

In Memoriam

Albert J. Lehmicke, Jr.

October 13, 1915 – February 5, 1945

**Washington County Bar Association
District Court
Nineteenth Judicial District
Stillwater, Minnesota
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**WASHINGTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEMORIAL FOR
ALBERT J. LEHMICKE, JR.**

On February 5, 1945, Albert J. Lehmicke, Jr., one of the rising young members of the bar of this court, then a Lieutenant in the Air Corps of the United States Navy, in service in the theater of war in the Philippine Islands, went forth on a flying mission from which he never returned. So he joined the great company of those who gave their lives that liberty might not perish in the world.

It is fitting that we honor his name in this court room. Here he pleaded before the seat of law where all men are equal. Here he realized that justice is worth more than life without it, and so offered his own that justice might prevail among all men. With profound appreciation of his sacrifice and with deep sympathy for those who feel his loss most keenly, we record this tribute to his memory.

We know that he would want no grieving for himself on any occasion. If he were here to speak, he would reflect the high spirit of that young soldier of another war, who, with a strange premonition of his coming fate, wrote to his mother: "Let there be no mourning if I should not return. I would rather have my family uplifted by pleasant memories of my life than bowed with sorrow at my death."

A host of pleasant memories mark the life record of Albert Lehmicke. He was born in Stillwater, October 13, 1915, youngest of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Lehmicke, Sr., held in highest regard by the entire community. He graduated from the Stillwater High School in 1932, and from the University of Minnesota Law school in 1938. After

admission to the bar [on October 4, 1938], he entered the practice of law at Stillwater. He applied himself earnestly to the tasks that fell to the young lawyer, and soon showed ability that brought him more important work. His unfailing courtesy and good will made many friends, who watched his early efforts with interest, and hailed with delight his first successes in this court room. His sincerity and devotion to the highest standards gained him the respect of all.

Not content to be merely another lawyer, he was ready at all times to respond to the demands of good citizenship, and became a leader in civic, social, and church activities among the younger generation. Few young men of our time have been held in such genuine esteem and affection among their fellow citizens as Albert Lehmicke, and few held greater promise for success.

All this he left when he answered the call of his country and enlisted for war service on February 19, 1942. He will answer the call of the calendar this court no more, but the memory of his high purpose will be continuing inspiration to those who remain to do all that may be done to secure the better community and better world for which he freely gave himself.

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