

**State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin**

**District Court  
Fourth Judicial District**

**Special Session:  
Annual Hennepin County  
Bar Memorial**

Convening of the Special Session  
of Hennepin County District Court  
Chief Judge Ivy S. Bernhardson  
Presiding

Invocation  
The Honorable Thomas M. Sipkins  
Hennepin County District Court

Introduction of Special Guests

Musical Selection  
Apollo Male Chorus

Recognition of Deceased Members  
Thaddeus R. Lightfoot, President-Elect  
Hennepin County Bar Association

Remarks and Introduction of Speaker  
Paul M. Floyd, President  
Hennepin County Bar Association

Main Address  
Susan C. Rhode  
Shareholder, Moss & Barnett

Musical Selection  
Apollo Male Chorus

Memorials Presented to the Court  
Howard B. Tarkow  
Chair, Bar Memorial Committee

Presentation Accepted

Court Adjourned

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Presented by the Hennepin County Bar Association

## **ABOUT THE BAR MEMORIAL**

The Hennepin County Bar Association and its Bar Memorial Committee welcome you to this Special Session of the Hennepin County District Court to honor members of our profession with ties to Hennepin County who passed away last year.

We have traced the history of our Bar Memorial back to at least 1898, in a courthouse that is long gone, but had a beauty and charm that made it a fitting location for this gathering. We say "at least 1898," because there is speculation that the practice of offering annual unwritten memorials began in 1857. Regardless of its date of origin, the Bar Memorial is now well into its second century, and it is a tradition that is certain to continue simply because it is right—and it is good.

Buildings come and go, but the Bar Memorial has always found a suitable home, including in the chambers of the Minneapolis City Council, the boardroom of the Hennepin County Commissioners, and in Judge James Rosenbaum's magnificent courtroom. We are grateful to Thrivent Financial for opening its auditorium to us again this year, though it is not lost on us that we have needed increasingly larger venues as our list of remembrances grows annually because of the growth of our local legal community over the years.

In the early years of the Bar Memorial, authors read aloud their tributes to their family members and colleagues. The modern Bar Memorial dispensed with that practice and instead offers this booklet with its collection of all of the memorials. You will admire this group as you learn about them, and be able to appreciate their stories presented on the following pages.



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## INVOCATION

Good morning,

May it please the court, family and friends:

My name is Tom Sipkins; and it is my honor and privilege to deliver this invocation.

*As-salamu Alaykum*

*Shalom*

*Peace be with you all*

We are here today, family and friends, to honor the memory of dear ones: our mothers, fathers, grandparents, spouses, significant others, sons, daughters, or colleagues and friends.

All of these people graduated as lawyers. All of them had a significant impact on our lives, and all of them had a positive impact on our society, whether as judges, as lawyers, or as businesswomen and men. They dedicated their lives to making the world a better place, and they all succeeded in doing so.

Ours is not an easy profession. It requires the balancing of our work with the time we would otherwise spend with our loved ones. Too often that means sacrificing family time because of dedication and commitment to our clients and our communities. The people we honor and remember here today all made those sacrifices. As a community we thank them.

Now we struggle with a more permanent absence; and we are left with only cherished memories. We struggle with the pain of their loss, and we ask for comfort and peace for their families and friends. We miss their laughter, their smiles and their joy of life. We will always remember them. Let their memories always be for a blessing.

Amen



## MEMORIAL ADDRESS

May it please the Court, honorable judges, fellow members of the bar and special guests, especially the family and friends of those whose lives we have gathered today to recognize.

As I thought about those we honor today, and thought of the one common thread they all shared, it was not just that they were lawyers, but also that they were teachers of, and in, the law. Being a teacher in the law can take many forms, and those we recognize made this contribution in many ways.

One definition of teacher is a person who helps others to acquire knowledge, competencies, or values. Many of those we remember today were teachers in this way – teaching in the class room, mentoring in their law firms, and teaching continuing legal education courses to other attorneys. Others fulfilled their role of teacher by the knowledge they imparted in their legal arguments and writings.

But, those we remember today taught us not only about the mechanics of the law, they also taught us about the special privileges and obligations that come with being a lawyer. Through their own lives as lawyers, they taught us humility, patience, compassion, humor and grace. They taught us to respect and honor the special trust that our clients put in our hands each day. They taught us to respect each other as lawyers and humans. These are the critical teachings that let us remember these men and women we celebrate today as our special teachers of the law and life.

Confucius noted this special role of teacher like this: "If I am walking with two other men, each of them will serve as my teacher. I will pick out the good points of the one and imitate them, and the bad points of the other and correct them in myself."

Confucius reminds us that every day we teach those around us in all that we say and do. But it is the person who is aware of their role as teacher that makes the greatest impact. The lawyer who takes the time and responsibility to be a committed teacher each day takes on a special role.

The lawyer who intentionally and thoughtfully teaches will teach both clients and other lawyers about how to graciously manage conflict, stress, disappointment, and triumph. The lawyer, as teacher, also teaches clients and other lawyers alike how to look out the other person's window: To see the world from a different perspective and to respect the alternative perspective thereby gaining tolerance of others. These are invaluable lessons for which we thank those we remember today.

These individuals who we remember today have changed the quality of justice that we, and that all citizens enjoy. They have improved our courts, enhanced our access to justice, and have given of themselves to create a new generation of lawyers.

We are together today to honor and say thanks to these remarkable individuals. We will not see them each day as before, but we will carry the lessons we learned from them. Lessons about law, life, and grace. We honor their commitment to the law, and we remember them by imitating the best of what they have shown us. We celebrate the gift of their teachings.

**SUSAN C. RHODE, ESQ.**  
Shareholder, Moss & Barnett

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**VICTOR ANDERSON**

**August 31, 1925 – January 27, 2016**

Victor Anderson of Shorewood passed away peacefully on January 27, 2016, at age 90, with his beloved wife, Marianne, at his side. He was born August 31, 1925, in Alnwick, Northumberland, England. He was the youngest of five boys born to Stanley and Nancy Anderson. He graduated from the Duke's Grammar School. At 17, he volunteered for the British Army, fighting during 1944-1945 in what the British called the "Forgotten War." He saw combat in Burma and other parts of Southeast Asia in a glider-borne artillery regiment. He received the Burma Star, the 1939-1945 Star and the GEORGIUS VI campaign medal for his World War II service to the Crown. His final two years in the British Army (1946-1947) were spent in India before he returned to England where he became a solicitor at the prestigious Newcastle-Upon-Tyne law firm of Wilkinson & Marshall. On August 14, 1954, in London, Victor finally met his soulmate, Marianne Baum, in person. This followed a remarkable 12-year pen-pal relationship begun in 1942 when he was 17 living in Alnwick, and she 11, living a half a world away in Tel Aviv, British Palestine. He proposed marriage just three days after first setting eyes on her at London's Liverpool Street station, platform no. 14.

Victor and Marianne were married June 11, 1955. Victor attended the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating in 1957. He was the sixth lawyer hired by Cargill, Inc. in 1957 and had a distinguished legal career, rising to assistant general counsel. He was a nationally recognized expert in transportation law, had expertise in international law, and traveled extensively for the company solving interesting and intellectually challenging legal problems. He retired in 1987 due to complications from glaucoma. He was a mentor to many Cargill lawyers who learned the legal craft under his guidance, patience, and wisdom. His door was always open.

Victor was a "Renaissance Man" with a great sense of humor who loved reading, writing fiction and poetry, films, plays, traveling, photography and all sports, especially soccer, tennis, and skiing. He founded the traveling Tonka United Soccer Club in 1978, which has grown to be one of the largest youth soccer clubs in Minnesota. He was an outstanding soccer coach to many boys who affectionately called him "Mr. A" and who followed his "Principles of Tonka United" both on the soccer field and in life.

Victor was a gentle, kind hero to many. He loved unconditionally, believed that every problem had a solution and never complained about his blindness due to glaucoma as his world dimmed in his final years. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

**CLIFF ANDERSON**  
**MARIANNE ANDERSON**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**GOVERNOR WENDELL R. ANDERSON**

**February 1, 1933 – July 17, 2016**

At the age of 37, Wendell "Wendy" Anderson was elected governor of Minnesota. His signature achievement in office, nicknamed "the Minnesota Miracle," was an audacious plan to improve education in Minnesota by funding it more equitably, regardless of the wealth of each district. This transformative change was achieved against great odds and with bipartisan support, and it came to be widely applauded. In 1973, Wendy appeared on the cover of *TIME* magazine, which called Minnesota "The State That Works." Running for re-election in 1974, Wendy carried all 87 counties in Minnesota, the only major candidate for statewide office ever to do so.

Two years later, a U.S. Senate seat in Minnesota was vacated, to be filled by appointment. Wendy arranged to be the appointee, and this path to office was disapproved by the voters, who defeated Wendy in the subsequent election involving the senate seat.

That was a political judgment, which he accepted graciously, though it meant the end of a career for which he was uniquely qualified. But history over time makes its judgments, too, and shortly before his own death, former congressman Martin Sabo publicly declared that "Wendy Anderson was the best governor in the history of the state of Minnesota," a judgment with which I and many others concur. His six years as governor were extraordinarily productive with lasting innovations in school finance, environmental protection, housing, state minimum wage, and open-meeting laws. It was a time in which compromise and bipartisanship were honorable goals. It was a time in which the state, and the political system, with two broadly based parties, really did work.

Wendy spent the rest of his life in Minnesota, practicing law, being involved in several business ventures and active in political commentary and mentoring. Even in his seventies, he played old-timer hockey. (He had been on the U.S. team that won an Olympic Silver medal in 1956.) He made dozens of trips to Sweden and served as honorary Swedish consul to Minnesota. He served for twelve years as a regent of the University of Minnesota, where he had earned his B.A. and law degree. Wendy left his body to the university. It already had his soul.

He was the son of Theodore and Gladys Anderson, than whom no finer people ever lived. He is survived by children, Amy Anderson, Elizabeth Crow, and Brett Anderson; daughter-in-law, Nathalie Jordi; grandchildren, Annika and Peter Sherek, Augusta and Josephine Crow, Oscar and Julius Anderson; and brothers, Orv and Rod Anderson.

**DAVID LEBEDOFF**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**CARL AUERBACH**

October 2, 1915 – April 6, 2016

Carl Auerbach, distinguished legal scholar and former dean of the University of Minnesota Law School, died on April 6, 2016, in La Jolla, California, at the age of 100. Professor Auerbach's academic career spanned seven decades, beginning at the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1947. He joined the University of Minnesota Law School faculty in 1961 and served as its dean from 1972 through 1979. In 1985, he joined the University of San Diego School of Law faculty and remained an active faculty member there until 2012. In addition to serving as a visiting law professor at several other law schools, Professor Auerbach was honored as a visiting scholar at several leading institutions, including service as a Fulbright scholar at the London School of Economics and Political Science; as a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University; and as a visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace at Stanford University. Professor Auerbach received the prestigious American Bar Foundation Award for Outstanding Research in Law and Government in 1994.

Professor Auerbach was born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 2, 1915. He graduated from Long Island University and from Harvard Law School. He joined the U.S. Labor Department during the New Deal era, and then he served as assistant general counsel in the Office of Price Administration. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served overseas with the Office of Strategic Services (the forerunner to the CIA) as a liaison with the German underground. Following the war, he returned to the Office of Price Administration as its general counsel, and also served as associate general counsel in the Office of Economic Stabilization before beginning his academic career.

Professor Auerbach concentrated his teaching and scholarship in the fields of administrative and constitutional law, although his contributions spanned many other areas, including transportation law, civil rights, legal education and professional responsibility.

He authored scores of articles and several books, including coauthoring *The Legal Process* with Lloyd K. Garrison, Willard Hurst, and Samuel Mermin. Throughout his career, Professor Auerbach focused on the relationship between law and the social sciences, and the role of law in fostering democratic institutions and social justice. He was politically active throughout his career and was a co-founder of Americans for Democratic Action, as well as a close friend and advisor to Hubert Humphrey.

Professor Auerbach's first wife of nearly fifty years, Laura Kron Auerbach, who was an aide and speechwriter for a succession of Minneapolis mayors and Minnesota governors, died in 1988. His second wife, artist Lenore Schulman, died in 2009.

Professor Auerbach is survived by his daughter, Linda Auerbach Alderdice; son-in-law, Michael Alderdice; grandson, Christopher Alderdice (all of Los Angeles, California); by his son, Rick Auerbach; daughter-in-law, Barbara Auerbach; and grandson, Daniel Auerbach (all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).

**PROFESSOR ROBERT A. STEIN**



IN MEMORIAM  
**EDMUND P. BABCOCK**

OMay 11, 1923 - March 18, 2016

Edmund P. Babcock passed away on March 18, 2016, at the age of 92. Born in Anoka, Ed was the only child of Hazel and Forrest Babcock. Throughout his life, he remained dedicated to his hometown and the burgeoning communities of the north metro.

He was an Eagle Scout and a highly successful paperboy. Ed graduated with a degree in business from the University of Minnesota, where he was a member of the Navy ROTC. He served in the navy during World War II and returned to the University of Minnesota to attend law school on the GI bill, graduating in 1949.

After passing the bar in 1950, he became the third attorney in Anoka County, determined to, "bring downtown law to Anoka and its surrounding communities." He founded Babcock, Locher, Neilson and Mannella, where he practiced for 44 years and was of counsel for eight. The firm was a five-minute walk from his parent's home. For many years, he and his dad, whose hardware store was next door, would walk home for lunch with his mother.

Ed was the city attorney for many north metro communities and served other municipalities, businesses, nonprofits, and individuals. At one time, he was part owner of the *Anoka-Union* newspaper.

Ed joined The Bank of Elk River board of directors in 1973, as the fourth generation to serve the family-owned bank. He retired having served the longest directorship in its history. He was deeply devoted to his church and community. Ed served on the boards of the Thurston Foundation, Anoka Technical College Foundation, Albin Peterson Foundation, Three Rivers Foundation, Mercy Hospital, and Anoka Kiwanis Club.

His devotion to family, nature, sports, travel, and cultural activities was unparalleled. He skied, canoed, rode horseback, biked, listened to opera and classical music, read literature and history, and traveled the world, all of which he shared with his family.

In the words of his second grandchild, Dr. John Hollowed, Jr.:

*His priority was to his family. Our happiness always came first. His devotion was so fierce that he would sacrifice whatever it took to bring us close as often as possible. He created a universe where there was nothing to worry about.*

*He put a premium on allowing us to have opportunities to become who we wanted to be. He held us to high expectations because he lived by example. He had a saying, maybe a command, "Always improve yourself."*

*Yet, I think he got more satisfaction out of messing with us. His favorite holiday was April Fools' Day. He once sent a letter, posing as an attorney representing the buyers of one of my aunt's and uncle's just-sold home, threatening to press charges due to a horrendous termite infestation in the newly sold home, for which my relatives would be accountable for thousands of dollars. That April 1st letter is framed—a reminder to not take life too seriously*

Edmund, is survived by his wife of 65 years, Madolyn (Youse); six children; 17 grandchildren; and a large and extended family.

**CATHERINE BABCOCK**  
**DR. JOHN HOLLOWED, JR**



IN MEMORIAM  
**RICHARD A. BOWMAN**  
October 2, 1940 – September 7, 2016

Richard "Dick" Bowman was one of the finest trial lawyers in the world. Dick first-chaired nearly 100 high-stakes product liability cases in 37 different states. He built one of the nation's largest product liability defense practices and shaped product liability landscape nationwide. Dick was a powerful presence in the courtroom. He had nerves of steel. He was fearless in his cross-examinations, especially of opposing experts. He connected with jurors and spoke their own language. He earned his credibility with judges and juries in each case. As every juror on Dick's cases learned, Dick grew up on a turkey farm in Iowa. He attended a country school, graduated from Cornell College, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

Dick graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School with honors and joined Gray Plant Mooty as a trial lawyer. General Motors soon selected him as part of the legal team with Franklin Gray to defend General Motors in a lawsuit involving the Corvair, the sporty compact car attacked by Ralph Nader. In 1985, he, along with friend and partner Jeffrey Brooke and five others, founded Bowman and Brooke. The firm flourished and developed a national trial practice. Dick retired from active practice in 2012, but he remained active in management. Bowman and Brooke grew from two offices and 14 lawyers in 1985 to 12 offices and over 200 lawyers in 2016.

Dick was a generous mentor to hundreds of young trial lawyers. While we could not replicate Dick's extraordinary trial skills or larger-than-life personality, we learned from his patient teaching and nurturing. More than just trial skills, he taught us to work hard, prepare intensely, talk straight, and embrace our own styles. He gave us great opportunities and slipped us plenty of yellow sticky notes at trial. As the leader of his law firm, Dick was passionate in support of his partners, associates, and non-attorney staff. He shared credit for his victories, celebrated ours, and consoled our losses. Dick treated every firm employee respectfully, valued their contributions, knew their families, and supported their careers.

Outside the courtroom, Dick was an avid hot air balloonist, enthusiastic ballroom dance competitor with his wife Terri, dog lover, cross-country motorcyclist, bonfire builder, voracious reader, and political commentator. Dick was also generous with his time and financial support. He served on the boards of the Minneapolis Aquatennial, Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley, Twin Cities Choir Magnum Chorum, and the Lafayette Club. When he was elected president of the Lafayette Club, one of his first acts was to convert the president's prime parking spot into parking for the employee of the month. He helped many people financially without ceremony or attribution.

Dick is survived by wife, Terri, a paralegal who worked with him on cases for nearly 30 years; children, Robert Bowman, Kimberly Bowman, Lance Wheelock, Lori Hatton (Bob); granddaughter, Brenna; sisters, Mary Seidler and Rosalie Gallagher; and twin brother, Bob.

**GEORGE SOULE**

## IN MEMORIAM

# THE HONORABLE MYRON H. BRIGHT

March 5, 1919 – December 12, 2016

Judge Bright was born in Eveleth on March 5, 1919, to Morris and Lena Bright. Judge Bright graduated from Eveleth High School and Eveleth Junior College prior to attending the University of Minnesota for his undergraduate and law degrees. World War II interrupted Judge Bright's legal education. Judge Bright served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from July 6, 1942, to May 28, 1946, attaining the rank of captain.

Upon his return to Minnesota, Judge Bright completed his legal education and met his wife of 71 years, Frances "Fritzie" Bright. They had two children, Josh and Dinah. Judge Bright forever credited his personal success to Fritzie's undying encouragement, intelligence, love, strength, and tenacity.

Before his appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in 1968, Judge Bright built a successful 21-year litigation practice in Fargo, North Dakota. During the same time, Judge Bright and Fritzie actively contributed to Democratic politics in the Fargo-Moorhead community. Judge Bright loved litigation and was reticent to give up his career for a judicial appointment. But President Lyndon Johnson appointed Judge Bright to the bench, and as United States citizens, we are lucky he was willing to serve.

Judge Bright heard cases for over 48 years, sitting on his last panel on September 23, 2016—just three months before his death at the age of 97. Judge Bright wrote many historic opinions, especially in the areas of civil rights and employment discrimination. In later years, Judge Bright also spent significant time and energy highlighting injustices he observed in the legal system. Judge Bright lived by the mantra of doing what in his heart and mind was right and for him, calling out injustice was central to his vocation.

In addition to advocating for issues affecting Native Americans, Judge Bright sought to reform the federal sentencing guidelines. In 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed Judge Bright's view that the sentencing guidelines were advisory. But Judge Bright's pursuit of a more fair sentencing system did not end in 2005. Instead, over the past decade he wrote numerous opinions calling for shorter sentences and less reliance on the advisory guidelines. In all, Judge Bright sought for a more empathetic sentencing system.

But Judge Bright's legacy is more than just his opinions. Judge Bright was also actively involved in legal education and mentored over 100 law clerks, truly making them part of his family. For Judge Bright, however, the most important part of his legacy was his wonderful family. Judge Bright adored his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and worked tirelessly to make sure they were happy and healthy. Judge Bright was so proud of all his family members' accomplishments and loved them unconditionally.

Judge Bright truly lived life to the fullest. In addition to summers spent at the cottage on Lake Melissa, Judge Bright traveled the world. Judge Bright never stopped learning or challenging himself and the world is a better place because of him. May we all follow Judge Bright's example.

ELISE L. LARSON



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**HOSMER A. BROWN III**

**February 24, 1921 - August 13, 2016**

The legal profession in Minnesota lost a valued member and the community a stellar citizen, when Hosmer A. Brown III passed away at the age of 95 years on August 13, 2016. Family, friends, former clients, and fellow lawyers will miss him.

Hosmer A. Brown III was born in Minnesota on February 24, 1921, to Hosmer A. Brown II and Marie Brown. He grew up in both Kentucky and Minnesota. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy. Following his discharge from military service, he returned to Minnesota to attend the University of Minnesota where he earned his undergraduate degree. He then went to the Harvard Business School to get a Master's Degree. After Harvard, Hosmer returned to Minnesota to attend the University of Minnesota Law School to get a law degree.

Upon graduation from law school, and being admitted to the practice of law in Minnesota, he opened his law practice on August 15, 1949, in Edina. He practiced law for over 60 years at the corner of 50th and France. Like most lawyers of his generation, Hosmer started out with a broad, general practice of the law, but over time, his practice focused primarily on probate, estate planning, real estate transactions, and advising individuals and family businesses.

Hosmer was very well liked and respected by his many clients. They greatly appreciated his sound legal advice and good counsel on matters that they brought to him. Importantly, they valued the manner in which he rendered his advice. He did so with a degree of empathy, kindness, understanding, and concern that sent the clear message that he would do his best to resolve any problems they had.

Outside the practice of law, Hosmer found joy in spending time with family and friends, visiting the family cabin "up north", and traveling, especially to the many islands of the Caribbean with wife, Marilyn. He was also very active in his church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Edina.

Hosmer was preceded in death by his parents and first wife, Patricia. He is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn; daughter, Melissa; son, Hosmer A. Brown IV; stepchildren, Laura (Mike) Ubl and John Parker; and two step-grandchildren, Benjamin and Hannah Ubl.

Hosmer will be remembered for dedication to his family, church, and the practice of law, as well as his kindness, sense of humor, and strong faith. He was truly a good person in every sense of the term.

**JUSTICE PAUL H. ANDERSON (retired)**



IN MEMORIAM  
**THOMAS MORROW "TIM" BROWN**

September 15, 1930 - July 15, 2016

Tim was born September 15, 1930, in Minneapolis to Paul and Jane Brown. He graduated from the Blake School, the University of Minnesota *cum laude*, and the University of Minnesota Law School, where he was also on the Minnesota Law Review. In March 1955, Tim and Barbara "Bobbie" Barber were married and moved to Marin County for two years, where Tim served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate's Corps at Hamilton Air Force Base in Novato, California. In August 1957, Tim and Bobbie moved back to Minneapolis, where Tim joined the firm of Dorsey, Owen, Barker, Scott & Barber, on the advice of noted torts scholar, William Prosser, and of his father-in-law, partner Hugh H. Barber.

As a young corporate attorney for Dorsey in the 1960s, Tim worked with clients including Tonka Toys, the Minnesota Twins, Ottertail Power Company, and Dain Bosworth/RBC Wealth Management. When the Twins came to Minnesota in 1961, Tim was a junior associate at Dorsey and so often he was assigned the task of helping young ballplayers with minor legal issues. Tim enjoyed telling stories of his time spent with Bob Allison, Earl Battey, Tony Oliva, and Billy Martin. In addition to serving as chair of the Dorsey corporate department, Tim also served on the boards of Ottertail Power Co., Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, MacPhail School of Music, and Junior Achievement of the Twin Cities. He and Bobbie were longtime patrons of the Twin Cities arts scene, especially music and theater.

Tim's favorite legal accomplishment was being the inspiration for jazz pianist Dave Frishberg's song, *My Attorney Bernie*, written on the occasion of Tim's 25th anniversary with the Dorsey firm. Tim and Dave met while playing in a ship's orchestra one summer on a transatlantic liner to Europe.

Tim was a warm and wonderful husband to Bobbie, father to his children, Tamzin and Christopher, and grandfather to Timi, Molly, and Kit. He deeply loved his family and friends, travel and adventure, good food and wine, music and the theater. He could always be counted on to come through for you. We miss him dearly.

**TAMZIN BROWN**

IN MEMORIAM  
**MARTIN "SKIP" BURKE**

December 27, 1936 – January 12, 2016

Skip made the most of this life and had a great run to the very end of the trail.

After graduating from Yale University, Skip attended the University of Chicago Law School, then returned to his teenage home of Minneapolis to practice law as an associate and partner with Faegre & Benson. Over his illustrious legal career, Skip was recognized as a distinguished trial lawyer and he eventually served as chair of the general litigation department and member of the management committee at Faegre. Skip retired shortly after turning 60 and moved with his wife Susan to Telluride, Colorado. After one year, Skip "failed" retirement and returned to Minneapolis to practice law with Jerry Blackwell as a founding partner of Blackwell Burke P.A. He relished practicing law with Jerry and their colleagues at Blackwell Burke, and he only retired when Parkinson's disease made continued practice impossible.

Skip was an avid athlete and competitor who loved sports, including handball, sailing, skiing, and especially distance running. Skip ran nearly 90 marathons, and several 50-mile and 100-kilometer races. This was a remarkable feat since Skip ran his first marathon at the age of 41. He became deeply involved in the running community, and he championed the merger of the former City of Lakes and St. Paul Marathons into a single Twin Cities Marathon, which he proudly proclaimed was "the most beautiful urban marathon in America." Skip served as the color commentator alongside Ralph Jon Fritz on WCCO during the first televised Twin Cities Marathon.

Skip was a committed and dedicated member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He attended AA meetings weekly and was a sponsor and mentor for a large number of people in recovery. Skip was always generous, kind, and eager to help others in need. Skip was a foster parent to several children and was particularly helpful to teenagers recovering from addiction.

Skip loved the arts and was passionate about healthy food. He purchased and renovated an historic building at 2558 Lyndale Avenue South and launched a gourmet restaurant known as Poulet. Poulet was successful for several years and was well known in the community for serving a free Thanksgiving dinner to anyone in need.

Skip was preceded in death by his father, Marty; younger brother, Bob; mother, Jackie; brother-in-law, Pep Forster; and younger sister, Ann (Forster). Skip is survived by his wife, Susan; his sons, Nicholas and Forrest; his daughter, Weesa; his daughters-in law, Susan and Renee (Burke); son-in-law, Michael (Hild); and his 10 grandchildren: Shea, Perrin, Kellen, and Tristan (Burke); Diana, William, Emma, and Bella (Burke); and Woody and Marty (Hild). Skip is also survived by his sister-in-law, Pamela (Goodsby); stepdaughter, Christine (Monroe); and step-granddaughter, Tracy (Waste). Skip is fondly remembered by his three former wives: Jean Burke, Margaret Burke, and Barbara Forster.

Skip battled Parkinson's for more than a decade and always remained positive and upbeat. He never quit.

**FORREST BURKE**  
**THE LAW FIRM OF BLACKWELL BURKE P.A.**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JACK W. CARLSON

April 14, 1935 – December 8, 2016

Jack W. Carlson, a resident of Bloomington, passed away peacefully on December 8, 2016. Jack was born April 14, 1935, in Moline, Illinois. He graduated from Moline High School and went on to get his law and accounting degrees from the University of Illinois. He was in the Illinois Air National Guard, and his squadron was activated during the Berlin Crisis in 1961. He often talked about organizing ping pong matches while at Lackland Air Base in San Antonio, Texas.

He moved to Minnesota in 1966 to manage the tax practice for the CPA firm, Arthur Young & Co. Prior to moving to Minnesota, he had been involved in Republican politics in Chicago, and quickly was involved in Harold LeVander's campaign for Governor. It was the first of many campaigns in which he would either chair or be heavily involved. Jack was very active in organizing the Bloomington Young Republican Club, and he continued his involvement to include being the national committee representative from Minnesota and working to elect his classmate and friend Donald Sundquist as the National Young Republican Chairman. When Don moved to Tennessee, he was elected to the U.S. Congress and then became governor of Tennessee. Jack went on to become the Bloomington Republican Party Chairman, which later became a senate district organization. He was a delegate to the 1976 Republican Convention, and attended several others as a legal advisor. He was a member of the tax advisory committees for Congressman Bill Frenzel, Congressman Jim Ramstad, and Congressman Dave Durenberger. Jack had been chairman of Frenzel's steering committee; a member of the advisory committee and National Attorney's Committee for George Bush, Ronald Reagan and Howard Baker; 3rd Congressional District Chairman for President Ford; legal counsel for the Republican National Committee; assistant general counsel for the Young Republican National Federation; and actively involved in many state and local campaigns.

He was admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1961 and in Minnesota in 1969. He also became licensed as a certified public accountant in Illinois in 1964 and in Minnesota in 1966. He had been a partner at Rider Bennett Egan Johnson & Arundel, Thomsen & Nybeck, and finally at Hellmuth & Johnson. He was inducted as a member of the American College of Tax Counsel, and was a member of the IRS Commissioner's Advisory Group in 1988. Jack was involved with the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, the Bloomington Rotary, the Hobey Baker Award program for hockey players, the Japanese Gardens at Normandale Community College, the University of Illinois alumni, the Bloomington Foundation, CPA Tax Roundtable, Christ the King Lutheran Church, the American Swedish Institute, Svenska Sällskapet, and the Decathlon Club.

SCOTT M. NELSON



IN MEMORIAM  
**MARK J. CONDON**  
March 25, 1949 – March 23, 2016

Mark J. Condon was born on March 25, 1949, in Pasadena, California. He passed away March 23, 2016, at the age of 66.

Mark moved to Minnesota with his family after his father finished his education at the University of Southern California. Mark went to Christ the King school until eighth grade and then to Southwest High School, where he graduated in 1967. Mark excelled in football and hockey, playing both sports in high school. He went on to play hockey at the College of St. Thomas (later renamed University of St. Thomas). After graduating from college in 1971, he attended William Mitchell College of Law, earning the degree of Juris Doctor in 1975.

Mark joined the firm of Chadwick, Johnson & Bridell in 1975. The firm's name was later changed to Chadwick, Johnson & Condon and finally to Johnson & Condon. Mark spent most of his 40 plus year career at Johnson & Condon, where he led the liability department. He very much enjoyed the challenge of trying lawsuits and negotiating settlements. He also arbitrated and mediated countless lawsuits. His mission was to advocate for his clients ethically and with compassion. His goal was to have both parties leave a dispute with their dignity intact and the feeling they were treated fairly. In 2013, Mark moved to the firm of Iverson Reuvers Condon until his retirement in 2016. Although his time with Iverson Reuvers Condon was short, he continued to be involved in interesting and challenging cases.

Mark's certifications included civil trial specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, civil trial specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association, and advocate by the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has been honored by his peers as a Super Lawyer since 2005. A lifelong boater, Mark was awarded a U.S. Coast Guard captain's license, was a member of the Maritime Law Association and had an active maritime law practice.

Mark spent most of his adult life in Edina with his wife of 45 years, Janet. Together, Mark and Janet had two daughters, Kelly and Katie, whom he considered his greatest accomplishment. He was very proud of them and loved them deeply. Later, he was blessed to have four grandchildren: Joseph, Lucia, Frank, and Jane, whom he considered his greatest joy. He never tired of being with them and watching them learn and grow.

Mark loved being around the water and vacationing with his family. He loved telling stories, sometimes inappropriate, but always kept everyone laughing. He loved sailing; He spent many summers at Hobie Cat regattas around the five-state area, in Bayfield on his boat the *Keileen*, the British Virgin Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands and the Ionian Sea in Greece. There were countless trips to Mexico where he could be found under a beach palapa having a margarita and enjoying the sunset and the sound of the crashing surf.

Mark was a funny, fun-loving, generous, inclusive and deeply compassionate man. A mentor to many, Mark devoted his life to his family, the law and helping others. Every one of his family members, friends and colleagues will miss him even though he will be ever present because of the impact he had on our lives.

**JANET CONDON**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**BRADLEY THOMAS COSGRIFF**

**December 29, 1954 – May 27, 2016**

Brad was born December 29, 1954, to Don and Collette Cosgriff in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Brad was a graduate of Golden Valley High School. He then furthered his education at the University of Minnesota, where he majored in history. He knew for a long time his passion lied in law. He loved the intellectual challenge of putting pieces together, and he correctly viewed law as a calling that would shape his view of both legal and social justice. Brad attended Hamline Law School and went on to become an experienced and very accomplished attorney. He specialized in civil litigation and arbitration for over 30 years.

In August of 1991, Brad married the love of his life, his life partner, his soulmate, Roberta Mary Mellen. Brad was a devoted husband, son, brother, and friend. Brad cherished all of the relationships he developed throughout his life, whether they were high school, college, law school, or friends he met through work.

Brad was a very unique man and had a wide range of interests, including religion, history, travel, cooking, and especially Gopher athletics. He was also very interested in music. Brad had one of the most extensive record collections ever. He would listen to anything from the Sex Pistols to Sinatra. He could also recognize any operatic aria within a few seconds.

A close friend of his summed up Brad the best: he was truly the kindest, most gentle person to ever inhabit a 6-foot-4 frame. He appreciated jokes and loved to laugh. He was not interested in discussing people's flaws or shortcomings. He had a huge and forgiving heart, and he made room in it for everybody.

He was a man his entire family looked up to. His love, kindness, intelligence, and humor are truly missed by everyone who knew him.

**BRAD'S FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

IN MEMORIAM  
**FRANK DVORAK**

November 4, 1942 - February 28, 2016

Our longtime partner and friend, Frank Dvorak, passed away on February 28, 2016, after a feisty, dignified battle with metastatic colon cancer. Frank grew up in Austin. He attended Hamline University, where he graduated *magna cum laude* in 1963, and was elected to the Hamline University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. Frank graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Minnesota law school in 1967. After a brief stint in California, Frank returned to embark on a distinguished law career in Minnesota, first with Mackall Crounse & Moore, and his final 20 years as a partner with Foley & Mansfield. He was an expert in transportation law, secured financing, business law, and commercial litigation. Frank was the consummate professional and partner, always willing to lend a hand to do whatever needed to be done. Even after "retirement," he continued to attend depositions for the firm in out-of-the-way locations where others dared not go.

Blessed with a sharp intellect, Frank never forgot his small town roots, and was a Minnesotan through and through. He was always up for any sort of game: as a player, spectator, coach, or booster. Frank was an ardent fan of all Minnesota sports teams. He was a Gophers basketball season ticket holder for 35 years, a longtime coach in the New Hope-Plymouth Athletic Association, and co-founder of the Breck School Spirit Foundation.

He also touched many lives through his civic and charitable involvement with the Legal Aid Society, Hamline University, Brunswick United Methodist Church of Crystal, the DFL Party, and the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota. He had an impressive collection of Zubaz pants, frequently on display during many of these activities.

Above all, Frank was a devoted family man, survived by the love of his life, Barb; son, Mike; daughter, Heather; grandchildren, Trevor and Teagan; and the latest of his many lifetime pets, Scamp and Rocket. His Foley & Mansfield family misses him greatly.

**FOLEY & MANSFIELD**

## IN MEMORIAM

# MICHAEL D. ELLWEIN

September 18, 1939 – July 31, 2016

Michael D. Ellwein, age 76, of Wayzata, passed away July 31, 2016. Mike was born September 18, 1939, in Watertown, South Dakota, the second of five children to Fred and F. Louise Ellwein. He was a graduate of Watertown High School, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, and received his J.D. with distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law.

Mike's early career focused in patent law at Procter & Gamble (1964-1968), Henderson & Strom (1968-1970), and then in Minneapolis at the Pillsbury Company (1970-1989). There Mike rose from patent attorney to vice president and assistant general counsel, moving to the Coleman Company (1989-1990) before landing at Medtronic (1990-2007), where he became chief development officer under his friend and mentor, Dr. Glen Nelson, in 1998. Mike has been admitted to the Iowa, Minnesota, and Ohio State Bar Associations. He was very proud of the team he built over the years and led with passion, commitment, character, and a healthy sense of humor. He completed his career on staff at Fredrikson & Byron and as a venture partner with Three Arch Partners, where he was able to maintain his connections with many of his former associates and partners through 'Mike's Lunch Club.'

Throughout his life, Mike unreservedly shared his sparkling wit and was fiercely loyal to those he loved and respected. He was a devoted and generous husband and father. An avid outdoorsman, Mike coached his sons' youth football and basketball teams, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and adventuring with family and friends. Mike was preceded in death by his wife, Beth; son-in-law, Tim Wawrzyniec; and his parents. He is survived by his children, Amy, Patrick (Rachel), Andy; sisters, Patty Tanaka, Jane Rieger, Cindy; brother, Bill (Julie Gingras), and first wife, Linda.

## THE FAMILY OF MIKE ELLWEIN

IN MEMORIAM  
**SUSAN SOKUP FAUVER**

January 24, 1963 - October 15, 2016

Sue Fauver was the general counsel and president of Sherman Associates, a nationally renowned developer based in Minneapolis. She was born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, where, as a young girl, she learned the value of community at her family's 100-year-old grocery and meat market. After high school, she attended the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and earned her law degree from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. Sue never lost sight of her roots. She devoted her career to urban redevelopment, with an emphasis on community values, sustainability, and human connection. She was deeply involved in a number of projects that rejuvenated difficult sites or troubled neighborhoods.

As general counsel, she was skilled at helping leverage incentives to preserve historic buildings, clean up environmentally compromised land, build new infrastructure, and encourage local business. She was particularly proud of Sherman's efforts to redevelop the former Sears building on Lake Street in Minneapolis into the huge Midtown Exchange and Global Market. Similarly, she was heavily involved in the development of the Rayette Lofts project on St. Paul's Lowertown. There are scores of other multi-use apartment, condominium, hotel, and business sites that benefited from Sue's extraordinary work ethic.

Sue was the past chairman of the American Bar Association Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law. She was also called on to present at several real estate CLEs and industry programs. For her efforts, she was recognized by *Minnesota Lawyer* as an Attorney of the Year in 2007. In 2014, she was also recognized as one of the Top Women in Finance by *Finance and Commerce*. Before Sherman, Sue worked at law firms in Chicago and Minneapolis, and, in the early 1990s, in the U.S. Senate Office of the Legislative Counsel in Washington, D.C.

Sue loved to travel and she loved her family. Nothing made her happier than exploring a new place with her husband and her son. She was also an avid supporter of the arts, especially musical theater. A closet thespian in her own right, she believed deeply in the power of the arts to transform a community. Sue passed away on October 15, 2016, and is survived by her husband, attorney Cole Fauver, and son, John. Her memorial service was held on the main stage at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis in October.

**COLE FAUVER**  
**RICHARD ALLYN**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**ROBERT J. "BOB" FENLON**

**February 28, 1925 - October 8, 2016**

Robert J. "Bob" Fenlon was a true "St. Paul guy" whose life was guided by his devotion to family, faith, and friendship.

Bob earned his law degree from the University of Cincinnati, where he also had a distinguished career as a lineman on the Bearcat football team. When his playing days concluded, Bob worked as an assistant coach under future Pro Football Hall of Fame head coach Sid Gillman. During his time as a player and coach, the team appeared in three postseason bowl games.

Bob chose to return home with his wife, Mary Patricia "Pat" Fenlon, and he began his legal practice with Dick Felhaber and Gus Larson in a firm that would become Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon & Vogt (now Felhaber Larson).

Bob would remain with the practice for almost 50 years, becoming a giant in the field of labor law both locally and nationally. With his deep voice, booming laugh and no-nonsense attitude, Bob thrived in the rough and tumble world of labor relations. Although he was a tenacious advocate for his management clients, he was exceptionally well respected by his union counterparts across the table. Over the years, as other lawyers in the firm took on matters with union officials, they would be greeted with suspicion until the union reps learned they practiced with Bob. Then they would say, "Oh, you're one of Bob's boys. I guess you're okay."

Union leaders respected Bob's opinion and advice, sometimes over the advice of their own legal counsel. He had a great ability to work with both management and labor to creatively solve problems, and on many occasions with both sides coming away with positive feelings about the outcome, a rarity in legal negotiations.

Bob had the same impact at the firm, where his strong, yet gracious presence fostered a culture of respect, civility, and professionalism that remains his legacy to this day.

Outside of the office, Bob loved spending time with his large and active family. He always had a gleam in his eye when heading off to a grandchild's athletic event or school activity. He also loved the game of golf, and he was a regular on the course at Town & Country Club, where he scored three holes-in-one (one of which caused him to be late for his son's groom's dinner that night).

Bob loved his friendships. After Pat passed away in 1994, he joined with other men who had lost their wives and never remarried, a group that became known simply as "the Boys." The Boys attended Mass together, enjoyed some cheer after church, and made sure to be at Town & Country every Thursday night where a table was always reserved for them to debate the events of the day, rehash their golf games and enjoy their special bond.

Bob is dearly missed by his six children, 20 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren, and by countless more who were fortunate enough to have known and worked with him.

**WILLIAM K. ECKLUND**  
**PAUL J. ZECH**

IN MEMORIAM  
**GARY WALLACE FLAKNE**

March 12, 1934 - January 3, 2016

Gary W. Flakne passed away on January 3, 2016, at the age of 81, after a short illness. He was surrounded by his many friends and family. A lifelong Minnesota patriot, Gary graduated from Shattuck School, the University of Minnesota and William Mitchell Law School. He practiced law from 1960 until his death. Gary had a long history of public service. He was a member of the Minnesota State Legislature for six consecutive terms before being appointed Hennepin County Attorney in 1973. He served as Hennepin County Attorney until 1979 when he returned to the private practice, specializing in family law, personal injury, criminal law and governmental law.

Gary tried important criminal cases, both as a prosecutor and as a defense lawyer, and represented hundreds of clients before juries, judges, referees, judicial officers, arbitration panels and governmental agencies. While Hennepin County Attorney, his office won national awards for programs to assist the victims of crimes. He personally tried the *State v. David Forbes* case, the first prosecution of an in-hockey game criminal assault in U.S. history.

In addition to his other qualifications, he was selected by the district court of Hennepin County to serve as a judicial referee in specialty courts involving harassment, housing and juveniles. He is one of a very select number of people who had the distinction of serving in all three separate branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial.

Gary retired as the judge advocate general for the Minnesota National Guard and later served with the Minnesota Reserves, attaining the rank of colonel. He was also an instructor of business and constitutional law at Metropolitan State University and Normandale Community College, and legal writing at William Mitchell College of Law.

Gary acted in his first play while at Shattuck School and thereafter performed at the Old Log Theater, the Brave New Workshop, the Parkway Players, the Bloomington Civic Theater, and the Wooddale Drama Ministry. He was a TV talk show host for *Capitol Approach* on channel 11, *Flak on Five* on channel 5, and hosted call-in radio shows for WDGY and KSTP. Gary was also an election analyst for KARE 11 and a political panel member for *TPT Almanac*.

A lifelong Republican, Gary chaired numerous district and county nominating conventions and was an alternate and delegate to two national conventions. Gary served on numerous volunteer, community, and law association related boards.

Gary enjoyed fishing for Rainey Lake walleyes and Gulf Coast tarpon. He loved the Gophers and the Vikings, cheering for both in good and bad times. Gary was proud of his Norwegian heritage and his 50-year membership in Torske Klubben, the Norwegian fellowship club, and his membership in the St. Paul Club, where his storytelling skills and sense of humor were legendary.

He was preceded in death by parents, Klevé and Jean; and brother, Robert (Marion). He is survived by wife, Patricia; children, Brian (Victoria Rico), Ross, Keith (Diane), Mark, Allison (Steve), Donna, Leslie (Chuck); and grandchildren, Jessica, Kathryn, Cameron, Tyler, Stephanie, Michelle, Dan, Brianna, Isaac, Veronica, Adam, and Connor. He will be missed by all who loved his wit and stories.

**BRIAN K. FLAKNE**

## IN MEMORIAM

### SHARON K. FREIER

March 29, 1955 – November 15, 2016

Sharon K. Freier was born on March 29, 1955, to Ernest and Deloris Freier in Mankato. Sharon graduated from Lake Crystal High School. She received a Bachelor of Science in sociology from South Dakota State University, followed by a M.S. in rural sociology. Sharon received her law degree from the University of Minnesota *magna cum laude*.

Sharon was a devoted mother. Her life outside of work was her son, Matthew. Their international travels began before Matthew was even a year old. Sharon had a passion for traveling to new places, though Disney World was a yearly destination. Family camp was a favorite time to fellowship with their church family. Sharon exposed Matthew to everything from cooking lessons, wild animal safaris in Africa, and fencing lessons.

After Matthew left for college (in Australia, no less), Sharon began her new "solo" life. She immersed herself in her church. Sharon also started sister weekends. She treated her sisters to many Broadway plays. Sharon loved the theater. The sisters had many great adventures together.

Sharon was always a giver, but became more generous the last couple of years. Sharon was always there, ready to help with whatever moved her heart. Her love for animals was evident in her choice of travel destinations and photos she captured. She always had cats for pets. Sharon will always be remembered for her loving and caring heart.

She worked at Fredrikson & Byron in downtown Minneapolis since law school, and she eventually made partner. Sharon was a member of Grace Church and had served or contributed to numerous nonprofit organizations. She was a world traveler, photographer, and scuba diver.

Sharon is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Victoria Freier of Sydney, Australia; her mother, Deloris of Lake Crystal; four siblings, Theresa Kopischke of North Mankato, Jerry Freier of Sherburne, Karen Bouma of Madelia, and Mary Marcussen of Eden Prairie. Sharon was preceded in death by her father, Ernest Freier, who died October 31, 2016.

**THE FREIER FAMILY**



IN MEMORIAM  
**GERALD HERBERT FRIEDEL**

July 30, 1924 – May 21, 2016

Our father would tell us all the time that he was just "dumb lucky." Not at all. He was a very bright person, a skilled lawyer with huge passions that attracted anyone within reach. Having made it well into his 91st year, it seemed there was more than luck that guided his life.

Early in his life, Gerry determined that he wanted to be a lawyer, and he never looked back. His love of being a lawyer never diminished. He was steadfastly loyal to his lifelong friends who helped him in his early career. He started with a practice in general law with Hall, Smith and Hedland, and soon helped form Moses-Friedell-Share and Salomon. After nearly 25 years in practice, he was delighted to join Larkin Hoffman. He migrated his practice into banking law, but as he had always done, used law as the starting point for his interests.

Gerry's many passions included—first of all—his 60-year marriage to Sally August Friedell. He loved the arts and helped start the "Frescoes for Assisi" with local fresco artist Mark Balma. He took many trips to Italy for this project, which culminated in meeting Pope John Paul. He attended the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra his entire life. Gerry was a voracious reader of history and current affairs. Together with Sally, their lives were filled with travel, almost daily summer outings on their boats on Lake Minnetonka, downhill skiing, tennis, and entertaining.

Along with this, he felt a genuine need to give back to the community he believed had supported him. This first and foremost started with the University of Minnesota, where he attended undergraduate and law school. He served as president of the Minnesota Red Cross, president of the Temple Israel Men's Club, and was a founder of the Temple's Camp Teko.

Our father was not "dumb lucky." He loved his life and had a joie de vivre that naturally attracted people. He was richly rewarded for this.

**STEPHEN FRIEDEL**  
**ROGER FRIEDEL**  
**CAROL FRIEDEL**



IN MEMORIAM  
**JAMES H. GAFFNEY**  
July 15, 1935 – February 2, 2016

In the early morning hours of February 2, 2016, in the stillness of the N.C. Little Hospice, Jim Gaffney died, leaving behind a loving extended family and many friends. He was 80 years old.

Jim was born in Minneapolis, one of three boys who grew up in various neighborhoods on the south side. The boys often fended for themselves. Jim started his working life with a newspaper route as a young boy, and from then on he was never without at least one job—usually more than one at a time—as he and his brothers got themselves through school.

After graduating from Roosevelt High School and attending the University of Minnesota for a time, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army working as a missile mechanic in New Mexico and California. When his service ended, he returned to Minnesota and resumed his studies at the U of M finishing college and law school while simultaneously working at a couple of jobs in the off-hours. By then he had a wife and the first of their three children: Katy, Shaun, and Annie.

Following law school, Jim worked for several years for the Minnesota Attorney General before beginning his long career as an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney. He spent most of those years as a felony prosecutor in the criminal division—work he loved. Even after he retired from full-time employment, Jim continued on a contract basis with the county, first representing guardians ad litem in the juvenile court, and later doing condemnation work until a year or two before his death.

Jim was an unusual lawyer operating on instinct and intuition much of the time. He had an innate sense of fairness and compassion, not only for the victims of crime, but for the defendants he tried, with whom he felt a natural connection, especially if they had grown up like him without means or much social support. He was utterly lacking in judgment toward others.

He could be rough around the edges, and some of us who loved him would say—always with the greatest affection—that he had been raised by wolves. He believed that, despite his law degree, he was “uneducated,” having worked so much while in school. As a result, he read constantly, always trying to learn what he felt he had missed all those years earlier.

He was unfailingly kind, funny, loving, and endlessly forgiving to his family. He went on to have a second long marriage and two more sons, Conlin and Tim, who, like their mother, adored him.

Jim was a man of character, humility, and strength. He dealt with some of life's greatest tragedies without blame or complaint. His final, complicated illnesses never defeated him, but only made him more grateful for the love of family and friends. A sweeter man never lived.

**PHEBE HAUGEN**

## IN MEMORIAM

### THOMAS W. GENG

December 6, 1958 - January 30, 2016

Thomas W. Geng, age 57, passed unexpectedly on January 30, 2016. Tom led a prolific and rich life. Born in St. Paul, he graduated from Cretin High School in 1977. He received his B.A. in history, graduating magna cum laude from Saint Mary's College of California in 1981, while playing baseball for the school. After graduation, he moved to Washington, D.C. and became chief of staff for Congressman James Scheuer and then special assistant to the chairman of the House Subcommittee on Natural Resources. Tom returned to Minnesota to earn his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1991. Upon graduation, he served as law clerk to Judges Ann Montgomery and Gary Larson.

As a practicing lawyer for more than two decades, Tom passionately served his clients, working to defend the rights of those injured and redress wrongs suffered. He compiled an extensive list of successes at both the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts. Tom served his community in many civic capacities, including planning commissioner for the city of Shorewood, election judge and volunteering for the West Hennepin History Center.

Judge Montgomery said that Tom "caught her attention while he was a law student in my trial practice class at the University of Minnesota Law School. The breadth and depth of his areas of interest from baseball trivia to the theories of constitutional law convinced me that he would be a great addition to my Chambers as a law clerk. My hunch proved correct – he was an adept, nimble writer and a great clerk. Tom was at his best in discussion and strategizing how the law could play a significant role in protecting human rights."

Tom is remembered by his family, friends and clients for his loving support, loyalty, endless energy and perceptive insights. He will be deeply missed. Our lives are all the better for having known Tom.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Ferrell Geng; daughter, Stephanie Ferrell; granddaughter, Julianna Belle; and his siblings, Jeanne (Mark) Pringle, Donny Geng, Beth Kringle, and Kathy Jonas, as well as a large extended family.

THE HONORABLE GARY LARSON

IN MEMORIAM  
**JUDY M. GERNANDER**

October 17, 1941 – April 3, 2016

My mother, Judy Gernander, passed away unexpectedly on April 3, 2016, at her home in Houston County.

Growing up in rural Blue Earth County, Judy was a farm girl. The youngest of four children in a farming family, she retained a lifelong love of the land, animals, and the self-sufficiency that farming taught her. She attended Mankato State University and graduated in three years as salutatorian of her class. She then attended the University of Minnesota Law School. She was on the law review and graduated with honors.

In her professional life, she was a professor at Winona State University for 40 years, teaching business law and related courses. She retired from teaching in 2010. However, she also ran her own private practice in Winona and Houston Counties for several years and served for many years as an assistant public defender for Winona County. As if that was not enough to occupy her, she also owned and operated an antique business in Fountain City, Wisconsin, and had a keen eye for old farm implements and the objects of country life.

Judy was a strong character, fiercely independent, known to not suffer fools, and was an avid fighter for the underdog. She relished a good fight and refused to back down when faced with a perceived imbalance of power. As an example, she served as lead plaintiff in a suit against the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System (her employer!) challenging "fair share" practices.

Judy was a talented artist, and she was known for her many colorful—and off-color—phrases. She also made a legendary fruitcake, which was always in high demand (perhaps due to its high alcohol content). After retirement from private practice, Judy lived on her small farm near Houston, where she tended to her horses, dog, and many cats. She enjoyed the turn of seasons on her land, except when the creeks would rise.

Judy is survived by her three children, Leah Prochnow of Denver, Colorado; Bart (Bridget) Gernander of Minneapolis; and Rachel Gernander of Minneapolis; and by her three grandchildren, Jordan, Ella, and Charles. She is also missed by her many friends and her beloved animals.

**BART GERNANDER**



IN MEMORIAM  
**RICHARD D. GOFF**  
February 22, 1939 – June 7, 2016

In June 2016, we lost our father Richard David Goff. He was an extraordinary man both in his public and private life. A well-respected family attorney, he was known in the Minnesota legal community as invariably honest, ethical, hardworking, and as a very effective advocate for his clients. In his private life, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was loving, funny and enjoyed good food and travel. He gave everything imaginable—time, resources, and guidance—to his wife, two children and their husbands, and to his three grandchildren. We miss his dumb jokes and brilliant insights terribly.

Dick was born on February 22, 1939, in St. Paul. He was the son of Sydney W. Goff and Alice S. Goff. He was the third of four children. All of the kids went into one of the family businesses, law, politics, or the profession of fire insurance adjusting that his maternal "Grandpa Joe" had founded. Dad chose law. Like others in his family, he graduated from St. Thomas Academy. He then attended Cornell University before, according to him, getting kicked out for having a little too much fun. He received both a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Minnesota. He was honorably discharged from the army where he famously served as a chef. If you knew him as we did, you would feel very badly for his fellow soldiers. Our father had many great gifts, but domestic skills were not among them.

He practiced law in Minnesota for nearly 50 years, first as a partner with his father Sydney Goff in the St. Paul firm Goff & Goff, and then for many years as a solo practitioner specializing in family law. At the end of his career, he partnered with Ben Henschel and Joani Moberg. We were always curious about strange gifts that would sometimes appear, like a t-shirt from a client that said "Freedom Fighter" in sparkly letters. He might not have worn it, but he kept it because it was true.

If there was a guiding principle in his life, it was decency. Cases he argued and won like *Ayers v. Ayers* laid the groundwork for changes in the law that have made divorce much less confrontational.

The great love of his life was his wife Kathleen, who died three years ago from ovarian cancer. They loved to travel the world, visit us in the various cities we lived in, and spend time with a handful of dear friends and family. Dick and our mom were symbiotic beings and her death left a great void in his life. He filled that void by being an ever-present and attentive grandfather to Eli and Maizy in St. Paul and Brooks in New York City.

We, as his kids, feel the best thing we can impart to our own children is to aspire to be like their grandfather. The world could use more people like him.

**THE FAMILY OF RICHARD D. GOFF**

IN MEMORIAM  
**GEMMA EILEEN GRAHAM**

April 11, 1956 – November 2, 2016

Gemma was the youngest of nine children born to Mark and Marjorie Quigley Graham. She grew up in Interlachen Park, where she walked a block from her Holly Road home to

St. John the Evangelist grade school. She always noted with gratification that her senior class was the final all-female class of St. Margaret's Academy. Gemma was a proud alumna (and loyal football fan) of the University of Notre Dame and a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School.

Gemma became a career felony prosecutor in the Hennepin County Attorney's office, and she worked there from 1985 until her disability retirement in 2009. There she handled the most difficult and sensitive cases, from child abuse and sexual assault to homicide, and a host of lesser matters. As an accomplished and skilled trial lawyer, she was respected by judges, law enforcement, colleagues, and opposing counsel. Gemma was known to be "scary" smart, tough, "steely" tenacious, meticulously prepared, and ethical. A longtime colleague noted that her "killer sense of humor and her loyalty" were her most valued qualities. She was generous to others with her time and experience. Years after the fact, a victim's family wrote that they owed Gemma a debt of gratitude, as she was "critical to providing peace at a terrible time in our lives."

Returning to the theme of friendship and loyalty, it is notable that many of her friendships spanned decades. Friends from grade school, as well as high school, were numbered in her amazing posse who carried her through the recent difficult months, and indeed years of illness. This was their instinctual response to their mutually unfailing loyalty. Amidst the tears in the days following her death, their stories of youthful escapades brought riotous laughter. Similarly, the Notre Dame gang flew in from around the country to sit with her in intensive care and affirm their love amid tears mixed with laughter. All remarked her wit, generosity, and always, her iron will to live.

Gemma delighted in her 13 nieces and nephews, sewing them clothes and Halloween costumes when they were small, delivering Grandma Graham's chocolate chip pie at Thanksgiving and Christmas (though as a lifelong diabetic she herself could not indulge), and diligently following their activities and endeavors, in person and online, as they grew. In recent years, she applied her prodigious research skills to the creation of a custom-made recumbent tricycle for her beloved brother, Kevin, so he could continue to cruise the bike paths of Minneapolis, despite the physical limitations of a massive stroke. She also found him a singing teacher at MacPhail. As Kevin had been her mainstay when he was thriving, she became his, eschewing her infamous frugality repeatedly for his benefit.

Finally, she loved her four-footed friends, dearly departed canines, Nicky and Sasha, and surviving faithful felines, Hannah and Jack. Wherever she is, Gemma has a cat in her lap, a dog lying on her foot, and a knowing smile on her face.

**KATHLEEN GRAHAM**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**ROBERT L. "BOB" HOBBS**

**June 5, 1948 – January 1, 2016**

Robert L. "Bob" Hobbs died on January 1, 2016, in Minneapolis after a valiant battle against cancer. He was 67 years old. Bob is survived by his wife, Carmela ("Carmie"); three sons, Brian (Kate), Patrick (Jeannie) and Teddy (Jess); and five grandchildren.

Bob was born in Des Moines, Iowa. He received a B.A. degree from Creighton University and a J.D. degree from New York University Law School where he was a Root-Tilden Scholar and a staff member on the Annual Survey of American Law. He was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army on active and reserve duty from 1974 to 1979.

Bob joined what is now Dorsey & Whitney as an associate in 1973. He became a partner in the labor & employment group in 1979, and he was later named its chair. He retired as a partner in 2010 and as of counsel in 2011.

During his long career at the firm, Bob's practice focused on all areas of labor and employment law for management. He was one of the most highly respected labor and employment lawyers in the Twin Cities. The excellence of his practice was recognized by Chambers USA, Best Lawyers in America, and Minnesota Super Lawyers.

In addition to serving as head of the firm's labor & employment group, Bob served on many committees. He also served as employment counsel to the firm. He was very active in the firm's pro bono program. Bob was a frequent commentator to the media on labor and employment topics, and he taught as an adjunct professor at Hamline University Law School and later at the University of St. Thomas Law School.

In addition to his pro bono service, Bob also dedicated his time to giving back to the community through volunteer work, including service as chair of the Regional Council of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Ignatian Volunteer Council, and extensive involvement in the firm's work-study program with Cristo Rey Jesuit High School.

Bob was a superb lawyer and a tremendous contributor to his family, the Dorsey firm, and the community. He was the epitome of what we want a Dorsey lawyer to be: the consummate professional and a great mentor, who was also a wonderful family man and contributor to the community. In addition, he was a warm, wonderful, and thoughtful colleague whose disarmingly boyish looks belied his long experience and wisdom. We will miss him dearly. Our hearts go out to his family. He was also a fishing and cross-country skiing enthusiast. Indeed, there are many who wonder how Bob successfully spent so much time and effort on non-fishing matters! May he rest in peace.

**DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**DONALD FORREST HUNTER**

**July 30, 1934 – January 24, 2016**

Donald Forrest Hunter of Eden Prairie, passed away January 24, 2016, surrounded by his family; his loving wife of more than 60 years, Marlys, and his immediate children: Jeffrey, Cheri, and Kathryn.

Donald was born on January 30, 1934. He attended Anoka Public Schools, graduated with honors in history at the University of Minnesota, and graduated from the U of MN Law School in 1963. Following law school, Donald was employed by the law firm Gislason and Reim of New Ulm as an associate attorney. In 1970, he became a partner in the firm and is remembered for his representation of a company of Minnesota reservists in litigation that took him to the circuit court of appeals and to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1976, he left the firm to join the Wirtz Corporation Group of companies in Chicago, where he was employed as counsel and as executive vice president of the Ice Follies, Holiday on Ice, and related entertainment ventures. In 1978, he was appointed to and then elected as director of the Chicago Milwaukee Corporation (which owned the railroad of the same name), and in 1979 he was elected chairman of the board. In 1981, Donald returned to the practice of law. He founded the Minneapolis office of the Gislason and Reim Law Firm, which would later be renamed Gislason and Hunter. He remained with the firm practicing in various business related areas until his retirement. He hired and mentored many of the attorneys at the firm, and taught them to fight the good fight in pursuit of the best interests of their clients, while maintaining respect for opponents, the courts, and the law itself.

He served as a board member of over 50 companies, including state and national banks, and the 2010, 2013, and 2015 NHL Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks hockey team. He was president of the Fifth District of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and in 1986, he was elected a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was also repeatedly selected to the "Best Lawyers" List in Minnesota.

There are two memorable quotes from speakers at his funeral that give more texture to Don and his life:

*He loved food, wine, gin, scotch, family, hunting, fishing, history and the law—not necessarily in that order.*

*I am reminded of one of Don's most oft-repeated phrases. A lawyer's essential work is finding and then marshalling factual information into a form which will persuade and ultimately win the day and achieve a positive result. Don was an absolute master at this. He taught each of the many lawyers he trained and mentored, to strive always to do the same. When he had completed his final review of most any quality piece of persuasive work, he liked to say, as a means to sort of give it a final blessing, 'It is well done and it has the added advantage of being true.'*

**THE FAMILY OF DONALD FORREST HUNTER**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**LEONARD T. JUSTER**  
**December 8, 1927 – April 1, 2016**

Leonard T. Juster was born on December 8, 1927, and he passed away on April 1, 2016, at age 88, on the final night of a Panama cruise. Leonard was a graduate of North High School, and he received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Minnesota. During the Korean War, Leonard served in the JAG Department of the U.S. Air Force. Leonard practiced law for 66 years. His early years were with the firm of Smith, Juster, Feikema, Malmon & Haskvitz and its predecessor firms. The Smith, Juster and Feikema firm later merged with what is now the Lommen Abdo law firm. Leonard served as president of both the Smith, Juster and Feikema and Lommen Abdo firms for many years.

Leonard was active in the community, serving on the boards of Talmud Torah, the Jewish Community Center, and B'nai Emet Synagogue. In his later years, Leonard volunteered to help Russian immigrants prepare and attend their hearing examinations before U.S. immigration officers, which was the final step in becoming a U.S. citizen.

Many of Leonard's clients were childhood friends whom he represented over the course of more than 50 years. Leonard's practice grew based on the recommendations of his satisfied clients in successfully handling corporate and real estate matters, family succession issues and estate planning. He was certified as a Real Estate Specialist. He had considerable experience handling tax appeals to the Minnesota Tax Court and in representing clients in real estate condemnation matters. Leonard was noted for his exceptional negotiation skills, whether it be helping families work out complicated inter-family relationships, assisting corporate clients in acquiring companies, or in successfully selling their businesses.

Leonard was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Charlotte Juster (2013). He is survived by sons, Gary, of Atlanta, Georgia; and Daniel, of Minneapolis.

**STACEY DEKALB**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**THE HONORABLE HAROLD KALINA**

**July 2, 1928 - August 15, 2016**

Through intelligence, integrity, faith and self-determination, Harold achieved an illustrious career as a lawyer, state senator, and district court judge. Born the last of eleven children to immigrant Slovakian parents in northeast Minneapolis, Harold never forgot his humble and poor beginning during his time of public service.

Harold enlisted in the army and proudly served in Korea just prior to the conflict. He obtained his undergraduate and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota, where he also met his wife, Elaine. Harold's political interest led him to be elected as the then youngest member ever of the Minnesota State Senate. Re-elected four times, he became assistant minority leader, serving alongside his dear friend Nick Coleman. He played a key role as one of only five senate members who drafted the "Minnesota Miracle," an unprecedented overhaul of the Minnesota tax structure and crowning achievement of Governor Wendell Anderson.

Although Harold was partner in two law firms, including Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, he is fondly remembered as a judge with the Hennepin County Fourth Judicial District Court. Presiding with fairness and integrity, his peers held him in high esteem as evidenced in being unanimously elected chief judge. After retiring from the bench, Harold combined his leadership and expertise to guide the National Arbitration Forum for nearly 20 years. In recognition of his dedication and service, the Forum established the "Harold Kalina Award of Excellence"—an annual award honoring an individual in the legal community.

Harold devoted his life to the Orthodox Church in America (OCA)—nationally and locally. He served on the Metropolitan Council, board of trustees for St. Vladimir's Seminary, delegate to the All-American Council, parish president, and multiple committees. He was awarded the St. Innocent Order—the highest honor of recognition in the OCA for a layperson.

If not in the courtroom, Harold could be found on the golf course. Taught golf as a child by his brother Jack, he was a highly accomplished player. Harold played on both his high school and college golf teams, and later in numerous local and state tournaments. As a 58-year member of Midland Hills Country Club, there was never a day that wasn't good for golf.

When asked about his family, Harold beamed. He was married to Elaine for 58 years. He adored his children and grandchildren. His love and devotion for all of them never wavered. As Elaine's health slowly deteriorated from Alzheimer's, few knew that Harold was her primary caretaker for many years. He wouldn't have it any other way. That's who he was.

**CRAIG J. KALINA**  
**PAUL H. KALINA**  
**JULIE M. KALINA-JENSEN**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**JOHN F. KAPACINSKAS**

**April 18, 1966 – April 18, 2016**

John F. Kapacinskas, age 50, of Edina, passed away April 18, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Heidi (Mathews); children, Andrew, Robert, and Kathryn; parents, Joseph and Norma Kapacinskas of Bloomington, Minnesota; and sister, Krista (Tankut) Sensurucu of Istanbul, Turkey.

John was an attorney in Minneapolis. He was an accomplished litigator, educator, and writer. He counseled clients nationally in the law as applied to health care and biosciences. As a health care litigator, John understood the industry and the challenges clients faced. He also understood the complex and important relationships health care companies maintain with their members, regulators, and the provider community.

John was born in South Bend, Indiana. He was raised in Iowa City, Iowa and attended West High School where he was a star debater. He received a B.A. from the University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts in 1988, where he graduated with distinction and honors, and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He received a J.D. with high distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1991. John was admitted to the bar in Texas, Arizona, and Minnesota. He taught as an adjunct professor, regularly published legal articles, and gave time to pro bono activities.

John's greatest joys included his children, designing and building home projects, outdoor activities, and time spent with friends and family. His love, generosity and kindness will be greatly missed by all.

**JOSEPH KAPACINSKAS**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**ROBERT J. KLEPINSKI**

**May 20, 1947 – March 21, 2016**

Robert J. Klepinski, age 68, of St. Louis Park, passed away suddenly on March 21, 2016, while on vacation in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. He is survived by his dear wife of 44 years, Terry; his three darlings, Elizabeth (Will), Marta (Kareem), and Katie (Max); and his beloved grandchildren, Mae and Elliott. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rose and Kasmir, and treasured aunts, Jennie and Sophie.

Born on May 20, 1947, Bob was a proud Polish son of Duluth. He graduated in 1969 from the University of Minnesota, where he first met Terry. After earning a law degree from William Mitchell, he embarked upon a career as a regulatory attorney, working for many years at Medtronic, and most recently at Fredrikson & Byron. Bob truly loved his work and was a natural teacher and mentor to many. He nurtured his love of the outdoors as a Boy Scout, avid fisherman, frustrated golfer, family boat captain, and member of the board at Camp Menogyn. A man of boundless curiosity, Bob was a joyful chef, insatiable reader, exuberant tuba player, crossword enthusiast, and a collector of puns.

His greatest joy was his family, and as a loving, devoted Papa, he was always there for his three girls. He wholeheartedly encouraged his daughters' academic and athletic pursuits, notably helping to found and coach the first St. Louis Park girls' hockey team. His family will miss his boisterous laughter, wise counsel, and generous hugs.

**THE FAMILY OF BOB KLEPINSKI**

## **IN MEMORIAM**

# **BRUCE KRUGER**

**August 5, 1940 – November 2, 2016**

Bruce was a man of character, integrity, keen intellect, and compassion. Bruce had a knack for helping and connecting with people, and he fondly collected lifelong friends. He enjoyed a good argument and had a dry sense of humor. He was fair, firm, and always kind, both in and outside of the courtroom.

Bruce loved his family and friends, the outdoors, travel, history, music, photography, and the sport of hockey. He grew up in Faribault, where he met his lifelong sweetheart, Patricia Kruger. After graduating from high school, Bruce attended Harvard University and the University of Minnesota Law School.

Bruce worked as an attorney in private practice for many years in Duluth and in the Twin Cities at the Gray Plant Mooty law firm. In 1990, he joined the Hennepin County District Court as a probate-mental health referee until he retired in 2010. He loved his job! After retiring from the bench, Bruce mediated probate and trust matters while affiliated with the Lindquist and Vennum law firm.

Bruce's passion, in addition to his children and grandchildren, was making the sport of hockey better. He channeled this energy by volunteering for Minnesota's Metro Hockey League and serving as a risk manager for USA Hockey for many years. On an ideal day, you might have found Bruce with his family or friends at the cabin enjoying conversation, fishing, boating, and a cold beverage.

Bruce died too young and will be missed by his family, colleagues, and friends. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patricia Kruger; children, Mark, Kris, and Lee; grandchildren, Mary, James, Anne, Emily, Ali, and Ty; and great-grandson, Ryder.

## **THE FAMILY OF BRUCE KRUGER**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**CHARLES "CHARLIE" LEFEVERE**

**December 21, 1946 - January 30, 2016**

Charlie graduated from St. Olaf College in 1968 and the University of Minnesota Law School in 1975. He was an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1969-1972.

Charlie joined LeFevere, Lefler, Kennedy, O'Brien and Drawz in 1975 and began practicing local government law. The LeFevere name has been at the forefront of local government law since the early 1950s. Charlie's father, Clayton LeFevere, was also a municipal law attorney who served as a longtime city attorney for numerous communities. Charlie skillfully and honorably continued that tradition while he practiced municipal law.

In 1989, members of LeFevere, Lefler joined what is now known as Kennedy & Graven, where Charlie practiced until his retirement in 2015.

Charlie was well known for his long-term client relationships. He served for more than two decades as general counsel for the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District and as city attorney for New Brighton, Brooklyn Center, and Rosemount. During his career, he was also city attorney for Cambridge, Rice, and interim city attorney for Minnetonka. Shingle Creek and Bassett Creek were also among his watershed district clients.

His civic activities included president of the Brooklyn Center Rotary Club, chair of the Minnetonka Board of Zoning Adjustment, and president of the Wayzata Youth Hockey Association.

Charlie spent his entire 40-year career practicing public law while delivering practical, common-sense solutions. He understood the importance that civility, openness, and professionalism play in the interaction between a city and its residents, and he knew the key role the city attorney has in maintaining that relationship. Charlie always kept in mind what was in the public interest. His advice was thoughtful and delivered with ease and clarity.

Charlie dealt with people as a true gentleman and was viewed as the consummate professional by fellow members of the bar. Charlie always took the time to mentor other attorneys as they developed their careers in local government law. As a result, his influence continues to impact the field of local government law.

Charlie was a kind, caring, selfless, honorable man with a big smile and an always-present sense of humor. He cherished his wife, was so proud of his children and grandchildren, and delighted in time spent with all of them. He loved hunting and fishing, and the annual trips with his buddies. He was so loved and is greatly missed by his wife, Kathryn; son, Rob (Jenny); daughter, Kate Gourley (Chad); grandchildren, Casey, Calvin, Gavin, Brayden and Bodhi; and brothers, Tom (Jeanne) and Clayton (Mary).

**RONALD BATTY**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**THE HONORABLE DAVID R. LESLIE**

**June 8, 1924 – January 12, 2016**

The Honorable David R. Leslie, 91, of Golden Valley, died peacefully January 12, 2016. Born David Leuchovius, Leslie was the son of David G. and Ruth (Good) Leuchovius, and loving husband of Corinne Shiell Leslie.

After serving in the military in WWII, Leslie graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1950. He began his legal career in private practice in Dassel where he held the offices of village clerk, justice of the peace and village attorney. He joined the staff of Minnesota Attorney General Miles Lord in 1957 and continued serving as an assistant attorney general under Attorney General Walter Mondale until 1963. In this role he was assigned to the department of administration, state college board, the adjutant general, the civil service department, and the University of Minnesota. These assignments, according to Kathleen A. Blatz, former chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, "probably command the attention and devotion of enough lawyers to fill the offices of one of our largest Twin Cities law firms today."

Leslie found his calling early in life, first announcing his plans to become a judge at the age of 5. He served on the bench a total of 39 years, and he finally retired at age 78. He was appointed to the Minneapolis Municipal Court bench by Governor Karl Rolvaag in 1963, to the Hennepin County District Court bench by Governor Wendell Anderson in 1971; and to a newly established Minnesota Court of Appeals in 1984 by Governor Rudy Perpich. After retiring from the appellate court in 1987, Leslie continued working part-time in the court of appeals, tax court and trial court in the 7th and 10th districts, as well as serving on a special appeals court panel until 2002. It was work that he truly loved.

His son, Jonathan Leslie, preceded him in death. He is survived by Corinne, his wife of 64 years; sons, David (Michele), Karl (Mary) and James (Julie); daughters, Deborah Leuchovius (James Poole), Karin Leslie Leuchovius and Jane (Kirk) Fox; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**THE FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE DAVID R. LESLIE**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**THE HONORABLE A. PAUL LOMMEN**

**February 3, 1915 – April 20, 2016**

Judge Paul Lommen was raised in Lanesboro. His father was Dr. A. P. Lommen. He was born on February 3, 1915, and passed away on April 20, 2016. Judge Lommen was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Donni, and by his daughter Peggy. He is survived by his daughter, Kay (Bing) Johnson; son-in-law, Bob Haines; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Judge Lommen graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1939. He was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941 and served until 1946. Later, he would serve in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1953. He practiced law in Winona and then moved to Minneapolis.

Up to the 1960s there were numerous part-time municipal judges in Hennepin County. In 1961, Judge Lommen began serving as a municipal court judge for Golden Valley. He eventually became a full-time district court judge. He had a very calm demeanor on the bench. He put lawyers and litigants at ease. But during his career, he could be forceful when the circumstances dictated it. Most of the lawyers who appeared before him have long since retired. One lawyer said, "He took the job seriously, but never took himself seriously. On that score he was a role model for future generations of judges."

Judge Lommen was quite physically fit. He frequently spent his lunch hours simply going for a long walk—perhaps explaining why he lived to be 101 years old. After he retired, he sat as a senior judge on the Minnesota Court of Appeals and district court. Judge Lommen was a quiet, self-effacing man. When he returned to sit as a senior judge, he said he was happy with just a desk. He said he had no expectation of a chambers because he was just an "extra around here."

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN BURKE**



## IN MEMORIAM

# THE HONORABLE MILES W. LORD

November 6, 1919 – December 10, 2016

Judge Miles W. Lord, former chief U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota, age 97, died on December 10, 2016, in Eden Prairie, after a long illness. Miles was a larger-than-life public figure. He was born on November 6, 1919, one of nine children in a poor Iron Range family in Crosby-Ironton. As a school boy, Miles, a skinny 5-foot-9, began to make his mark as a fighter who took on town bullies. He went on to box in Golden Gloves tournaments and in 1939, as a middleweight, advanced to the state championship, losing in the final round, but winning loud applause for his grit in battling back after being knocked down at least six times. Miles himself would remain as proud of his mettle in the ring as anything else, and he would use that same mindset to fight for justice for all throughout his life.

In 1940, Miles eloped with the love of his life, Maxine, also from Crosby-Ironton. Shortly thereafter, the young couple left for the Twin Cities, where Miles attended the University of Minnesota and received his law degree in 1948. Miles then began his many years of public service in the early 1950s as an assistant U.S. attorney and crime-busting prosecutor of Twin Cities gangsters and racketeers. In 1954, Miles was elected attorney general of Minnesota, a post he would serve in until 1960 while becoming one of the best known and most popular politicians in the state.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed Miles as U.S. attorney for Minnesota; in that post, he teamed up with U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in the successful prosecution of Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Miles as a federal district court judge. Indeed, in his two decades on the bench, Judge Lord gained national fame with his bold (and sometimes controversial) rulings.

Perhaps his two most famous cases involved the Reserve Mining Company, which was dumping thousands of tons of taconite waste containing asbestos-like fibers into Lake Superior, and the A.H. Robins Company, which manufactured the Dalkon Shield, an IUD that injured thousands of women. In the Reserve Mining case, Judge Lord became the first judge in the country to order a major industrial plant to halt its operations in order to protect the environment. In the Dalkon Shield litigation, Judge Lord's actions helped lead to the recall of Dalkon Shield and the bankruptcy of the A.H. Robins Company.

In 1985, the judge stepped down from the bench and entered the private practice of law, where he was joined, for periods of time, by all four of his children. Miles was a fun-loving Grandpa, teaching his grandchildren how to drive and water ski. He showed his family how to be completely engaged in life and relationships.

Miles is survived by his daughters, Priscilla Lord and Virginia Lord; and grandchildren, Margaret and Emma Faris, and Jessica and Catherine Pollock. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine; sons, Miles Jr. (Mick) Lord and James (Jim) Lord; and grandson, Wayne Faris, Jr.

**PRISCILLA LORD**

IN MEMORIAM  
**IRVING COBURN MACDONALD**

September 22, 1950 – May 22, 2016

Knowing Irv's love of sea stories, we begin his adventure like this...

*A Lake Superior gale with 12-foot swells tossed the weathered S.S. Irving like a leaf.  
But down below, the spirited and determined Emmy-Lou bore a son. "I will call you Irving  
Coburn MacDonald."*

In actuality, he was born right here in Minneapolis on September 22, 1950, the third child of Dr. John W. MacDonald and Emmy-Lou MacDonald.

Blake is where he received his formal K-12 education. However, Camp Warren is where he learned the fun skills that he shared with his family: camping, sailing, archery, and riflery.

Both camp and his lifelong relationship with Lutsen contributed to his love of nature. He would much rather have been in his red canoe than fighting the crowds at the state fair. He enjoyed spotting wildlife and occasionally hunting it. His free time was spent at his family home in Lutsen hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, watching the great lake, and of course, reading sea stories.

He surprised no one when he decided to pursue a career in law. As a child he played devil's advocate at the dinner table, always thought things through, and never assumed anything.

Irv received his B.A. from Cornell College in 1972 and his J.D. from Washington and Lee University in 1976. Come 1977, he was admitted to the bar and got his first case representing a woman in her divorce. He worked as a trial lawyer for a short period of time and then continued on to corporate law, which he practiced for the remainder of his career. He was a member of the American Arbitration Association and was awarded Martindale-Hubbell's AV rating.

Growing up with him was quite the experience. He taught us to be Scottish with money, read what we sign, take no shortcuts, and know what it feels like to be on the witness stand (especially in those teenage years). He took us traveling, but not to the usual tropical destinations. Oh no, he enjoyed cold and uncrowded destinations, like Iceland and Alaska.

Irv had a witty and dry sense of humor. When he and his brother, Buck, got to their bantering, he would laugh so hard that tears would stream down his face and anyone who was near couldn't help but join in.

Knowing his love of sea stories, he would have liked his own to end like this...

*Ship's log: May 22, 2016*

*I have successfully rescued the damsel in distress and secured safe passage for her and the recovered treasure. A bluebird came to the ship today—highly irregular. There are smooth seas predicted, but I sense a monster of a storm brewing as we approach the fabled cave of the giant squid. I have taken steps to ensure the safety of the crew. Should it be needed, the captain will go down with the ship and meet his maker in peace.*

MIMI SCANLON



IN MEMORIAM  
**DENNIS E. MAHER**

December 20, 1924 - November 15, 2016

Dennis was born on December 20, 1924, in Morton, and passed away peacefully on November 15, 2016, at the age of 91. He was predeceased by Patsy, his beloved wife of 61 years, and Kevin, his cherished son. He is survived by his daughters, Kate, Sheila, and Maureen; grandchildren, Shawn (Amy), Shannon (Brian), Patrick (Michelle), Michael (Chani), Briana, Andrew, and Evan; and great-grandchildren, Sophia, Casey, Theodore, Lilyanna, Aurora, Kevin, and Ava.

Dennis was a proud veteran and aspired to be the last living WWII vet. Sadly, he was not able to accomplish this goal. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII aboard the USS *Hermitage* in several areas around the world, including the Asia Pacific, European, African, and American theaters. He had the honor of being the one who rang the ship's bell in Le Havre, France, announcing their liberation at the end of the war.

Dennis graduated *cum laude* from William Mitchell in 1962 while working full time and raising a family. He spent most of his career working for Hennepin County. He joined the Hennepin County Welfare Department in 1954 as a social worker and rapidly worked his way up the ranks in the Financial Assistance and Social Services Departments. He was the primary author of the child support collection system (commonly known as the deadbeat dad's program), which became a model on which nationwide programs were based. He moved to the Hennepin County Attorney's office in 1971 as the first attorney assigned to the welfare legal services department who focused on welfare fraud. He retired as one of the principal attorneys in the county attorney's office in 1986.

Dennis had a wide variety of hobbies and interests. He was an avid political news junkie, and he was well-versed in events at every level from local to international. He read multiple newspapers and followed various news sources, including the televised coverage of legislative sessions, as well as senate hearings.

His favorite hobby was researching and documenting his family tree. He conducted extensive research and has a substantial history tracing back many generations.

Dennis was quite proud of his Irish heritage and always led his family to believe they were more Irish than the math supported. He was a member of the Irish club, and the Irish flag flew from his boat and RV. During his retirement ceremony at the Hennepin County Government Center, one of his coworkers commented, "beneath the stoic, white-haired exterior was a giant of a leprechaun".

The most central theme in Dennis's life was family. He was the ultimate patriarch, happiest when his family was gathered around him. Dennis took care of his wife with love and devotion in their home until she died of Alzheimer's disease, despite the fact that she no longer recognized him, and was unable to care for herself in any way. Dennis was an incredible man and his passing leaves a huge hole in his family and community.

**KATE MAHER**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**ROBERT MAHER**

February 15, 1964 – January 20, 2016

Bob Maher spent his entire legal career with Best & Flanagan, until he passed away in January 2016. He began as an associate in the firm's litigation section and then transitioned as a partner into the firm's trust and estates group. He was a highly skilled estate planner and advisor whose clients benefitted from his unique blend of intellect, practicality, and loyalty. Bob was also a seasoned trial lawyer, specializing in estate and fiduciary litigation. His skill, tenacity, and wit as a litigator earned him the respect and admiration of judges and adversaries alike, many of whom he counted as friends.

Bob received his B.A. in English, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Minnesota in 1986. After working for Congressman Bill Frenzel in Washington, D.C., he attended the University of Minnesota Law School and graduated *cum laude* in 1991. He worked as a summer associate at Best & Flanagan in 1990 and joined the firm as an associate in the fall of 1991.

Throughout his career, Bob gave the firm the gift of his leadership, wisdom, and mentorship. A longtime member of the firm's executive committee, he served as managing partner of the firm from 2011 through 2015.

Bob leaves an enormous legacy at Best & Flanagan as a lawyer, colleague, leader, and friend. A fierce competitor and loyal friend, Bob lived a life of integrity, grace, and unwavering commitment to fairness and decency—always laced with an irrepressible and irreplaceable Irish charm and sense of mischief. His passing is a huge loss to the Best & Flanagan family. He was the best of us, and we miss him.

**SARAH CRIPPEN**  
**DAN GRIMSRUD**

## IN MEMORIAM

### SHIRLEY ANN (RHOTEN) MAXWELL

July 14, 1927 – February 24, 2016

Shirley Maxwell was known for her anti-war activism, civil rights advocacy, and feminist beliefs, but she'll be remembered best for her tenacity and sense of humor. Close friend, Carole Rydberg, recalled how Shirley could muster a one-liner for even the bleakest moments, like when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. "She said to me, 'Oh, that Alzheimer's is a [expletive], but I'll never forget you, Betty,' and then she cracked up laughing. That was her remarkable spirit." Shirley lived with Alzheimer's for 13 years.

Shirley was the 1945 valedictorian of Minneapolis Roosevelt High School. She received an education degree from the University of Minnesota, and then taught high school while raising seven children with her husband, Don. Shirley was a typical Midwestern mom in many ways—making hot dish dinners and pushing academics—but she was a force to be reckoned with on the political front. When it came to civil rights and advocating for anyone who was downtrodden, Shirley didn't much care about being politically correct. She was a very kind person, but she said what needed to be said, and she didn't beat around the bush.

Curiosity and lifelong learning drove Shirley, at age 50, to enroll at the University of Minnesota law school. It was by chance she got in. The person who usually handled admissions was out the week that Shirley applied and later said that the "U" never would have admitted someone that old. Shirley then worked as an attorney in Minneapolis, focusing on helping immigrant families, often pro bono. She later turned her passion for politics into a run for a seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Her slogans were "A woman's place is in the House" and "Put a Maxwell in the House." Although not elected, Shirley never stopped fighting for social justice. During a 2007 anti-war demonstration with members of Northwest Neighbors for Peace, she told the Star Tribune, "I've been protesting every war there's been. Well, not World War II, but since then. I'm a real rebel from way back."

Shirley served in many leadership capacities with the First Unitarian Society in Minneapolis. She enjoyed music, especially the Minnesota Orchestra, and nature—camping, biking, hiking and cross-country skiing. She and her husband traveled the world in search of cultures different from their own. They kept a sailboat in Bayfield, Wisconsin, and enjoyed taking friends on adventures on Lake Superior. In her final years, she lived at Jones-Harrison Residence where she was known as "the gal with the million-dollar smile." "Even when she was near death, that sparkle in her eyes was still there," Rydberg said. "Like a light inside of her."

Shirley was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Carlson, and by her second husband, Donald Maxwell. She is survived by her children, Sally, Howard, Stuart, Melissa, Mark, Ann and James; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

SENA BERGERUD

IN MEMORIAM  
**THE HONORABLE STEVEN C. MOON**

December 30, 1949 – September 21, 2016

*"Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge."*

-Titus Andronicus

Steve's commitment to serving the public began before he attended law school. As a new Macalester college graduate, Steve worked as the director of a Salvation Army Community Center in north Minneapolis. Steve worked at the center for seven years, in which he helped to establish the center's reputation as a trusted resource in the community because they genuinely helped people.

He graduated from "the U" and went to work for Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, representing for individuals seeking public benefits for five years before accepting employment with the Minnesota Department of Human Services as a human services judge.

As a human services judge, he carefully balanced his role between ensuring people received the public benefits they were eligible for with the need to also safeguard the public fisc. Even so, his passion and commitment to the law made his advice much sought after by friends and colleagues alike. He was a dedicated public servant who conveyed genuine compassion and respect for everyone no matter their station in life.

Steve was also a cultural ambassador and a lover of all kinds of music. As a longtime bass player with Cyril Paul and the Calypso Monarchs, he brought the music of Trinidad to Minnesota audiences across the state. He also provided music to local audiences as the leader of the Rhythm Pups who often volunteered their services to neighborhood community events. He would cajole fellow judges into being backup singers for holiday gatherings at the office.

A true Minnesota sports fan, he had a near encyclopedic knowledge of baseball and football. He could always be counted on for an in-depth analysis of the most recent sporting event. He also had a keen political insight and wit that is sadly missed by his colleagues. He had an ever-present smile and an infectious laugh to the delight of all of us. And I would be remiss if I did not mention his spot on imitation of the late President Nixon.

Steve is survived by his mother, Verna; brothers, David, John (Tonya), Gregory, and Dean; nieces, Jennifer (John) and Sarah; nephews, Jeffrey and Jason; great-nephew, Connor; and great-niece, Kjerstin. Steve was preceded in death by his father, H. H. "Brick" Moon and his beloved son, Joshua.

**THE HONORABLE VICTORIA M. LEMBERGER**



## IN MEMORIAM

# JOHN F. "JACK" MURPHY

September 3, 1925 – December 19, 2016

Jack was born in the small town of Chillicothe, Missouri, and was the son of Irish immigrants. Jack's father was a tailor and later became the custodian at Jack's high school. Even though money was tight, Jack grew up in a loving family that instilled in him the value of hard work, education, humility, respect for others, and a deep faith in God. From these humble beginnings, Jack persevered and graduated from the University of Missouri Law School in 1951 and began a long and notable career as an attorney and lobbyist. Jack worked for the Wabash Railroad Company in St. Louis, Missouri, after graduation and then counsel for the Missouri Division of Insurance.

Jack married the love of his life, Miriam Seidel, on June 12, 1954, and together they were blessed with five children in six years! They began their early years of marriage in St. Louis. In 1960, Jack and Miriam moved their growing family to Minneapolis so Jack could pursue a career with Northwestern National Life Insurance in their legal department, specializing in government relations. Jack continued his career as a lobbyist for the insurance industry with Lutheran Brotherhood and later with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. In all aspects of his professional life, Jack subscribed to a simple standard, "Be prepared!" Jack volunteered his time in a number of different ways for the betterment of his community and the environment: church, board member of the Cullen Lakes Association, and board member of the Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library for 19 years.

Jack enjoyed the outdoors and raised his children to experience the joys and misadventures of camping, fishing, and hunting. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends at the "Joint on the Point" cabin in Nisswa. Jack passed on his love for playing cards, reading stories, and building campfires at the cabin with all of his children and grandchildren. Known as the "Everlasting Captain" by his close group of fishing companions, Jack was always ready to organize the annual fishing trip to Lake Kabetogama. Jack was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. He was kind, compassionate, and took a genuine interest in people from all walks of life. He was a careful and considerate man who always had a smile and a handshake at the ready for those who might need it most. Although Alzheimer's robbed Jack of his broad vocabulary, he was still able to light up a room with his smile!

Jack passed away peacefully on December 19, 2016, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his children, Miriam "Mimi", John (Jeanie), Maureen (Rod) Pitsch, Molly (Steve) Kenney, and Bob; grandchildren, Molly Murphy, Vince, Ellie, Charlie, and Jack Murphy, Mark Pitsch, Julian (Collin) LeMaster, Bridget and Jim Kenney, Connor and Jack Murphy; great-grandson, Enzo; siblings, Robert and William (Sue); and sister-in-law, Mary Lou. Jack was preceded in death by his loving wife, Miriam; parents, Robert and Marie "Mae" Murphy; and siblings, Virginia and Paul.

## THE FAMILY OF JACK MURPHY

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**DALE NATHAN**  
**July 4, 1934 – April 9, 2016**

Dale Nathan was born on July 4, 1934, in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from the University of Kentucky, earning a B.A. in political science and psychology, and LL.B., both in 1957. He financed his college education by working and earning scholarships. Dale served in the U.S. Army Medical Reserve during the Korean War. Dale's post-college jobs included administrative assistant for the city of Louisville, Kentucky; contracts administrator for the U.S. Air Force (civilian); contracts manager for government contractors; and law editor.

Dale came to Minnesota in 1965 and was general counsel for the Sperry Univac Division of the Sperry Rand Corporation in St. Paul and Eagan for 13 years. He also served as an adjunct professor and co-director of the Government Contracts Program at the College (now University) of St. Thomas Graduate School of Business, teaching contract management, government contract law, and negotiations. He also taught Religions of the World in two religious schools for over 10 years at the Temple Israel in Minneapolis and Temple of Aaron in St. Paul.

He was admitted to the practice of law in Minnesota in its state and federal courts, before the U.S. Supreme Court and several federal courts of appeals, and the United States Court of Federal Claims. A past president of the National Contract Management Association, Dale was part of a historic cultural exchange mission in China in May through June of 1989 when the famous Tiananmen Square Massacre happened. For more than 30 years, Dale was a volunteer attorney with the legal aid organization, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services. He was chair of the Independence Party Platform Committee and a member of his party's executive council. One of Dale's lawsuits was chosen by *Law & Politics* magazine as one of the eleven lawsuits of the year for 2000. Dale was not currently practicing law. He devoted his time to volunteering and writing.

Dale was single and never was married. He has no children; however, he served as a foster parent for several years in Dakota County. He had an adoptive daughter Chris-Ann R. Wilkoske, who recently passed.

**BONNIE ROY**

IN MEMORIAM  
**JAMES MORTON NEVILLE**

May 19, 1939 – November 21, 2016

James Morton Neville was born in Minneapolis on May 19, 1939. Jim graduated from Edina-Morningside High School in 1957, obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1961, and on September 9 of that same year, he married the love of his life, Judie Proctor. Jim graduated magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1964. Jim was a member of the Order of the Coif and the Minnesota Law Review.

After graduation, Jim joined the law firm of Johnson & Thompson (subsequently Thompson & Klaverkamp, and eventually Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly) as an associate and made partner in 1969. In 1970, he accepted the position of associate counsel at General Mills, Inc. and became senior counsel & secretary in 1976. In 1983, Jim moved to St. Louis, Missouri, and became the senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Ralston Purina Company. Jim served in this role until his retirement in 2001.

Jim cherished the role of mentor to many young lawyers and law students. Jim was my first mentor when I was a young lawyer at General Mills. He encouraged me and allowed me to take on challenging projects working with senior management. He was a wonderfully wise and funny man.

Although Jim was not much of an athlete, he was an avid sports fan, enjoying professional and collegiate football, hockey, and professional baseball. Each year he followed the Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament.

Jim was an exceptional bridge player. Before moving to St. Louis, Jim and his wife hosted "bridge weekends" at their cabin on Big Birch Lake in northern Minnesota, where they played bridge, smoked cigarettes, laughed, and drank martinis all weekend.

He loved taking the kids fishing and water skiing. Jim was also a collector of books on playing bridge and of ice cream scoops. Jim and his wife were active in St. Peter's Episcopal Church. In St. Louis Jim was involved in many organizations, including City Academy and the Covenant House of Missouri. Jim also served on the board of directors for The Repertory Theater of St. Louis, Crisis Nursery of Minneapolis, Goodwill Industries of Minneapolis, and the Park National Bank of St. Louis Park.

Jim is survived by his son, Steve Neville (Renee Schwanke and her children, Aubrey, Arien, Lacy, and grandson Grayson) of Grey Eagle; his daughter, Marty Neville Hereford (Andrew); and his grandson, James Neville Hereford of St. Louis, Missouri. Jim is also survived by his sister, Laurie Frenzel (Peter) of Middletown, Connecticut; and his sister-in-law, Kathleen Neville of Boise, Idaho. Jim was preceded by his wife of 54 years, Judie Neville, who died on November 26, 2015; his parents, the Honorable Judge Philip & Maureen Neville; and his brother, Philip Neville, Jr.

**THE HONORABLE IVY BERNHARDSON**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**THE HONORABLE O. HAROLD ODLAND**

**June 13, 1924 – August 14, 2016**

Judge O. Harold Odland was born June 13, 1924, in Lake Andrew Township, Kandiyohi County, near Willmar. His parents, Hjalmar and Susan, were of Norwegian decent "with a dash of Danish." Harold attended school in Willmar, graduating from both the Willmar grade school and Willmar High School. At an early age, Harold was stricken with the dreaded polio disease. The family doctor prescribed a heavy schedule of swimming and workouts in the local gym. By age 17, Harold had made a complete recovery. So complete that he went on to box in a Golden Gloves competition, earning \$15 a fight, a free steak dinner, and the reputation as the "Willmar Kid."

Harold was a gifted athlete. He was the first person in Kandiyohi County to qualify as a Red Cross Advanced swimmer. He was a low handicap golfer. When he wasn't playing golf, he enjoyed skiing with his wife, Mary Lou, and daughter, Karen.

Next came enrollment at Gustavus Adolphus College. Harold's college days were cut short by the attack on Pearl Harbor and a call to serve in the U. S. Army. Originally sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for training in the army's tanks, Harold obtained a transfer to the U.S. Air Force, where he qualified to fly both fighter and bomber aircraft. When World War II ended, Harold was discharged and he returned to Gustavus, only to be recalled by the Air Force during the Korean War. He was discharged for a second time in 1952, and joined the reserves, obtaining the rank of major before retiring.

After Korea, Judge Odland returned to Gustavus on the G.I. Bill, obtaining his bachelor's degree with honors, ranking second in his class, and he started law school at the University of Minnesota. Harold next earned his Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the Minneapolis College of Law (later William Mitchell College of Law), followed by service as a probation officer, Hennepin County District Referee, and Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, before winning election to the Hennepin County Municipal Court. Soon afterwards he was elected chief judge. Next came his appointment to the Hennepin County District Court, where he served until his retirement on July 31, 1990.

Harold loved cigars. One story that made the rounds was that the appointing governor, Al Quie, at first refused to appoint Harold to the district court because Harold came to his pre-appointment interview reeking of cigar smoke. Harold's friends got him to forgo the cigar long enough to pass the gubernatorial inspections, and Harold was appointed a district court judge.

Judge Odland presided at more than his share of notable cases, including an in-house dispute between the owners of the Minnesota Twins. In retirement, he was in constant demand as an arbitrator and mediator. Harold had a great sense of humor, a sharp legal mind, unimpeachable integrity, and a dedication to fairness.

Harold died August 14, 2016, at age 92. He is survived by his lovely wife of 70 years, Mary Lou; and two wonderful children: son, Craig and daughter, Karen Roth.

O. Harold Odland was a hard-working competent judge, and to know him was to like and respect him. May he rest in peace.

**JUDGE HENRY MCCARR (retired)**

IN MEMORIAM

**MARGERY K. OTTO**

December 24, 1951 – September 17, 2016

Margery K. Otto was a free spirit with a passion for social and racial justice. She was born in Kansas City, Missouri, the oldest daughter of Edward John Otto, Jr. and Dixie Poynter Otto. Growing up with her two younger sisters, Margaret and Martha, her family moved several times to Detroit, Michigan, and Armonk, New York. While attending high school in Armonk, she met and later married Bruce Parker, her husband for 32 years until their amicable divorce in 2005. After high school, Margery remained on the east coast, graduating from Harvard College with *cum laude* honors in 1974 and then from Columbia Law School in 1977 with highest honors.

Moving to Minnesota in 1977, Margery began her legal career at Dorsey & Whitney working as a litigation associate until 1982. After giving birth to her first child, Davis Parker, in 1983, Margery began a wills and estate practice at Kaplan, Strangis and Kaplan (KSK) until she retired in 2000. During her tenure at KSK, she worked part-time while raising her three natural children (James arrived in 1984 and Richard was born in 1992) with her husband, Bruce, who was also a partner at KSK. Since 2001, and until her death, Margery pursued her passion for social and racial justice. She served as the volunteer coordinator for the Heart of the Beast Puppet Theatre for many years. She co-founded and co-directed the Anti-Racism Study Dialogue Circles (ASDIC) and in 2010 was the co-recipient of the Facing Race Ambassador Award from The St. Paul Foundation. She participated in and supported many worthy organizations, including the Penumbra Theatre, Harvest Preparatory School, All Nations Indian Church, New Native Theatre, and the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community.

Nearly every summer, Margery vacationed on the dune shores of Lake Michigan. She first visited as a child with her immediate family in the 1950s and 1960s. Beginning in 1978, she would visit for a week or two with her own children, her sisters and their families, and her parents. She continued this tradition up until the summer prior to her death. The Michigan dunes were the happiest place on the planet for Margery. She thoroughly enjoyed the companionship with her extended family and lifetime friends, long walks along the beach or in the woods, and solitude for her contemplations.

Diagnosed with cancer in 2010, Margery valiantly fought her condition with grace and equanimity while continuing her passion for social and racial justice until she succumbed to the disease, passing in her sleep last September. Margery is survived by her four sons, Davis (Kristin), James, Richard Parker, and Rodney Sheppard; two grandchildren, Ezra and Cora, whom she saw most weeks as she shared her joy of nature and storytelling; her father, Edward J. Otto, Jr.; her two sisters, Martha Ard and Margaret Otto, and their eight children; and her former husband, Bruce.

**BRUCE J. PARKER**



IN MEMORIAM  
**RICHARD H. PLUNKETT, JR.**

September 19, 1955 – November 2, 2016

Richard H. Plunkett, Jr., 61, died in the embrace of family at his Rochester home on November 2, 2016. Rick was a 1984 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School and a member of the firm now known as Lockridge Grindal and Nauen until 1990. He then returned to Rochester to run family cable, banking, and real estate businesses. Rick met his wife, Carol Christenson, at a post-bar party at her brother Mike's home in 1984. They were inseparable for the next 32 years, except when Carol journeyed two days weekly to her post as a Hennepin County public defender.

We both met Rick early in his career. Mike remembers him for his brilliance and activism, qualities that led him to launch the Minnesota Justice Foundation (MJF). Ralph Nader, who Rick knew in his former role as the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) president, criticized the legal profession for its "crassness" in a U of M Law School appearance in 1982, referring to those driven more by the pursuit of income than justice. By 1983, with Rick's leadership, 250 university law students pledged one percent of their summer income to support four public interest clerkships. Six hundred clerkships followed and MJF emerged as a powerful response to Nader's address.

Charlie knew Rick as one of his first recruits and that rare lawyer who combined scholarship and organizing techniques. Together they organized class actions and cases to address substandard housing and medical care, and price-fixing. Rick was brilliant, creative, dogged, and always successful. He worked as well in the law library as in the streets of St. Paul. His range of ability allowed him to thrive in an unusual practice.

Both of us will remember Rick as a friend and brother. His fierce intellect somehow came with the gentlest of hearts, and we loved the whole package. Rick was always honest, often irreverent, and never phony. He studied nature, delighted in his family, and treated both of us as his Irish brothers.

He was diagnosed with liver cancer three years ago, and he was saved by a transplant. He lived every moment until his death in perfect gratitude. He threw a huge neighborhood party to name all the friends, family and neighbors who helped save his life. "Best days of my life," he would say as he neared the end. And he meant it. For us, these days were not the best of our lives, losing such a loving ally in so many matters.

We are so grateful for the life and times of Rick Plunkett. We thank Carol, her sons, Alex and Luke, and daughter, Katie for seeing him all the way through. It's a courageous clan that cares for its own, and we saw Rick in all those caregivers. That is the greatest tribute of all.

**MIKE CHRISTENSON**  
**CHARLIE NAUEN**



IN MEMORIAM  
**JOHN BERTRAM PRESS**

June 19, 1930 - January 24, 2016

My father, best known as Bert, was born to immigrant parents in Eveleth during the Great Depression. Although his parents had little, he came from an intact family and had two wonderful siblings with whom he remained close with all his life. He made friends easily and would remain friends with those he had known from a young age throughout his life.

He graduated from Eveleth Junior College, where he was the captain of the football team and the president of the letterman's club. To pay for school, Bert worked summers in the iron ore mines, along with friends and neighbors. Throughout his life, Bert felt grateful that he did not have to spend his life working in the mines. After completing junior college, Bert attended UCLA on a football scholarship, but had to leave school with the arrival of his draft notice.

He served in the U.S. Army and graduated from the U.S. Army Finance School. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in law and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Minnesota in 1956.

He attended law school with a number of students who would go on to very successful careers, including Al Aaron, Richard Abrams, Crane Bodine, Larry Cohen, Richard Hunegs, Harvey Kaner, Ron Meshbesher, Andy Miner, Walter Mondale, Ralph Parker, Alan Saeks, Ron Simon, and Mitchell Spector. He felt proud to have known such successful alumni.

Bert practiced law in Minneapolis for 43 years, conscientiously handling a wide variety of matters for clients from diverse backgrounds. He applied the law with common sense, which served his clients well.

Bert was the president of the Twin Cities Iron Rangers Association, founder and past president of the Elliot Park Business and Professional Association, president of the Community Housing Corporation, and a member of the board of directors of several business and nonprofit corporations. He spent his entire career on Park Avenue in Minneapolis, where he was well known and respected. Bert was a hard worker, avid tennis player, enthusiastic fisherman, good with his hands, friend to many, and a man who set a fine example for his family and community.

Bert was married to his wife Truen, who predeceased him, for 58 years. He took great pride in the lives and achievements of his children, Rita Juda and Steven Press; and of his grandchildren, Phillip and Allison Juda.

**STEVEN M. PRESS**

IN MEMORIAM  
**HERMAN J. RATELLE**

July 24, 1923 - May 11, 2015

Herman was born in International Falls on July 24, 1923, and passed away on May 11, 2015, surrounded by members of his family. Herman is survived by his wife, Therese, and his children and their spouses, Thomas (Deb), Paul (Connie), Marguerite (James Baumer), Stephen (Catherine), John (Mary Pat), and Mary Brigid (Jeffrey Spence). He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He proudly enlisted in the U.S. Army in February of 1943 and served with the 14th Armored Division, 25th Tank Battalion during World War II. As a corporal in the army, he was wounded in battle on February 1, 1945, when a .88 shell hit his tank. This wound resulted in the amputation of his left leg below the knee for which Herman was awarded the Purple Heart. Years later, people would express surprise to learn of Herman's injury. He did not look upon his injury as a disability, and it did not keep him from pursuing the activities he enjoyed with family and friends, including golfing, hunting and fishing.

Following his discharge from military service, Herman attended the University of Minnesota Law School. Herman practiced law for over 50 years. He was a founding partner of the law firm of Warner and Ratelle, which became Warner, Ratelle and Hennessy. The firm then grew to become Barnett, Ratelle, Hennessy, Vander Vort, Stasel and Herzog, and in 1983 merged with the law firm Moss, Flaherty, Clarkson & Fletcher to form the law firm now known as Moss & Barnett.

Service was more than a word for Herman. It was a lifelong commitment for him. He gave generously of his time to many organizations including his parish, the Church of St. Patrick of Edina, the Knights of Columbus, the Minnesota State Bar Association, Fourth District Ethics Committee, charitable causes for Native Americans, programs for disabled veterans and the Edina Historical Society. Because of his commitment to education, Herman served on the board of trustees for the College of St. Benedict and was its chairperson for 10 years. In 1994, the College of St. Benedict awarded Herman its Diakonia Award for his service to the school. Herman was also an advisor to the Kellogg Foundation and served as a director for several nonprofit foundations that focused on education.

Guiding principles for Herman were described in 1852 by Cardinal John Henry Newman's *The Definition of a Gentleman*. Throughout his adult life, Herman kept a copy of the essay in his wallet, which reads in part:

*It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say that he is one who never inflicts pain... he is tender towards the bashful, gentle towards the distant, and merciful towards the absurd...he has no ears for slander or gossip...never takes unfair advantage...He may be right or wrong in his opinion, but he is too clear-headed to be unjust.*

**THE FAMILY OF HERMAN J. RATELLE**



IN MEMORIAM  
**BERNARD D. "BERNIE" REISBERG**

July 9, 1933 - May 24, 2016

Bernie's connection with the law began in high school when he researched a U.S. Supreme Court decision. He was hooked. From the University of Minnesota he received his Bachelor of Science in Law (BSL) in 1955, his Bachelor of Laws (LLB) in 1957 and his J.D.

Toward graduation, Bernie was called into Dean William Lockhart's office, and he was asked about his goals. When he replied he planned to practice law, he was told he looked too young to be believed. He married his college sweetheart, Joanne Anderson, during spring break in 1957, and received his Army orders to report to the U.S. Army Air Defense Center at Fort Bliss, Texas. Dean Lockhart recommended Bernie's transfer to the JAG Corps. He had stated that in Bernie's first two years in law school he was in the upper fourth of his class and finished in the upper half. Before leaving the surface-to-air missile division, he qualified as a sharpshooter.

As a first lieutenant, prosecuting criminal cases before a general courts-martial, Bernie loved telling about one of his first cases. He had carefully removed a rubber band from a file. As it slipped off the folder it shot across the room and clipped the judge on his chin. The judge made no comment. From November 1958 to February 1959, he attended the JAG's U.S. Army school at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and was recognized by the Judge Advocates Association as attaining the highest academic standing in his class on military justice. Bernie was admitted to the U.S. Court of Military Appeals in Washington D.C.

After leaving the Army as captain, Bernie worked six months for Thompson Hessian Fletcher & McKasy before entering into practice with Ernie Lindstrom and starting Lindstrom & Reisberg. As Bernie's father was one of the founders of Goodin Company, he eventually worked there as president, CEO, and chairman of the board of directors.

Governor Arne Carlson appointed Bernie to the Minnesota Health Care Commission, serving from 1993-1997. With his interest in health care, he served on the North Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association, and a U.S. Chamber of Commerce Health Care Committee. He was also elected to the District 281 School Board.

Keeping up his Swedish heritage, he served as treasurer on the board of the American Swedish Institute and had the privilege of making a memorable trip to Sweden to meet King Carl XIV Gustaf and Queen Silvia. Bernie stayed active by playing weekly volleyball at the Minneapolis Athletic Club, golf and tennis at Golden Valley Country Club, walking the shores of Captiva Island where he served on the board of South Seas Island Resort, and spending a lifetime of summers at Big Eagle Lake.

A kind and gentle soul, Bernie instilled Christian values, strong work ethics, and stressed the unconditional love of family. Bernie, a wonderful husband and father, is truly missed by his wife, Joanne of 59 years; daughters, Carolyn Reisberg and Jennifer (Lars) Johnson; son, Bernie J. (Michelle) Reisberg; grandchildren, Sam, Meredith, Tori, Gunnard, and Spencer.

**JOANNE REISBERG**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**GEORGE MERRILL ROEHRDANZ**

**March 17, 1933 - March 12, 2016**

George Roehrdanz was born the youngest of seven children to Carrie and Charles Roehrdanz. They were a poor family who had lost the family farm in Canby during the Great Depression, and they moved to south Minneapolis so that our grandfather, Charles, could find work. He got a job as a laborer with Pillsbury.

Our dad grew up playing baseball, football, and hockey. He played all three sports at Roosevelt High School, and he played football and hockey in college for the Minnesota Gophers. His love was baseball, however. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, he had his bags packed for a tryout with the New York Yankees. His older brother "persuaded" him to apply for admission to the University of Minnesota law school instead, and he offered to pay George for the first semester (which our dad remembered was about 50 dollars).

Our dad began his legal career with State Farm Insurance, and then he became a litigator in downtown Minneapolis with a midsize firm that specialized in insurance defense. State Farm was our dad's largest client. After 10 years practicing downtown, our dad and some colleagues started a firm called Hoke, Roehrdanz, Bigelow and Chamberlain. He spent the last few years of his career practicing part time as a solo practitioner. Our dad fully retired in 1998.

No memorial for our dad would be complete without mentioning his illustrious amateur tennis career. Our dad loved everything tennis and was nationally ranked for many years. He organized the Hennepin County Bar Association tennis tournament a few times. In 1974, he bought a cabin on Thunder Lake in northern Minnesota. The first thing he did (before a dock or anything) was build a "tournament-class" Har-Tru (green clay) tennis court a few hundred feet off the lake. He had the Har-Tru shipped by rail from North Carolina to Remer, and trucked in the rest of the way. The construction guys from Remer were equal parts impressed, amused, and skeptical. While at first they shook their heads over our dad's folly, they then worked overtime to build what was, to us at least, the greatest tennis court in the history of Minnesota. It was complete with an in-ground sprinkler system (to keep the clay from being dusty during play), a two-person broom (to smooth out the ball marks), and a gas-powered riding steamroller (to keep the clay compacted).

While the years of tennis that followed were not exactly "tournament-class," the ferocity and competitiveness of play is still evidenced by the number of tennis rackets that were flung in frustration (due to missed shots) by various contestants up high over the surrounding fence. To this day, those rackets still litter the branches of the nearby trees, and they have formed the foundation for a few bird and squirrel nests. No kidding.

Our dad was absolutely and always devoted to his four children and his four grandchildren. We owe everything to him for always looking out for us and for guiding our family through good times and bad. He is survived by his children, Chuck (Becca), Fredrik, Alexandra, and Erik; and by his four grandchildren, Owen George, Markus, Andrew, and Katy, who absolutely adored him.

**CHUCK ROEHRDANZ**

IN MEMORIAM  
**RON ROSENBAUM**

May 27, 1948 – May 29, 2016

There is no record of what career advice Ron Rosenbaum's high school guidance counselor gave him, but, whatever it was, it's a fair bet he didn't follow it. Carving out his own path is what he did best.

The middle of Ilene and the late Sam Rosenbaum's three children, Ron possessed a spirit of adventure that, as much as anything, guided some of his biggest decisions in life.

As a teen, the young man from St. Paul's Highland Park neighborhood didn't merely sell ice cream at the Minnesota State Fair; he figured out a way to wildly maximize profits that belied his lack of business experience.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota *magna cum laude* with a degree in history, Ron traveled the country and was active in the antiwar movement. He earned a master's education at Brown University and, among a team of Minnesotans recruited to South Boston High School during the busing crisis in the 1970s, put it to use as assistant headmaster.

Later in life, while working as a legislative aide in the commissioner's office at the Massachusetts Department of Education, Ron and a colleague wrote, produced, and directed an Emmy-nominated television documentary about individuals with special needs who were about to lose services at age 21. That led to his developing and co-hosting *Forum 38*, a Boston-area television talk show. The program didn't last, but it left a clear impression on Ron; the world of media played to his strengths.

This coincided with his wrapping up a little detail that set the stage for the next chapter in his life: earning his law degree from Northeastern University.

Ron returned to the Twin Cities in the mid-1980s and he formed a law firm with a partner. Over the years, Ron's interest in law and media both expanded the scope of his practice and rekindled his interest in talk shows.

Ron represented a wide variety of clients, including some high-profile Minnesotans, and in later years he negotiated contracts for a number of TV and radio personalities. In 1998, his background in both law and education, and his gift for speaking intelligently—and irreverently—about everything from world events to pro sports, merged. His *Holding Court* radio show began a 13-year run, debuting on WCCO before moving on to KSTP-AM and then to KTLK-FM. More recently, Ron split his duties between radio and television. *Holding Court* became a popular podcast. In 2015, Ron was part of a team that launched *Enough Said*, a wide-ranging Friday night TV show that was long on banter and short on puff.

Many Minnesotans knew Ron as a provocative voice on the air, a truly memorable character. But for those who gather to celebrate his life today, he was so much more. He was a man of character; someone who was as compassionate as he was candid, as loyal as he was loquacious; as adept at afflicting the comfortable as he was at comforting the afflicted.

**TIM MURPHY**  
**TODD RAPP**



IN MEMORIAM  
**DEGALYNN WADE SANDERS**

December 12, 1972 – May 14, 2016

When asked by her teacher at age 7, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" DeGalynn confidently replied, "A lawyer!" When the teacher asked for the reason, DeGalynn immediately responded, "So I can help people!" DeGalynn enthusiastically devoted her life to this goal and this cause.

DeGalynn used education and hard work to escape the desperate poverty of her childhood. DeGalynn excelled in school and work. She earned academic scholarships to the University of Minnesota for both undergraduate work and law school. Her intelligence, poise, and beauty were recognized as Miss Black Minnesota and in further achievements in national pageants. As a proud Page Scholar, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page served as a mentor to DeGalynn. In return, DeGalynn devoted countless hours mentoring students and volunteering for the Page Education Foundation. DeGalynn knew first-hand how education can lift someone out of poverty and the difference a mentor can make in a young person's life.

DeGalynn focused much of her legal career on providing legal services for the poor. Her first such work was for Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services in St. Paul. DeGalynn was fearless in her representation of victims of domestic abuse. DeGalynn's former supervisor, Referee James Street, recalls a time when DeGalynn's spotless logic and arduous cross-examination led to the attorney of her client's abuser losing faith in his client. This was shown in the courtroom by the attorney sliding his chair away from his client's. DeGalynn's clients appreciated her legal acumen and hard work so much that they showered her with praise and often brought homemade but heartfelt gifts to her office.

DeGalynn's passion outside the court was her family and her devoted "sisters," a loving circle of girlfriends. Despite enduring more medical concerns than one person ever should, DeGalynn's focus was always on what she could do for others. She gave to others every day with unbridled enthusiasm, infectious optimism, and her signature confidence. DeGalynn poured her love and energy into our sons Landen and Logan. Landen and Logan have already realized, despite their young ages, remarkable achievements. DeGalynn included our sons' successes—academic, modeling, acting in television commercials, and authoring a children's book series *Duckie Goose*—in her own. Beyond our own family, DeGalynn also poured love and energy into her goddaughter, Alicia Lazarus. Alicia tells the story with pride how DeGalynn, despite her visual impairment due to multiple sclerosis, proudly was part of Alicia's Bat Mitzvah by memorizing the *Prayer for Our Country*.

As a wife and life helpmate, she was my best friend, the heart of our family, and the sunshine that brightened even the darkest day. Despite DeGalynn being younger than many of her friends and family, they relied on her for life coaching and perspective. We try our best to be strong, but we miss Mom immensely.

DeGalynn's loving devoted father, Larry Leventhal, drew inspiration from her brave battle with breast cancer for his own battle with pancreatic cancer. DeGalynn will forever be remembered by everyone who knew her for her joyful spirit, vibrant personality, and genuine compassion for others.

LANCE SANDERS



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**THE HONORABLE RICHARD S. SCHERER**

August 13, 1946 – June 13, 2016

Judge Richard Scherer passed away on June 13, 2016, at the age of 69. He was born in Minneapolis on August 13, 1946, and graduated from Hopkins High School in 1964. In 1968, he graduated *cum laude* from Gustavus Adolphus College with a B.A. in English and history. Following college, he taught English for two years at Robbinsdale High School. Dick was a veteran of the Vietnam War and served as a Vietnamese translator from 1970 to 1972. After his military service, he attended the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating *cum laude* with a J.D. degree in 1975.

From 1975 to 1994, Dick practiced law with Castor, Klukas, Scherer & Logren. He practiced in the area of civil law, focusing on insurance defense. Dick was appointed to the Hennepin County bench in 1994 by Governor Arne Carlson and was elected to the bench in 1996, 2002, and 2008. He retired on August 23, 2013. Dick was a member of the Minnesota District Judges Board of Directors from 1998 to 2016. He was chair of the Family Violence Coordinating Council in 1999 and 2000. He was chair of the Hennepin County Fatality Review Project from 1998 to 2006. He was a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and Hennepin County Bar Association. While a judge, Dick served on the criminal bench from 1994 to 1998; on the civil and criminal bench from 1999 to 2000 and from 2003 to 2013; and in juvenile court from 2000 to 2002. After his retirement, Dick served statewide as a senior judge.

Dick loved a travel adventure, a good book on a sunny beach, casual clothes, and a great sunset. He was a thoughtful, kind, and humble man who treasured his family. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Nancy; his son, Matthew; and his daughter, Cary. Dick was very well liked by his colleagues, by the attorneys who appeared before him, the prosecutors, as well as public defenders and the civil litigators. Dick was one of the good guys.

**THE HONORABLE GARY LARSON**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**ANDREW JOSEPH SCHMID**

**October 9, 1953 – November 23, 2016**

Andrew Joseph "Drew" Schmid, age 63, of the Gunflint Trail, Grand Marais, passed away November 23, 2016. Drew was born on October 9, 1953, in Dubuque, Iowa. He attended the University of Iowa before becoming a Cornhusker at the University of Nebraska for law school. His loyalty to the Cornhuskers was clear every fall when college football season began! After a fulfilling career as an attorney in Minneapolis, Drew retired to his home on Seagull Lake in northern Minnesota. He was an avid outdoorsman and his greatest joy was sharing his love of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area with family and friends. A perfect catch (walleye) was second only to his family, to which he was a loyal son, brother, and uncle extraordinaire. When guiding anglers on Seagull Lake, his quest was for everyone in his boat to catch their very own PBW by the end of the day. PBW? Personal Best Walleye of course!

Drew's dedication and passion for "fairness" was evident in his career as a bankruptcy attorney for the federal government. Quite often he worked with small family farmers whose lives had been dedicated to farming their land. They knew little about the law and financing in competition with big companies. Drew made sure they understood their rights and did his best to ensure fairness for all. This quest for fairness was rooted early in Drew's life as the second-born child in a family of seven children!

Drew was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Bette Schmid, and brother, Steven Schmid. He is survived by brothers, Dr. Doug (Martha) Schmid, David Schmid, Ti (Keller) Schmid; sisters, Dr. Mary (Michael) Daugherty, Libby (Mike) Sullivan; beloved nieces and nephews; and a wide net of relatives and friends. Until we fish again—the Summer Anglers.

**LIBBY SCHMID SULLIVAN**

IN MEMORIAM  
**STEVEN C. SCHROER**

November 7, 1948 – December 10, 2016

While most people knew Steve Schroer as an attorney, he was also known in many other ways: friend, colleague, teammate, musician, son, brother, uncle, and father. People often describe him as generous, warm-hearted, and tenacious. All of those descriptions are true.

For four decades, Steve was a brilliant and highly accomplished trial lawyer. Steve was a St. Cloud native and St. Olaf College graduate. He received his J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law in 1974, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and an editor of the *Columbia Law Review*. He earned his LL.M. from the University of Cambridge in 1978. He worked as a law clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York City, and began his litigation career at the New York offices of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in 1975, training under famed trial lawyer David Boies. From 1978 to 1996, he worked at Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis, where he served as a business litigation partner. He joined Fitch Even Tabin & Flannery at their Chicago offices in 1996, and opened their office in Boulder, Colorado, in 2001.

From 1989 to 1995, Steve was one of the lead attorneys representing fishermen and landowners in Alaska in the *Glacier Bay* and *Exxon Valdez* oil spill litigations. The *Exxon Valdez* trial resulted in a \$5 billion punitive damages verdict, the largest in U.S. history at the time. This work earned him and the other members of the trial team the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice's Trial Lawyer of the Year Award in 1995. For the latter half of his career, Steve specialized exclusively in litigation and trial of patent, trademark, and trade secret actions. He successfully tried and arbitrated scores of cases, winning dozens of jury trials on behalf of his clients, which included Cargill, Pillsbury, Honeywell, IBM, DaimlerChrysler, Medtronic, and many others. Steve mentored many young litigators in his career, sharing his distinctive communication and advocacy skills, and highlighting professionalism and respect for the legal process.

Outside of the office and courthouse, Steve had many interests. He was involved with the Minneapolis Golf Club, the Minnesota Rugby Club, and the Bach Society of Minnesota. He loved music, photography, cooking, and sports. He was passionate about traveling with his friends and family. He is remembered for his strong voice in the courtroom, his beautiful voice on stage, his robust nature, and his fierce devotion to his sons.

Steve passed away after a year-long battle with an extremely rare form of pancreatic neuroendocrine cancer. During this challenging year, he embraced life and relished adventures with close friends and family members, reliving old memories and making new ones. As he repeated often during his last year of life, his life was great. Steve is sorely missed, and is survived by his sons, Bridger (age 19) and Colter (age 17), whom he adored.

**THE FAMILY OF STEVE SCHROER**



IN MEMORIAM  
**THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. SCHUMACHER**

January 21, 1936 – April 14, 2016

Robert H. Schumacher was born January 21, 1936, in Minneapolis on a then record-setting minus 34-degree morning.

Robert graduated from Cretin High School in St. Paul, taking a streetcar and often hitchhiking to get to school from his south Minneapolis home. He graduated from St. Thomas College in 1957, and he passed the Minnesota bar exam in 1962 after graduating from William Mitchell Law School. He practiced law with his brother in Minneapolis until Governor Wendell Anderson appointed him as a Hennepin County judge in 1974. He later became Hennepin County District Court chief judge. In 1986, he was appointed to be one of the first appellate judges on the Minnesota Court of Appeals, where he served until his retirement in 2006. His dissents were often as significant as the majority opinion. After retiring from the bench, he worked as a mediator and arbitrator in high-stakes cases. For example, in 2014 he was selected to serve as special master in a battle over the release of internal church documents on Catholic priests accused of child sexual abuse.

His judicial temperament extended to the home, where family dinners could often be a test. It's hard to get away with a lie in the evening when your father has had people lying to him all day. My father once used an episode of *Antiques Roadshow* for a teaching moment when a participant discovered that a vase she had bought for \$10 was worth \$50,000. He said, "Under the rule of law, that's the buyer's windfall. But in your life, look to a higher moral code. What about the person who sold that?" That's something our family always remembers.

Robert was the lively center of many civic and social circles. He provided limitless guidance and spiritual support to those around him throughout his lifetime. He treated everyone, at every level, with dignity and respect. Fellow golf, card, handball, and backgammon players enjoyed his playful banter and healthy competition. Robert was active in his church, charities, and communities. Robert loved and nurtured the outdoors (planting hundreds of acorns and tree seedlings), summers with his family and friends at his cabin, and buying something the family didn't need at an auction.

He is survived by family members Denise; sons, John (Elizabeth Franklin) and Tom (Susan Naughton); brother, James (Kathy); sister, Irene McConville (Charles); and grandchildren, Charles, Marcella, Celeste, Linnea Schaefer, Marie Claire and David. He was preceded in death by daughter, Anne Marie.

**JOHN SCHUMACHER**

## IN MEMORIAM

### ALAN M. SHAPIRO

August 1, 1949 – September 11, 2016

"Don't talk about losing to Alan Shapiro! If Alan Shapiro got involved in something you knew it would be successful. There was no telling him that he wouldn't succeed. Just as he took the baton in high school when he was far behind, that's the way he tackled everything he was involved with. He had an unusual commitment to win."

- Len Levine

Alan Shapiro died at the young age of 67 after struggling with Alzheimer's disease for 17 years.

In 1967, Alan won a Minnesota high school state championship in the mile relay as a member of the St. Louis Park track team. He went on to earn four varsity track and field letters at the University of Minnesota from 1967 to 1971, and he was a member of the Gopher 1968 Big Ten Championship team.

While attending evening law school at William Mitchell College of Law, Alan co-founded Shapco Printing, Inc. with his two brothers in 1976. After passing the bar exam, Alan served as an assistant St. Paul city attorney working as a prosecutor in the criminal division. He enjoyed his time there preparing for dozens of cases a week, not knowing which cases would be settled and which would go to trial. After two years, he and his wife moved to Edina, and Alan returned to Shapco Printing, selling printing and serving as in-house counsel.

In 1981, Alan began his volunteer work with the U of M when he was appointed to the "M" Club (letterman's club) board of directors, and in 1987 he was elected president of the organization. In his tenure, he sold more than 8000 regular season football tickets to local corporations, led a community-wide ticket drive for the Gopher spring football game that set an all-time national attendance record during the Lou Holtz era, and chaired and hosted the Gopher football luncheons. Alan was also the founder and general chairman of the highly successful "M" Club raffle, which raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the athletic department. After successfully challenging the NCAA, his "M" Club raffle became the standard for NCAA fundraising regulations. Alan also served on the University of Minnesota Alumni Association Board of Directors.

After his Alzheimer's diagnosis, Alan became a face for young-onset Alzheimer's disease awareness. Alan proved that not only was he a sprinter, but with Alzheimer's he was a marathon runner in a race he finally couldn't win.

Alan always loved spending quality time with his wife, Carol, and children, Scott, Mark, and Stacy. He is best remembered for his strong will, work ethic, vibrant personality, storytelling ability, and leadership in the community. As driven as he was, he was also a sweet and gentle man. He was incredibly loving and dedicated to his family.

CAROL SHAPIRO

IN MEMORIAM  
**SUSAN M. SWIFT**  
May 29, 1959 – July 29, 2016

"A ship in harbor is safe—but that is not what ships are built for."

Sue Swift died July 29, 2016. Though she was only 57 years old, she lived a full, rich life.

Sue grew up in south Minneapolis and attended Washburn High School. She was an English major at the University of Minnesota and graduated from the law school in 1986.

Sue spent her abbreviated legal career at the firm of Mackall, Crounse & Moore. Her intelligence, curiosity and creativity made her an exceptional attorney. She took great pleasure in challenges and enjoyed complex litigation involving multiple parties and detailed analysis. She had a diverse practice but developed a particular expertise in environmental law. Shortly after the birth of her first child in 1994, she left the firm.

Away from the workplace, Sue passionately pursued many and varied interests. She was a dedicated cyclist. She participated in numerous 100-mile rides to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and competed in road races, time trials, and criteriums. An avid gardener, she practiced and promoted the use of native plants and natural landscaping. She skate skied in the City of Lakes Loppet and the Birkebeiner cross-country ski marathon in Wisconsin. She was a voracious reader who found equal enjoyment in a college chemistry text, a Jane Austin novel or a tome on the history of art. An inventive cook, she used recipes as a starting point for her "experiments" which invariably improved the dish. She was a raconteur who loved hearing a good story as well as telling one. Her life was one of constant discovery, learning, and accomplishment.

Sue loved sharing her knowledge. She helped train new lawyers. She taught young competing cyclists to become better racers and coached novice cyclists to complete 100-mile rides for charity. She led spinning and fitness classes. She was a volunteer grade school reader and high school speech judge. With friends and acquaintances, she talked informatively about bicycles, gardening, cooking, and many other subjects. Never pretentious, Sue enthusiastically provided advice in a most encouraging way. She took great pleasure in helping others learn and do new things.

To her children, Quinn and Kieran, Sue was a wonderful mentor. She delighted them with her stories while teaching them important lessons. Her life of kindness, joy, and intensity provided a vivid example for them to follow. She was a captivating—and captivated—loving mother.

To her husband, the author of this memorial, Sue was simply the best person he has ever known.

To all who knew her, even briefly, Sue Swift will be remembered for her genuine concern, tremendous intellect, generous sense of humor, rambunctious laugh, and brilliant smile. She left an indelible impression.

She is greatly missed.

JACK L. VATLAND



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**JOHN JOSEPH WATERS, SR.**

**September 24, 1930 – March 11, 2016**

John was born in Winona and he spent his early years on a farm in Waumandee, Wisconsin. He went to a seminary prep high school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and attended the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, where he focused on language studies. While attending college, he met the love of his life, Kay Benda. After college graduation, John and Kay married and moved to Maryland where John attended U.S. Naval Language School and the first of their eight children was born. John served as a Navy Intelligence Officer (as "a spy") in Istanbul, Turkey. He lived there with his family for several years before being transferred back to the United States. After an honorable discharge with the rank of lieutenant, he moved back to Minnesota and he settled with his family in Bloomington where he lived and worked the remainder of his life.

John's first job after the Navy was with Prudential Insurance where he worked while going to law school. In 1964, with seven young children and a full-time job at Prudential, he graduated from William Mitchell Law School. He then started a job as assistant city attorney for the city of Bloomington. After a few years, he went into solo practice. In 2014, he was honored by the Minnesota State Bar Association for 50 years of practicing law. Retirement did not interest John. He loved the law and the intellectual stimulation it afforded him. He also loved the continual opportunity to meet new people, which satisfied his gregarious nature. He felt blessed and lucky to do what he loved while helping his family and clients and providing a good life for himself and family. John practiced law until the day he died.

John was a man of amazing integrity and generosity. His generosity spilled over by helping a large extended family in many legal matters. He never failed to offer help when it was needed. John was a devoted Catholic and active in his community and his parish where he volunteered as parish attorney for 25 years.

John was an Irishman and had unbounded energy. He was always the first one to the dance floor and his dance card was always full. He was a hands-on grandpa and could keep up with the most energetic of grandchildren. He also maintained a rich social life enjoying many wonderful friends. John was an enthusiastic traveler; camping with his kids and grandkids. John loved to travel with Kay by his side, making over 20 trips to Europe and numerous trips around the US and Canada.

His family was central to his life and they benefited from his great wisdom and values. John is survived by his wife of over 62 years, Kay; his children, Katy Bohnsack (Bob), John Jr., Terese McCabe (Mike), Mark (Young), Maggie Braun (Karl), Laura Swenson (Paul), Jill, Jim (Lynn); daughter-in-law, Liz; grandchildren, Jessica (Matt), Allie, Anne, David, Laura, Caitlin, Jeremy, John, Faith, Isabelle, August, Frank, Bridget, Katherine, Joe, Mallory, Brady; and great-grandchild, Sophia.

John was surrounded by the love of his family on March 11, 2016, when he passed away. We thank God for the time we had with him. He was our mentor and our moral compass.

**THE JOHN J. WATERS FAMILY**

IN MEMORIAM  
**PHYLLIS J. (SMITH) WELTER**

September 30, 1939 – June 9, 2016

Phyllis Jane Welter (née Smith) was born in Evansville, Indiana, the second child of Beulah and William Everett Smith. Her father died unexpectedly when she was 9 years old, which affected her deeply her entire life. When her mother remarried, the family moved to Muncie, Indiana, where she completed high school. Phyllis graduated from Purdue University and completed an MBA in marketing at Michigan State University.

After graduation, Phyllis was offered a position in the marketing division of General Mills, which brought her to Minneapolis, where she met her husband, Paul Welter, who later became a partner specializing in intellectual property in the law firm of Merchant & Gould. Early in her marriage to Paul, Phyllis focused on raising their two sons, Eric and Darren.

In her mid-30s, Phyllis entered the William Mitchell College of Law, from which she graduated *cum laude*. She chose to work as in-house counsel to Munsingwear, the Minnetonka Company, Land O' Lakes, and eventually as general counsel for Farm Credit, a bank that managed more than twelve billion dollars in assets. In the 1990s, Phyllis formed Service Counsel, during which time she published the definitive text on trademark law. She served as an expert witness on many landmark cases, including the Turning Leaf lawsuit between Gallo and Kendall Jackson wineries.

Phyllis was an avid traveler, visiting 48 countries in her lifetime. She enjoyed adventure, including whitewater rafting on the Colorado River and camping on Banks Island near the Arctic Circle. She served on several boards, including the Woman's Club of Minneapolis and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. She was a Eucharistic minister, bringing communion to those who were housebound and residents of nursing homes. More recently, she volunteered weekly at Legal Aid in Minneapolis.

Phyllis had a passion for photography and published four books that focused on nature, her world travels, and her faith. She had many shows of her work, including one at William Mitchell College of Law.

After 40 years of marriage, Paul Welter died in 2006. In 2010, Phyllis married Dan Gustafson. They spent six wonderful years together until she was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in April 2016. Phyllis is survived by her husband, Dan; her sons, Eric Welter (Kimberly) and Darren Welter; her grandson, Paul Thomas; her stepsister, Gretchen; and her extended family. Her brother, Douglas, died within weeks of Phyllis' passing.

At her funeral, Phyllis, was described as loving, caring, bright, loyal, cautious, deliberate, curious, committed, thoughtful, and prayerful. She was all of these and more and is deeply missed.

**DAN GUSTAFSON**



## IN MEMORIAM

### THE HONORABLE DEPAUL "PAUL" WILLETTE

January 19, 1929 – September 24, 2016

The Honorable DePaul Willette died at the age of 87 on September 24, 2016. DePaul had an illustrious career as a lawyer, judge, and executive secretary of the Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards. He was a friend, mentor, role model, and wise counselor to many.

Born on January 19, 1929, to Donald and Florence Willette, and raised on a farm near Delavan, he graduated from Delavan High School and St. John's University. During the Korean War, he became a U.S. Naval officer and saw active service on board the USS Columbus, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and with NATO in Naples, Italy. While in Naples, he bought a sporty MG convertible and traveled throughout Europe. He often said that he was grateful to the Navy for giving "a Minnesota farm kid" a chance to see the world. After active service, he stayed in the Naval reserve corps for 14 years, retiring as a lieutenant commander.

He earned his law degree from Georgetown Law School, and while in law school, he supplemented his G.I. benefits by working in the office of Senator Hubert Humphrey.

DePaul spent the bulk of his legal career in Olivia, first with Lauerman and Willette, and eventually as a litigator with Willette, Kraft, Walser, Nelson and Hettig. Governor Perpich appointed him as a district court judge in the 8th Judicial District where he served for 5 years. Restless at being bench-bound, he returned to the practice of law in Olivia. DePaul was noted for his skill as a trial lawyer, his trademark mutton chop whiskers, his expertise in ditch law, his quirky sense of humor, his willingness to lend a hand for a good cause, and his liberal philosophy.

Late in his career, DePaul was convinced to accept the position as executive secretary of the Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards where he established the "gold standard" for how that office should be run.

DePaul was a leader in both the 12th District Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA). The MSBA honored him with its professional excellence award in 1987. He was a former dean of the Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota and was certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. An active community member, DePaul worked with the local hospital, the hospice program, and his church. The Diocese of New Ulm awarded him its Distinguished Service Award. An avid golfer, he served as a volunteer on the water crew at the 3M championship golf tournament.

DePaul was preceded in death by his first wife, Lois; his parents; brother, Mike; and sister-in-law, Joie. He is survived by his wife, Judith Willis; children, Lisa (Scott) Habben, Paul (Heather), James (Kris), Willie, Sue (Adrian) Woolf, Pierre (Sheila), Brenda (Jim) Anderson, and Eric (Elizabeth Roe); stepchildren, Katie (Jerry) Olson and Amy (Scott) Hess; and 20 grandchildren.

DePaul had excellent skills at helping clients, lawyers, and judges work through their problems and solve them. He approached life with integrity, a strong sense of duty, and humility. He is missed.

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