

# Memorial

**John M. Quinlivan**

{ May 23, 1892 – January 1, 1943 }

**Hennepin County Bar Association  
District Court  
Fourth Judicial District  
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

1943

## John M. Quinlivan

John M. Quinlivan was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, on May 23, 1892. There he spent his boyhood, there he completed his grammar and high school education. In 1912 he entered Carleton College from which institution he was graduated in 1916 with Bachelor of Arts degree. The year following his graduation he taught high school in Windom, Minnesota.

After our country entered the World War in 1917, John Quinlivan entered the service and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in May, 1918. He was discharged in March, 1919. After his discharge from the army he taught school in the high school of Sauk Center. He then took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1925. Following his admission he was employed in the legal department of the Veterans Administration, remaining with them until 1930 when he was appointed Special Assistant Attorney General. He remained in the Attorney General's office for three years. After one year of practice he again entered government service and was employed in the legal department of the Veterans Administration both at Washington and Minneapolis until the time of his death. He died in the U. S. Veterans Hospital on the 1st day of January, 1943. He married Charlotte Wallin of Duluth in 1935. His wife survives him.

John Quinlivan had a comprehensive knowledge of the law, was studious and painstaking in his work and was recognized as one of the best informed man on veterans' laws in the entire Veterans Administration. He was shy and unassuming in manner, yet he possessed a quiet confidence which was most reassuring to those he represented. In his legal work he exemplified the highest ideals of the legal profession. To him the practice of law was not a game in which lawyers attempted to win at any cost, but a noble profession whose true end and purpose was

a diligent and earnest search for the truth, in which both the judge and the lawyers owned a definite obligation. In his death the bar lost an intelligent and honest lawyer, his country a loyal servant and a patriotic citizen, his wife a devoted husband and his friends and a true steadfast friend. He will be missed by most by those who knew him best.

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### Afterword

Strangely, the last name of the deceased on the typed copy of this memorial at the Minnesota Historical Society is misspelled as “Quinlavan.”

John M. Quinlivan of St. Paul was admitted to the bar of this state on August 17, 1925. Roll of Attorneys, Supreme Court, State of Minnesota, 1858-1970, at 190 (Minnesota Digital Library).

John M. Quinlivan died in Minneapolis on January 1, 1943 (Death Certificate 1943-MN-005129).

Accordingly this bar memorial has the correct spelling of the deceased’s last name.

### Related Memorial

“Wilfred A. Quinlivan (1898-1938)” (MLHP, 2016).

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