggy joined Bruce in his love of horses. Bruce was both on the Board of Directors and an Officer of the American Saddlebred Horse Association. At the time of his death, Bruce was still the owner of a horse that he and Peggy owned and rode in Saddle shows. In February of last year, the ASHA honored him with the C.J. Cronan Sportsmanship Award.

Bruce Hanson was very close to his mother and family and loyal to his friends and clients. John Blomquist and he remained lifetime friends from the early days when they were in a childhood band together. Bruce always had a little sparkle for some fun in addition to his serious demeanor and professional attitude and presence. Lou Buron has stated that Bruce always provided excellent advice on business and family matters, and always placed his clients before his own personal needs. Bruce did not want people to know of his serious illness because he was concerned that it would interfere with his clients and his beloved practice of law.

Bruce Hanson was a lawyer's lawyer. He was a lawyer who had the talent to be a specialist in several diverse practice areas, including hospital law and pipeline law. Whether working on a bond deal or litigation, Bruce was truly an outstanding lawyer.

Bruce E. Hanson will always be our partner.

C. ROBERT BEATTIE
WILLIAM J. COSGRIFF
J. LAWRENCE McINTYRE
MARGO STRUTHERS
RICHARD A. WILHOIT
RONALD A. ZAMANSKY

IN MEMORIAM
BART KOEPPEN

November 12, 1933 – November 15, 2004

Bart Koeppen passed away on November 15, 2004, at the age of 71. He was a professor at the University of Minnesota Law School from 1968 to 1996 and was considered an expert in corporate and securities law.

Professor Koeppen received a B.A. degree from the University of Oregon and an LL.B. degree Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford Law School, where he served as Note Editor of the Stanford Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. Professor Koeppen was admitted to the California bar in 1963 and clerked for the Honorable Ben C. Duniway of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco.

He was an associate attorney with Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison in San Francisco for five years before joining the faculty at the University of Minnesota Law School. At the Law School, he taught business organizations, corporations, governmental regulation of banking, and securities regulation. He was a Visiting Professor at the University of California at Davis from 1973-74.

The hundreds of colleagues and students who interacted with Professor Koeppen over the years remember his unique personality. His calm demeanor and ever-present cardigan sweater were reminiscent of actor Fred MacMurray. He enlivened many conversations and classroom discussions with his wit. He presented students with imaginative hypothetical cases involving hockey puck manufacturers and concession vendors at Mariucci Arena, although he claimed never to have attended a hockey game in his life.

Professor Koeppen's wry sense of humor was on display when he was interviewed for the student newspaper in 1991. The story centered on the perennial concern over late grade submissions by professors in Law School courses. When the reporter asked Professor Koeppen for his theory on the reason for late grades, he deadpanned, "Probably sloth."

He had been on leave from the University of Minnesota Law School since 1996. Despite health problems, he meticulously maintained his Edina home. Neighbors remember him shoveling his own driveway immediately after each snowfall ended. He always completed this task himself, even if he had to take several breaks throughout the process. In recent years, he did accept help from neighbors with gardening and yard work. Neighbors have remarked about the eloquence of the thank-you notes he wrote to each person who helped with a chore.

Professor Koeppen was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Marjorie Koeppen. He is survived by his sister, Joy Gugin.

PETER A. SWANSON
PROFESSOR DAVID WEISSBROT

IN MEMORIAM
SYRUS S. KOURI

April 27, 1913 – November 16, 2004

Syrus S. Kouri was born in Minneapolis. He graduated from the Minnesota College of Law (now William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul) in 1937 and continued to practice law until his death. He was a member of the Iowa, Hennepin County and Minnesota State Bar associations and was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

During World War II, Sy served in both theaters. He retired from the Army Reserve as a lieutenant colonel in 1973. He was a member of the American Legion, DAV, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and St. Maron's Church Men's Club.

Sy devoted much time to his church community. He was noted for his charitable work, and his many contributions will never be forgotten.

After World War II ended, Sy's civilian law practice and his reputation grew. He conducted work the old way - with a handshake. He rarely sent a bill, saying that if they can't pay, why send a bill? He took many forms of payment, including a horse that he paid to board. He did more pro bono work than most people. Before a Public Defender's Office was fully established, Sy provided free legal counsel to many people. Throughout his life, Sy gave free legal advice to those who could not afford a private attorney and charged very low fees to most others. He practiced law until three weeks before his death.

Sy lived his faith, which, along with his family, was central to his life. Sy was a humble man. He believed in doing little kindnesses for people without expecting anything in return. Many hearts have been touched. Sy was a mentor to both me and many others. I greatly appreciated his help and the guidance he gave me through his wisdom.

I first met him in the late 1960's when we were opposing lawyers in a case. We became friends. We shared offices for the past 30 years. I was amazed at the breadth and scope of his legal knowledge and experience. Sy will be remembered as a great lawyer.

The following quotation is part of a letter written to Sy's wife, Dorothy, by Andrew Sato, an attorney in Minneapolis and later an attorney and judge in Hawaii: "Sy was my role model. He exerted and practiced wisdom. His integrity could not be questioned. ... He advocated fairness in the practice of law. ... In my years of law practice and judgeship, I followed the golden rule exhibited and expounded by Sy."

Sy is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy; daughter, Ruth Kouri; sons, Richard Kouri and Thomas (Patricia) Kouri; grandchildren, Heather Kouri Pilakowski, Jared, Kyle, Sam, Chris and Carolyn; great-grandchild, Devon; sister, Sadie Anton; and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

MANLY A. ZIMMERMAN

IN MEMORIAM
PAUL KUNERT

January 14, 1935 – February 6, 2004

Paul Kunert (he never used his second given name of Charles or its initial) was born January 14, 1935, in Minneapolis. He graduated from Southwest High School in 1953. He attended St. John's College and received bachelor of arts and JD degrees from the University of Minnesota, the latter in 1960. He was married to Sandra Rood from 1963 to her death in 1995. They had three children - Missy, Katy, and Miles - and two grandchildren, Lauren and Patrick. After Sandy's death, Paul married Patricia McGraw. Paul died February 6, 2004, after a two-year fight with cancer.

Paul went from law school and the early bar exam to the Army under its six-month active duty, 5 ½-year reserve program. He then started his legal practice at Robins, Davis & Lyons in St. Paul. He had barely located the courthouse when the Army called him back during the Berlin Crisis. He spent about 16 months at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, with an ASA unit intercepting radio traffic. The field exercises were held, predictably, in the winter.

Paul left the Robins firm in 1966 and formed a partnership with John Tambornino and Roger Sahr. The association lasted 32 years, during which time Paul represented a broad and varied clientele in areas such as insurance defense, personal injury, general business and real estate. He was a truly fine lawyer with an immediate understanding of his client's issues and an ability to fashion winning and sometimes very innovative strategies to solve problems. He also managed the partnership with its associated issues of associate attorneys and support staff, which can be aptly described as like herding cats.

Paul was a good athlete who played hockey, football and baseball at Southwest and hockey at St. John's College. Paul appeared to be a man of reserve but actually had a well-developed, if sometimes quirky, sense of humor, particularly about himself. He also had a keen artistic eye that favored spare, even minimalist, art. He liked canoeing, camping, fishing and upland-game hunting. He played tennis and racquetball more for exercise, I suspect, than competition. Unlike many good hockey players, he was an awful golfer. He was not avid about any of these, but mostly enjoyed the society of the people with whom he played.

Paul's fairly short but ultimately losing battle with cancer was crushing to his children and wife, Patty. Paul's death was too soon and he left a long list of friends with a sense of loss, including me. We practiced law together for over 40 years.

E.B. White, when asked if he wanted to be remembered as a great writer, replied "Oh no, I want to be remembered a reliable man." Paul was a superb lawyer, a caring and supportive father, husband and good friend. And Paul Charles Kunert was a reliable man.

JOHN TAMBORNINO

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM van ZANDT LAHR

July 2, 1940 – October 4, 2004

William van Zandt Lahr, 64, CEO of Midwest Auto Parts Distributors, born July 2, 1940, in Minneapolis, died October 4, 2004. Preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Josephine. Survived by his wife, Karen, his loving children, Alexandra and Derek; sister, JoAnn Nieman, and the Sternal clan. Bill was a visionary entrepreneur known for his determination and boundless intellectual curiosity. His passion for living a full life resulted in a wide scope of interests, especially world travel, the arts, political history, community service and philanthropy.

In 1957, Bill participated in the American Field Service as a student in Berlin, Germany, beginning his life-long love of travel and world affairs. A 1958 graduate of The Blake School, Bill graduated with honors from Brown University in 1962 with an international affairs major that included an internship in Liberia. He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy following his graduation and served until 1964. After graduating in 1967 from the University of Minnesota Law School, Bill worked as a law clerk for Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Walter Rogosheske.

Early in Bill's legal career, he was devoted to the delivery of pro bono legal services to those who could not afford to pay for them. In 1966, Bill was part of a small group of lawyers in Minneapolis who donated their services, typically by going to community centers in the evenings to offer free assistance to clients. Receiving no encouragement from the organized bar at that point, these lawyers formed their own organization called Legal Advice Clinics, Ltd. (Now called Volunteer Lawyers Network), it was one of the first such organizations in the country. Bill served on its board from the beginning, and for a number of years following, and was active in developing its clinics and procedures and recruiting other lawyers. Bill practiced law in Minnesota, Brazil, and Japan prior to his decision in the mid-1970s to join his father's auto parts business, founded in 1909 by Bill's grandfather, William E. Lahr. Bill had a vision for the business, which grew steadily throughout the 1980s and 1990s. Today, Midwest Auto Parts (Bumper to Bumper and Champion Auto Stores) is one of the leading retailers and distributors of auto parts in the Upper Midwest with more than 700 employees and 70 locations in Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Wisconsin. In addition to their corporate-owned stores, Midwest Auto distributes parts to over 120 independently owned auto parts stores.

Bill believed deeply in giving back to his community. He was active with MPIRG, MCEA, and the Chamber of Commerce. He served as chairman of the board of the National Sports Center in Blaine during critical development phases. He also served on the board of directors of The Minnesota Opera and was the founder, with his wife, Karen, of the "Minnesota I Have a Dream Scholarship" through the Upward Bound program of the University of Minnesota's General College. His other philanthropic involvements included Earth Justice, National Resources Defense Fund and Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy.

RICK PEPIN

IN MEMORIAM
JAMES P. LARKIN

February 15, 1931 — February 27, 2005

James P. Larkin was firmly and deeply rooted in his family life, his faith and his career.

Larkin was a co-founder of the Bloomington, MN law firm that bears his name: Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren Ltd. Specializing in litigation, he opened his own practice in downtown Minneapolis in 1957 after two years as an associate with attorney Sam Saliterman. In that same year, he formed a partnership with Robert Hoffman and the firm moved its offices to Southdale Center, opening the first law office in a suburban regional mall. Today, Larkin Hoffman's suburban location is a hallmark which continues.

Education was a passion for Larkin, who was 16 when he passed the entrance exams to what is now the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. After graduating with honors, Larkin became an ardent supporter of the University, serving as a trustee and chair of a successful capital campaign. Several of his 13 children also attended UST. In 1987, he was honored to receive the university's Distinguished Alumni Award.

The Reverend Dennis Dease, president of the University of St. Thomas, said, "Jim was as decent a man as I've ever met. His Irish sense of humor, along with a gentle, respectful and peaceful approach to all, made him especially effective in situations of stress or conflict."

After graduation from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1954, Larkin began a distinguished legal career in both the federal and state courts. He was admitted to practice in Minnesota, the District of Columbia and Wisconsin.

Larkin instilled the founding principles of the firm, which today remain at its core: delivering excellent legal services to clients; giving back to the community; charging reasonable fees and encouraging creative thinking.

"Jim was the conscience of our firm," says founding partner Robert Hoffman. "He looked out for anyone needing help and had confidence that by doing the right thing, our firm would prosper."

"Jim was also the catalyst for the firm's on-going commitment to community," Hoffman said. One example is the firm's ongoing tradition begun by the four founding attorneys of formally recognizing the volunteer efforts and community leadership of Larkin attorneys at a weekly Friday morning breakfast.

With 70 attorneys in nine areas of specialization, the firm remains firmly rooted in these founding principles. "Jim was the visionary behind the firm's commitment to client service," according to firm President, Tim Stoltman. "Almost 20 years ago, he brought together lawyers and staff to kick off the firm's first initiative in 'total quality service'. That group still meets today spearheading efforts to improve service to our clients and recognizing the extraordinary efforts of individual employees."

Dease noted that Larkin's vision was instrumental in the decision to open the University of St. Thomas School of Law. "The key role he played in the founding of the school of law will long be remembered and appreciated. For us at St. Thomas, Jim Larkin was a leader, a confidant and a great friend."

Larkin always said his wisest decision was to marry Barbara Schuler, a teacher, musical director and artist. For the past several years, they have resided in the northwest Wisconsin town of Cumberland.

WILLIAM C. GRIFFITH

IN MEMORIAM
SIDNEY L. LEVIN

March 27, 1918 – August 18, 2004

Sidney Levin was born in Minneapolis and graduated from North High School in 1936. He worked at his father's butcher shop and attended classes at the University of Minnesota before being inducted into the U.S. Army in August 1942. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean on the Queen Mary, which had been converted to a troop ship. Sidney spent almost three years in Europe as a medic, attached to the U.S. Army's 68th General Hospital in England and, after the Normandy invasion, in Nancy, France. In February 1946, Sidney returned to the United States and made plans to continue his education and become a lawyer.

In June 1952, Sidney earned a bachelor of science degree. Working at Lieberman Music during the day, he spent evenings attending William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. He completed the coursework in June 1954. Sidney's wife, Irene, and their 7-year-old son proudly watched as he was sworn in as an attorney in September, 1954.

Sidney preferred a small-firm setting and for most of his career worked in downtown Minneapolis with a variety of partners while focusing on commercial law. He became recognized as an expert in bankruptcy and collection law, practicing until after his 80th birthday.

At various times, members of his family would work at his law practice doing secretarial work and assisting in other office responsibilities. Irene, son Robert and daughter Judy all have fond memories of working at the law firm.

Sidney was known for his compassion, which he showed for clients and adversaries alike. Frequently, the people he sued later became clients because of his compassion and caring for others and his legal expertise. Sidney was greatly respected and always willing to help someone in need.

Sidney also had hobbies as a stamp collector and as an avid reader. Sidney mastered a difficult technique of Japanese painting with special ink on rice paper. His paintings were featured in a local art show and are currently displayed on the walls of his family members' homes.

Twice, Sidney served as president of the B'nai Brith Aaron Milstein Lodge. He was also an active member of the Adath Jeshurun Congregation, where he volunteered for hospice training and visiting patients at the Veteran's Hospital.

Sidney was devoted to his wife, Irene, of 62 years, and children Larry and wife Diane; Robert and wife Emily; Judy and husband Richard. He cherished his grandchildren, Jeremy, Kimberly, Andrew, Rachel, Brian and Vincent.

Sidney is missed by everyone who loves him and will be remembered fondly by those who knew him.

IRENE LEVIN

IN MEMORIAM

LEONARD E. LINDQUIST

September 5, 1912 – September 10, 2004

Leonard Lindquist was born on September 5, 1912, in Minneapolis. His Swedish immigrant father died when Leonard was 13. Leonard helped provide for his mother and three siblings by going to work. Among his many youthful adventures, Leonard loved to recall his days of "hopping the train" to Montana to work in the wheat fields and to Washington to work in the lumber mills. Leonard never forgot the assistance he received as a youth in his struggles to help his family and to attain his education. He repaid those debts many times over in a lifetime of commitment to public service.

In 1934, Leonard married Elsie Kelley. They had three sons, Lowell, Larry and Kelley. Elsie passed away in 1979. Leonard later married Bernardine Ann Walsh.

In law school at the University of Minnesota, Leonard was inspired by Dean Everett Fraser to create a law firm that had service to the community among its primary missions. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Leonard joined with former classmate, Earl Larson, to form such a firm. That firm later became known as Larson, Loevinger, Lindquist, Freeman & Fraser and was the incubator for some of the best-known politicians and jurists in Minnesota. In 1968, that firm merged with the Vennum, Newhall, Ackman firm to become Lindquist & Vennum.

Leonard served two terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives and was Chairman of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, where he led the fight against racketeering in Minneapolis. He was appointed to chair the Mayor's Committee on Fair Employment Practices. In 1970, he became the outside general counsel to the National Football League Players Association.

Leonard unofficially retired from his law practice in 1987. However, he continued his work as a labor arbitrator and mediator until shortly before his death. More importantly, to many of us, Leonard maintained his office at our firm, appearing almost daily until this past summer. His role as spiritual leader of our firm is irreplaceable.

After retirement, Leonard's involvement in charitable endeavors accelerated. In 1992, he founded the Winter Coat Closet Program at our firm. This foundation has provided new outerwear to thousands of children of struggling families in Minnesota and Colorado since its inception. In addition, Leonard chaired Life's Missing Link, an organization to assist homeless teenagers in transition.

In 2003, Leonard received the University of Minnesota Outstanding Achievement Award, which recognizes Minnesota graduates who attain unusual distinction. Earlier, Leonard was the recipient of the David Graven Public Service Award, which recognizes commitment to public or community service; the Earl Larson Award, presented by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, for Leonard's commitment to civil liberties, and the Hennepin County Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award for his commitment to pro bono work throughout his career.

Leonard, 92, died September 10, 2004. An editorial in the Star Tribune of Minneapolis read, "Judge leaders by the people they associate with. Or by the kind of organization they create. Or by personal accomplishments beyond someone's main career. If one person has done all three things extremely well, you've got a remarkable winner. That's what Minnesota has in Leonard Lindquist."

DARYLE L. UPHOFF

IN MEMORIAM
GEORGE O. LUDCKE

December 11, 1952 - September 12, 2004

Much gifted are those with many virtues and talents. And much gifted are those who know them, compete or practice law with them, or are family to them. George Ludcke was so gifted, and so were we. George had compassion and empathy for his fellow man. He knew everybody and enjoyed most people. He was funny and loved humor. He could barely contain himself when an executive of a client in a major case reported she had lost her telephone in a certain plumbing fixture. One memorable example of George's humor was his coining of an office award given annually to those who most annoyed his partner, Tim Kelly.

George was passionate about his work, family and life. As an athlete, one of the highlights of George's life was his attendance (and award - the hardest slap-shot) at an adult summer hockey camp up north just weeks before he died. It was ironic that he should die unexpectedly while playing hockey with friends on a Sunday evening.

George was a good guy. He was humble. His charm included idiosyncrasies like his disorganized office and usual lateness, flushed, out of breath, but smiling. Here he comes now, his shirt open, necktie pulled loose, papers spilling out of his briefcase.

George Ludcke was a Minnesota boy through and through. Born in Minneapolis, he attended Washburn High School, then graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Minnesota in 1975 and Cum Laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978. He was a dedicated Gopher football fan.

Let there be no doubt - George was a great lawyer blessed with street smarts, intuition, judgment, and jury magic. He was bright, and his impish streak didn't hurt either. George became a Hennepin County public defender out of law school, later switching to the civil litigation side as a partner at Best & Flanagan and Kelly & Berens. He was treasured at both. He was respected by the bench and, importantly, by his litigation adversaries. Perhaps the latter knew George was a light heavyweight Golden Gloves boxing champion in his youth.

A story comes to mind which illustrates his Minnesota soul and other virtues. In a protracted trial involving many "big city" out-of-state litigators (if you catch our drift), George conducted a special, difficult cross-examination. He bested the witness and wowed his compatriots, save an experienced Minnesota trial lawyer who commented, "These guys think that was the best cross-examination they ever saw. But I know it was just the work of a journeyman trial lawyer." George laughed, taking it for the compliment that it was.

George was particularly devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Georgianna, and two adult children, Isabel and William. He is also survived by his mother, Jeanette Ludcke; sister, Ann Greer; and brother, Bill.

As a former friend and colleague wrote, "It is tragic and ironic that George, who was late for almost everything, ends up being 40 years early for his own funeral."

MICHAEL BERENS

IN MEMORIAM

THE HONORABLE WALTER MANN

December 14, 1915 – February 11, 2004

Walter Mann was born on December 14, 1915, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The family moved to Minnesota and he graduated from Thief River Falls High School in 1933. During the Great Depression, he enrolled in the University of Minnesota and then was drafted into the United States Army. He served for four and one-half years, the last two and one-half years as a Captain in the Pacific Theater of Combat during World War II. He was stationed in New Guinea. Although he was required at all times to carry a gun, he never had it loaded.

Upon discharge from the Army, Walter was admitted to the University of Minnesota Law School. After graduation, he moved to Windom, Minnesota and began his practice as a "country lawyer" for 15 years. He also served as the Cottonwood County Attorney for 10 years. Minnesota Governor Orville L. Freeman appointed Walter a District Court Judge in 1960 with chambers in Marshall. He was elected in 1962 and served as a judge for 25 years. After his retirement, he was appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court to sit as a retired judge in the Fourth Judicial District of Hennepin County.

His love for the law was infectious. He was insistent in maintaining procedural fairness. He often made it a practice when ruling on evidentiary objections to not only fully articulate his decision, but to provide case support to explain it, too. He had a dashing, physical appearance that he used in court to his advantage: he truly looked like a judge with his silvery hair, firm jaw and his innate ability to turn on a mood-appropriate grin.

Although the law was his career, golf was his avocation. He was a professional golf teacher. He would often be found honing his swing and conducting golf lessons on the arid, wind-blown golf courses of southwestern Minnesota. He helped design a golf course and served on its original board of directors. Some say he even mowed the greens and raked the bunkers, too.

He was married to Polly Mann, one of the original founders of Women Against Military Madness and an Independent candidate for the United States Senate. He provided her with indefatigable support. Walter once said: "I don't mind being called Mr. Polly Mann." They were married 62 years.

He is preceded in death by his sisters, Sylvia and Marcella; and daughter Melinda. He is survived by wife, Polly; daughters Barbara Franck of Alameda, CA, and Connie John, San Francisco, CA; son, Mike, of Crystal, and six grandchildren.

REFEREE THOMAS HAEG

IN MEMORIAM
TIMOTHY FITZGERALD MOYNIHAN

December 28, 1962 – May 30, 2004

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.*

Tim was born into an Irish family on December 28, 1962, in St. Paul. He graduated in 1981 from Apple Valley High School. Tim did his undergraduate work at the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1986. He attended law school at William Mitchell College of Law and received his juris doctor in 1991.

During Tim's career, he was a very valuable part of the corporate practice at Krass Monroe, P.A., and represented a large number of local and national clients. Tim's practice grew from general litigation to a specialty in corporate finance with an emphasis in the franchise and multi-unit retail industries. Tim was extremely proficient in complicated transactions. His clients had great respect for him and confidence in his abilities. After his death, one client made the comment that Tim was the only attorney he had ever known who understood and listened to him. This client's comment summarized Tim.

Tim was well-loved and respected by his colleagues at the Krass Monroe firm. He had a witty sense of humor and never took himself too seriously. Forever the good guy, he was a true friend who had a big heart and always went the extra mile to help. Tim also had a gift for enjoying life. Who else but a true Irishman would bring green donuts to work on St. Patrick's Day? His charm, easy manner and boyish grin won the hearts of all.

Tim was a devoted husband and father. Tim is survived by his wife, Jeanne Daly-Moynihan, and two daughters, Annie and Caroline. He had great pride in his family and loved them deeply.

Tim was very active in the community and lived a purpose-filled life. He was a past president of the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce. He was active at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, including teaching Sunday school and participating in various men's groups. Additionally, Tim and Jeanne were leaders in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Tim's colleagues and clients at Krass Monroe greatly miss him and consider themselves blessed to have shared life with him. His memory will live on in us forever.

DENNIS L. MONROE

IN MEMORIAM
FLOYD E. NELSON
April 1, 1907 – May 4, 2004

Floyd Edward Nelson, a retired member of the law firm of Mackall, Crounse & Moore in Minneapolis, died on May 4, 2004. The valedictorian of his Little Falls high school class in 1924, Floyd received a bachelor's degree (1929) and law degree (1931) from the University of Minnesota. On a Sterling Fellowship, he earned master's and doctorate degrees (1932 and 1933) in law from Yale University.

He began his legal career as an office boy and clerk at the Mackall law firm in 1933. During an apprenticeship that included emptying waste baskets and sweeping the offices, he was able to demonstrate that all of his degrees and academic honors actually qualified him to practice the profession. Eventually, he was hired as an associate.

Floyd was a kind and unaffected man -- unfailingly polite and self-effacing -- who enjoyed telling new associates how difficult it had been to get started in a legal career during the Great Depression. He also liked to recount how happy he had been over his entire lifetime pursuing that career. After five decades as a partner with the firm, Floyd retired in 1986.

Floyd was also a generous man, and took pride in his 70-year membership (including service on the Board of Trustees, Board of Deacons, and Finance Committee) at the First Congregational Church of Minnesota in southeast Minneapolis (now United Church of Christ). He was also proud of his 20 years of service on the Board of Directors of the Children's Home Society of Minnesota (including six years as Chairman of the Board). Similarly, he was active for decades with the United Way, the Legal Aid Society, Acacia Fraternity, the Minnesota International Center, the Minnesota State Bar Association and the American Swedish Institute.

His father, a Swedish immigrant, entered the United States through Ellis Island. During Floyd's retirement, his participation in the Ellis Island Foundation restoration project was intended to honor the memory of his father's sacrifice and struggle.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Doris Nelson; his son, Richard; his daughter, Mary Anne Damron; her husband, Mike; and their children, Nathaniel, Rebecca, Elizabeth, and Benjamin.

MARTIN V. AYDELOTT

IN MEMORIAM
THE HONORABLE
HARTLEY A. NORDIN

March 21, 1922 – October 4, 2004

Hartley Nordin was born in Rush City, the son of Dr. Emil Nels Nordin and Irene Nordin. He grew up in Rush City, where his father practiced dentistry. He sang in the First Lutheran Church Choir and played in the high school band. After graduation, he attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. He then served in the Pacific in World War II as an officer navigator with the Amphibious Forces of the U.S. Navy.

After the war, he attended the University of Minnesota Law School and received his judicial doctorate (JD) in 1948. He had a private law practice in Albert Lea and Minneapolis until 1955. He then served as Deputy State Attorney General for six years. Miles Lord then appointed him First Assistant U.S. District Attorney for Minnesota. Hartley was assistant prosecutor in the 1963 \$20 million Sister Elizabeth Kenny mail fraud case. U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy congratulated the prosecution team, saying their work would serve as a model for drafting federal legislation to regulate conduct of charitable fundraising organizations.

In 1966, he was appointed referee in bankruptcy in Minneapolis Federal Court. There, he served until his retirement in 1983 as head judge of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota. A memorial tribute to Judge Nordin dated October 13, 2004 is maintained in the Archives of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.

Hartley was a great attorney, judge and friend. He took up flying and owned and piloted a Mooney aircraft, which he used for ski trips to Colorado and California and fishing trips to Canada and northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. He was also an excellent swimmer and he kept that up all his life.

Hartley is survived by his wife, Ruth S. Nordin of Minneapolis; sister, Eunice Gordon and nephew, Jay Burchette of San Diego, California.

We have lost a great lawyer, an inspiring judge and a true friend.

ROBERT R. BIGLOW J.D.

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT L. NYS

August 12, 1942 – November 4, 2004

Bob Nys was a great lawyer and a great family man. After graduating from the University of Minnesota Law School, Bob worked as an attorney at Northwestern National Life and as Regional Counsel for Skelly Oil Company. In 1973, he joined Target Corporation (then Dayton-Hudson Corporation).

He was a real estate lawyer who loved his specialty area and loved doing big deals. In his life, Bob had many opportunities to lead big deals for Target Corporation. He had a reputation for being able to negotiate and close big deals that were at risk. Bob's focus and intellect were key attributes that caused people to naturally look to him for the answers to tough questions. He was a great strategist and knew how to stay calm and focused when others weren't. Bob's most important skill was his ability to train and develop other lawyers. He was a gentleman and could truly be described as a "people" person.

Bob's greatest pride and source of joy was his family. He was raised in Duluth with his brother John (also an attorney) and his sister Nanette. His sense of family was instilled in him early and remained as the lynchpin in his life. Bob's adult children - Brant, Kelley and Silver - were a source of great pride to him. Bob and his wife, Robin Johnson, were the proud parents of 7-year-old Nate Nys. His retirement from Target Corporation in 2001 gave Bob the opportunity to be closely involved with Nate's life and activities. Bob regularly volunteered at Breck School, where Nate is a student.

Bob deserved 20 more years of retirement to enjoy time with Robin and to see Nate grow up. He deserved to be around for the birth of his first grandchild and to watch his children as their lives unfolded. He deserved time to explore his passion for cooking and his joy in finding the next great (or not so great) ethnic restaurant in the Twin Cities.

Bob was a significant presence in the lives of his family, friends and co-workers. He will be missed.

MIKE WAHLIG

IN MEMORIAM

RALPH S. PARKER II

January 5, 1933 – October 17, 2003

Ralph S. Parker II loved the practice of law. It was a way of life for him – one which he learned at home from his father, Ralph Parker, the Executive Secretary of the Hennepin County Bar Ethics Committee for many years. Ralph Jr. found it difficult to accept the view that law was a "business" and not a profession. He had the attitude of an individual who was not interested in large-firm practice. Ralph enjoyed a special relationship with his clients, and wanted to be as close to them as he could be. He was an eternal optimist, always focused on his trial preparation and what could be done for his clients. He was always ready to go to trial.

This optimism was founded in hard experience. As a boy, Ralph suffered an illness that resulted in severe scoliosis, which intensified as he grew older. During the early years of his practice, he had back surgery to fuse his spine, and walked each day with the benefit of leg and back braces. In later years, he could be seen in the skyway system of Minneapolis driving his motorized cart, always with a big smile on his face.

Ralph graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1956 and immediately began practicing law with his father in the Midland Bank Building. He practiced in the area of personal injury, and in the general civil practice of law.

In his mid-30s, Ralph met the love of his life, Guillermina ("Guiya"), and they were married. He underwent attempted corrective surgery for his back, which was only partially successful. Guiya nursed him from paralysis back to health and back into the practice of law. Ralph and Guiya celebrated his recovery with a large outdoor dinner dance for 100 friends and law colleagues. The emotional high point of the evening was when Ralph led Guiya out on to the dance floor to the music of a full live orchestra. More than one attorney in attendance was seen reaching into a back pocket for a handkerchief, including his old friends Judge Ed Parker and Judge Robert Schiefelbein. The party lasted past midnight as the band played on.

After that, Ralph returned to the practice of law and with Guiya's help he practiced for many more years. Although he and Guiya never had children of their own, Ralph had a special manner with children and his friends often noted his wonderful communication with them. Ralph knew how to be a friend, and how to enjoy friendship with the many friends he had. His life was rich with family and Ralph learned to treasure the Latin culture of his wife's Cuban family. Together they traveled to Spanish-speaking countries, where her language ability made up for his struggle with fluency in that language.

Ralph's friendship and support will be missed by many colleagues in the practice of law, and also by a loving family and friends who were made to feel like family. But his presence will not be forgotten.

THE HONORABLE EDWARD PARKER
JUDITH HARRINGTON JOHNSON

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM J. "BILL" POWELL

November 22, 1914 - September 25, 2004

William J. Powell (Bill), private practitioner, World War II veteran and corporate counsel, completed nearly seven decades of legal excellence.

Bill attended Minneapolis Central High School, where he edited the yearbook, and played basketball and baseball. Carleton College teams had Bill at shortstop in baseball and, because of his quickness, forward and guard in basketball. The Carleton Sports Hall of Fame includes Bill.

Bill received his legal training at the University of Minnesota Law School and was a member of its law review. He graduated in 1938.

He first chose to practice law in Spring Valley with attorney Lyle Hamlin. Mr. Hamlin died during the war years and when Bill returned from the Army, he was asked to join Phil Gartner in Preston. Previously, when Bill had practiced in Spring Valley, he met Merry Burnap, and when she completed Miss Woods School, she was at an age where she was eligible to be married. Two weeks of their dating resulted in 63 years of marriage.

Artillery School at Fort Sill, OK, made Bill an officer and he was assigned to a U.S. Army Armored Division. Shortly after induction and moving by rail to training, Bill received the late news of the birth of Richard, their first son.

After World War II combat service in Europe, Bill was with the U.S. military government in Germany and was honorably discharged on February 14, 1946.

Following the war, Bill and Merry moved to Preston to practice with Phil Gartner before later moving to Minneapolis. Bill served as General Counsel and Assistant to the President with the Minneapolis and Saint Louis Railway operating in Minnesota and three other states.

Following the sale of the railroad, Bill became General Counsel and later Vice President for the Pillsbury Company, supervising all legal matters including new foreign contracts and operations. Bill wrote and edited the entire history of the Pillsbury Company, which was published as "Pillsbury's Best."

Bill served with the Junior Achievement Program, on the Board of Directors of Breck School and with the vestry of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Edina.

Bill wrote Bar Memorials for Verne Moss and Homer Child, visited friends in hospitals and was a member of Minikahda and Gibraltar Clubs.

He and Merry traveled widely to foreign countries.

The Powells moved to the Grand Rapids area in 2002, where their daughter, Nancy, and her husband, Minnesota State Senator Thomas Saxhaug, reside.

Merry and Bill enjoyed tennis, golf, skiing and canoeing on many slopes, rivers and lakes with families, including the Knopfs, Blacks and others with skis and canoes atop their cars.

Three months after arriving in northern Minnesota, Bill was unable to speak due to a stroke. But he was able to understand conversation, and did so with his left hand holding his wife's hand. If he thought Merry was talking too long or the topic of conversation none of their business, Bill's left hand would press Merry's hand hard.

Survivors include Bill's wife, Merry, of Cohasset; son Richard, former Police Chief of Prior Lake and family of Grand Marais; daughter Nancy and husband Tom Saxhaug and family of Grand Rapids; and son John, a lawyer and college counsellor at the Racine Wisconsin Prairie School, and John's family.

JAMES B. LUND

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS E. REIERSGORD

May 9, 1932 - September 23, 2003

Thomas E. Reiersgord was born in Thief River Falls, the first son of Erwin N. Reiersgord, a school superintendent; and Bertha Thompson, a grade school teacher. Tom moved from Crookston to attend the University of Minnesota in 1950. After two years of pre-law studies, and playing trombone in the marching band, he entered the University of Minnesota Law School. Meeting his future wife at Collman Union, he married Camilla Langguth in 1954. He rented and ran a rooming house in Dinkytown until his graduation in the class of 1956. Tom completed the Air Force ROTC program but fatherhood kept him from military service.

Tom gained practical legal experience at the law office of Lyman Brink in Hallock. In 1958, he opened his solo practice in Hallock, plus a Saturday branch office in Karlstad. With a wife and three children in tow, he campaigned for Judge of Probate in Kittson County.

Tom returned to Minneapolis in 1960 as Assistant City Attorney in St. Louis Park, then joined the Yngve Law Firm and later founded Reiersgord Law Office. Tom was a general practitioner specializing in real estate matters. He was active in Rotary, the Collectors Club and the Manuscript Society; served as a board member of the Minneapolis Athenaeum and as associate of the James Ford Bell Library; and was an active member of philatelic groups. His knowledge of history and geography led him to publish his book, "The Kensington Rune Stone: Its Place in History," with Pogo Press in 2001.

Tom was a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and the Hennepin County Bar Association. On the day of his death from lung cancer, the postcard arrived from the Supreme Court accepting his continuing legal education credits and approving three more years.

He is survived by his wife of 49 ½ years, Camilla; four children, Diane (Evgeny) Kontar of Findlay, OH, Susan (Sunil) Khatri of Edina, Robert of Moline, IL, and Julia of Minneapolis; three grandchildren, Nicholas, Samantha and Jackson Khatri; and a brother, Paul.

Tom had a wonderful life.

CAMILLA REIERSGORD

IN MEMORIAM

PETER JOSEPH RUFFENACH

October 26, 1918 - November 22, 2004

Peter was born in Minneapolis and was the oldest of six children - two boys and four girls. His parents, Peter Sr. and Catherine, were considered "pioneers" in the new city of Robbinsdale and at Sacred Heart Church. Peter Sr. was a Trustee on the board of the church for about 50 years. Peter Sr. and his brothers worked as masons and carpenters. In the 1920s, they built a large home for Peter Sr. and Catherine in Robbinsdale, where Copperfield Hill is now located.

Peter attended grade school at Sacred Heart School. There was no high school in Robbinsdale at this time, so Peter rode a city bus (which cost about 5 cents) to Edison High School in Minneapolis. He was on the honor roll and a member of the swimming team. He graduated in June 1936.

Peter attended the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul and was on the varsity swim team. In his senior year, he was introduced by a long-time friend to Mary Polson at the Newman Center. Mary attended the University of Minnesota and was majoring in business education. They dated for about a year.

Peter graduated from St. Thomas with a degree in accounting. Shortly after graduation, Peter enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Before he left, he asked Mary to be his wife. They were engaged for all three years that Peter served in the Navy. During the war, Peter was awarded the Purple Heart (for an injury received during combat) and a Bronze Star (for bravery). Following his discharge in 1945, Peter and Mary were married. Mary taught business classes for a year and then became a full-time mother. Peter and Mary had four children - two boys and two girls. Peter worked as an accountant for about 10 years. When he traveled to other cities by plane, Mary and the children often picked him up at the airport. They would hug him and then ask if he had brought them any presents. If he had gone for a few days, he usually did.

When his children were still young, Peter enrolled in William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. He worked full time during the day and then attended law school two or three evenings a week. Peter worked as a general practice lawyer for about 30 years. He served as Robbinsdale City Attorney for many years beginning in 1967. Peter worked hard his entire life and never officially retired. In his spare time, Peter attended American Legion, Knights of Columbus and VFW activities, where he had many friends. Peter's personal life was enriched by travel with his wife and children, family reunions at his cabin on Lake Sylvia near Annandale, and social events with his four children and 13 grandchildren.

Peter was a dedicated lawyer, a good family man and a good friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

ANN SEHNERT

IN MEMORIAM
ROY L. SANFORD

August 29, 1921 – December 10, 2004

Roy L. Sanford was born on August 29, 1921, in Omaha, Nebraska, where his parents settled after both served in France during World War I. His father, Roy, served in the trenches and his mother, Cora, served as a nurse for the Red Cross. They later moved to Williston, North Dakota, and finally to Minneapolis, where Roy attended elementary school and graduated from West High School in 1939. Roy attended the University of Minnesota and worked, among other summer jobs, in Edmonton, Alberta, during the building of the Alcan Highway. He earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1945.

Roy practiced law in Virginia, Minnesota, for two years before joining The Prudential Insurance Company of America as an attorney in its mortgage loan department in Buffalo, New York. He returned to Minneapolis in 1951 and continued with Prudential's mortgage loan operations until the company established its North Central Home Office in St. Louis Park. He became an associate counsel in that office and his responsibilities expanded to include advising the life and health insurance areas as well as handling federal income tax issues. Roy had logged over 35 years with Prudential when he retired.

Roy is survived by his wife, Charlotte (Belina). The greatest accomplishment of Roy's life, he often told us, was marrying her. Roy's eyes would sparkle whenever he mentioned her name. Char is a nurse and cared for him as his health failed. Char and Roy initially lived in the Oak Grove area of Minneapolis and later established their home near the south end of Cedar Lake. Roy had a passion for Minneapolis. He loved its parks and lakes as well as the Minnesota Golden Gophers. He could be seen snowshoeing to work across Cedar and Brownie lakes. In retirement, he enjoyed skating around the lakes.

Roy's interests were broad. He loved the Great Plains, and he and Char made annual trips across the Dakotas and Montana. He stayed abreast of local, national and world events and loved a good argument. He played a ruthless game of Ping-Pong. Those of us privileged to be his associates benefited from his analytical capabilities and his firmly formed and deeply held ethical principles. We sought his advice and knew he would respond cogently and firmly in understandable terms. He was a mentor to both his clients and his colleagues.

Roy was a gentle, brilliant man. We will remember his words, his style and his dedication to seeking truth and justice in the law and throughout life. We consider him a model citizen-lawyer. He was, and remains, an inspiration.

BRUCE A. PAULSEN
STU KVALHEIM
MARLENE NOGEL

IN MEMORIAM

PAUL L. SJOQUIST

July 3, 1933 - July 11, 2004

Paul Sjoquist was born and raised in Two Harbors. After his high school graduation in 1951, Paul enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he attended electronic, radar and computer schools.

Later in life, he always acknowledged his gratitude for the Air Force and particularly the GI Bill, which funded his continuing education.

Paul enrolled at the University of Minnesota, graduating with a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering in 1960. He accepted a position with RCA Labs in Princeton, NJ, after graduation. He returned to Minnesota in 1962 and was employed in the Government Systems Divisions at Control Data. During his tenure at Control Data, Paul enrolled in William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, and received a juris doctor degree in 1969.

Paul began his legal career as Patent Counsel for Graco Inc. in 1972. Two years later, he moved into private practice, where he focused on patent, trademark and copyright law for more than 30 years. Paul retired from the practice of law in 2003.

A resident of Burnsville for 30 years, Paul was elected to District 191 School Board in 1974 and served as chairman from 1977 to 1979. Paul was also on the Burnsville Planning Commission and the Dakota County Library Board. His work with these civic organizations demonstrated his belief that the hard work of achieving consensus was worth pursuing.

A quietly patriotic man, Paul believed he was fortunate to have lived the American Dream. He was grateful to the Air Force for focusing his restless intelligence and to the corporate world for providing him with opportunity. As an attorney, he modeled his belief daily that dignity and integrity were important values to practice and pass on. Paul also felt fortunate to design and build a second home on Lake Superior that provided countless hours of solitude and beauty to family and friends.

When you first met Paul, he seemed very serious. But his dry sense of humor soon became apparent and you knew this was a gentle and kind man, someone who made you feel comfortable. A telling comment came from a former employee who proclaimed Paul "the finest man I ever worked for." To his family, friends and business associates, Paul Sjoquist had an uncommon moral and ethical compass.

But perhaps the thing we'll miss the most about Paul had to do with wealth. Not accumulating material wealth, but rather the importance of exploring a wealth of opportunities in one's life. In his view, one could achieve things never dreamt possible if one valued education, hard work, commitment and integrity. In other words, values that have made America great.

Paul's presence and personality will be missed by his wife of 51 years, Adele, and four children - Gary (Constance) Sjoquist, Robert (Erika) Sjoquist, Laurie (David) Knutson, and Lee (Kenda) Sjoquist. He will also be missed by his grandchildren - Annie, Tim, Blakeley, Noelle, Camille, and Greysen.

In our family forest, a mighty oak has fallen. Godspeed, Paul.

GARY SJOQUIST

IN MEMORIAM

RODGER D. SQUIRES

August 29, 1937 – April 20, 2004

Rodger D. Squires was raised in Albert Lea. After serving in the U.S. Navy and earning a bachelor's of arts from Mankato State University, he attended William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, achieving a JD degree in 1968.

Rodger spent his career in private practice in both St. Paul and Minneapolis. He began his career practicing with Douglas, Bell, Donlin, Schultz & Petersen in downtown St. Paul. In 1975, he was a founding shareholder of Petersen, Tews & Squires, P.A. Rodger practiced in St. Paul until 1986, when he and other members of his firm moved to Minneapolis. He continued in Minneapolis until January 2000, when he began Martin & Squires, P.A. in St. Paul. He practiced there until his death.

He was a lawyer with expertise in all types of commercial and real estate transactions. He handled several mergers and acquisitions of closely held companies and hundreds of real estate transactions. He served as outside counsel to Norwest Bank as a work-out specialist for several years. As a contract draftsman, he was without peer.

Rodger had many professional accomplishments. He was a certified Real Property Specialist, served on the board of the Alumni Association of William Mitchell College of Law and was a member of several bar association sections and committees.

He was a man of many talents and interests. Rodger was an outdoorsman, calligrapher, woodworker, mechanic, sometimes gambler, collector and consummate storyteller. He loved to be around people. But even more so, people loved to be with him.

Preceded in death by his wife, Joey, Rodger is survived by his children: Dr. Jeff Squires, Jay Squires, Esq., and Lisa Lee; 10 grandchildren; his fiancée, Carol Schwach; and many, many friends.

Rodger D. Squires was the lawyer we all should aspire to be. He was knowledgeable, accessible and committed. He cared about his family, clients, friends and colleagues, and he made time for all of them. One of his favorite observations was that when he started in practice, his only clients were friends and eventually, as his practice flourished, he was privileged to consider most clients to be his friends. He is and will be sorely missed.

JOHN PAUL MARTIN

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES McCOY WILLIS

March 4, 1923 - October 23, 2004

"Liberty does not consist in mere declarations of the rights of man. It consists in the translation of those declarations into definite action".

- Woodrow Wilson

Jim Willis, the first black lawyer in the Hennepin County Public Defenders Office, passed away on October 23, 2004, in Massillon, Ohio. He left a legacy of concern and care for his colleagues and clients.

The son of a Pullman porter, Jim was reared in Ohio and graduated from Kent State University and William McKinley School of Law. After graduation, he moved to Minneapolis and actively engaged himself in the local community.

As a parent and lawyer, he worked on the integration suit against the Minneapolis School District in 1971. He became chairman of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) and opposed the district on its hiring practices and retention of black teachers. Finally, he broke the segregation barrier in the cab industry and helped mandate the hiring of black drivers. People need only look at the racial balance of schools and transportation services to measure his impact on the county. In addition to CORE, he was active in NAACP and his church.

Jim served for 25 years as a public defender. He always took more than his share of cases, but still found time to treat each client as an individual. He took the time to listen to their side and meet their needs. Jim was a man who not only represented people, but really liked the people he represented - a difficult task when you cannot choose your clients.

His main virtue was humility. He served as a role model and mentor to African American attorneys in our county, many who went on themselves to be first in their positions. He never bragged about his accomplishments, but rather understated. When he served in the Army in World War II, he was awarded the Soldier's Medal for saving a person's life in a noncombat situation. However, Jim never bragged or talked about it. He rarely mentioned his accomplishments, but chose to live in the present.

In 1994, he retired from the Public Defenders Office, but still involved himself in pro bono work. He also spent more time in Ohio, his native state. In fact, Jim loved Ohio and frequently told his friends and colleagues about its history, especially its pre-eminence in sports. As can be guessed, Jim was an avid sports fan, dominating office pools and bull sessions.

Jim was predeceased by his wife, Montez, and is survived by three daughters, four grandchildren, a brother, a brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, an uncle, along with a host of loving family and friends. He will be greatly missed and remembered as a self-effacing man who cared about his clients and his community.

DAVID P. MURRIN

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This memorial session is held on an annual basis. Attorneys for whom memorials were not received in time for this year's session will be honored at next year's memorial session.

The Memorial book is presented to the families and friends of the deceased attorneys and members of the bench and bar with compliments of FINANCE AND COMMERCE who join in honoring those who contributed so much to the legal profession.

This Memorial booklet is on file with Hennepin County District Court and in the archives of The Minnesota Historical Society.



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