

**MEMORIAL EXERCISES
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

of the

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ASSOCIATION**



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Court House, Friday, April 22, 1977, 2:00 P.M.

On Friday, April 22, 1977, Memorial Services in honor of those members of the Ramsey County Bar who died during the past year were held in the Ramsey County Court House.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY,
District Court, Second Judicial District.

Present: Judges Ronald E. Hachey, Harold W. Schultz, David E. Marsden, Otis H. Godfrey, Jr., Stephen Maxwell, Hyam Segell, James M. Lynch, Sidney P. Abramson and E. Thomas Brennan of the Ramsey County District Court; Judges Roland J. Fancy, Bertrand Poritsky and Joseph E. Salland of the Ramsey County Municipal Court.

Also present. Officers and members of the Ramsey County Bar Association and families and friends of deceased members of the Bar.

CHIEF JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: Ladies and gentlemen: In conformity with the custom of long standing, we meet here today to pay thoughtful tribute to the members of the Bar who have passed away during the preceding year. As is customary, the exercises will be conducted by the Ramsey County Bar Association, and the Court at this time will recognize Mr. Theodore Collins, President of the Ramsey County, Bar Association. Mr. Collins.

MR. THEODORE COLLINS: Thank you, Your Honor.

May it please the Court, Your Honors, members of the Bar, family and friends. At this time we have asked the Ramsey County District Court to set aside the day for the holding of memorial services for those

members of our profession who have passed away in this last year. We meet here today as friends to pay our respects to them and to recall their good works. At the conclusion of this ceremony, we shall move the Court to make these memorials a part of the permanent records of this Court and in so doing a part of the permanent records of our county.

Mr. R. Paul Sharood is the chairman of our Legal History and Biography Committee of the Ramsey County Bar Association. He will be conducting this ceremony.

CHIEF JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: Mr. Sharood.

B. PAUL SHAROOD: May it please the Court, thank you, Mr. Collins, and ladies and gentlemen. Memorials have been prepared by committees of the Bar Association for members, both retired and active of our association, who have passed away during the past year. Memorials have been prepared for the following:

Honorable Clayton Parks
E. Willard Murnane
Dwain H. Legler
Peter J. Maloney
Edwin C. Matthias
Edward C. Mogren
Clifton Parks
John F. Scott, Sr.

B. PAUL SHAROOD: The Committee comprised of George G. McPartlin, Arthur J. Donnelly and Richard J. Leonard have prepared a memorial for the Hon. Clayton Parks. The memorial will be presented by Mr. McPartlin.

Mr. McPartlin then read the memorial for Hon. Clayton Parks.

JUDGE CLAYTON E. PARKS passed away January 15, 1977, at the age of 81. Judge Parks served the Judiciary of this State with distinction for 42 years. He was appointed to the Municipal Bench in 1926, was reelected to the Municipal Bench and was successively reelected to that court until 1938 when he became a member of the District Bench. He was reelected as District Judge again successively until his retirement in 1968.

Judge Parks was born in Alexandria, Minnesota, on April 8th, 1895. He received his elementary and high school education there and was always extremely proud of having been raised in a small town. He served with distinction in World War I having obtained the rank of lieutenant.

He received his legal education at the St. Paul College of Law from which he was graduated in 1919. Upon his admission to the Bar, he and his twin brother Clifton opened an office and engaged in the general practice of law in St. Paul. As a young lawyer, Judge Parks did a good deal of trial work.

While on the bench, Judge Parks was particularly envious of trial lawyers, and he acquired a reputation of often times assisting lawyers in the trial of their cases. Judge Parks was proud of the legal profession, and he believed lawyers were among the better educated of the professions. While he admired an able trial lawyer, he was openly critical of them if they used bad grammar or if they were unable to express themselves without the use of slang.

Judge Parks had all the qualifications of a judicial officer. He was definitely fair and impartial. He carried himself with dignity and exhibited understanding and patience. He knew the problems of the trial lawyer, and he respected those problems. He faced directly up to the problem of making decisions.

Judge Parks was an avid and enthusiastic golfer. He loved to talk about golfing, and both he and his wife Evelyn played golf enthusiastically and well. Prior to acquiring an interest in golf, Judge Parks had been an able tennis player, and in his early years, was a St. Paul City Champion.

Judge Parks was a family man, and one didn't know Judge Parks very long but what he would be telling stories of his wife and family of whom he was always very proud. His wife Evelyn died in 1970, and he, of course, felt her loss greatly. Later on he married his wife's sister, Gladys, who had been widowed some years previous. They spent their winters in her winter home in Florida and their summers in Judge Park's home in Alexandria.

His twin brother Clifton Parks, who had continued in the practice of law in St. Paul, predeceased Judge Parks by just a few months.

Judge Parks left surviving him, besides his family, many friends. He was attendant at nearly all Bar functions and his presence is missed. He had a host of good friends.

Surviving him also besides his wife Gladys is his sister Inez Parks Morris of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and four children: Jane (Mrs. William B. Shannon, Jr.) of St. Paul; Nanette (Mrs. Edward S. Briggs) of Washington, D. C.; Clayton Parks, Jr., of Stillwater, a member of the Ramsey County and Minnesota Bar Association and a popular local lawyer; and Bingham Lyle Parks of Miami, Arizona; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

To all of them, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR J. DONNELLY
RICHARD J. LEONARD
GEORGE G. McPARTLIN

CHIEF JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: It may be received. Thank you. Mr. Sharood, I request to add on the behalf of the District Judges and other judges assembled a brief addition to the memorial just offered for Judge Parks.

MR. R. PAUL SHAROOD: If you would, sir.

CHIEF JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: Thank you.

Several of us here today served on the district bench with Judge Parks. Most, if not all, assembled here today knew him well. He was our senior judge and acting chief judge for several years. We remember him as a sincere and dedicated member of our Bench. He was possessed of unusual good health. Before his retirement personally, I cannot recall of his ever having missed a day from his service on the bench because of illness. He was attentive to his assignments and always assumed his share of responsibility of his office. We enjoyed his wit, his good humor, and will remember him as a fine individual. Back to you, Mr. Sharood.

R. PAUL SHAROOD: A Committee consisting of Thomas M. Conlin, Arthur J. Donnelly and Harold J. Kenney have prepared a memorial for Mr. Murnane. It will be presented by Mr. Conlin.

Mr. Conlin then read the memorial for E. Willard Murnane.

E. WILLARD MURNANE was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on February 8, 1907, the son of Edward J. and Anna Murnane. He received his elementary and secondary education in St. Paul and graduated from Central High School in 1924. He was married to Violet I. (Schwartz) Murnane on June 14, 1929.

Mr. Murnane was graduated from St. Paul College of Law and admitted to the Bar in the state of Minnesota in 1933. During law school he was associated with the law firm of Sexton, Mordaunt, Kennedy and Carroll and as a claim representative of the Rapid Transit Company. Mr. and Mrs. Murnane made their home for a short time in Jacksonville, Florida, where he was employed as legal counsel for the Jacksonville Motor Transit Authority and admitted to the Florida Bar in 1939.

In June of 1940 he joined his brother, Charles R. Murnane, in a partnership in the private practice of law under the firm name of Murnane and Murnane, which operated continuously in the Commerce Building in St. Paul until 1973 when the firm relocated in the Northern Federal Building. Mr. Murnane was senior member of the firm of Murnane, Murnane, Conlin & White until his retirement and death at the age of 69 on October 5, 1976.

To his many friends during his lifetime in St. Paul, he was known variously as Ed, Willard, and most familiarly as Bill Murnane. Bill was a member of the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity, International Association of Insurance Counsel and American College of Trial Lawyers, among many professional organizations and was a continuous member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and the Ramsey County Bar Association, with service on the Ethics Committee. He was appointed and served as a member of the Police Chief Commission and Charter Commissions of the City of St. Paul.

During his thirty-six years in the private practice of law, he was fully skilled in all areas of the law, but became most distinguished as trial and appellate counsel in negligence cases. Many landmark decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota bear his name. Bill was particularly adept at negotiation and in the rigorous art of advocacy in the trial courts. He was well known and liked by many pioneers in the insurance industry and contributed generously of his time and efforts on behalf of his clients. In addition to the rewards of a satisfactory settlement or successful verdict, Bill Murnane was honored by that highest distinction of a true professional, the respect of his colleagues.

When he was engaged in trial, all around him, including his partners, associates, court personnel, judges and particularly opposing counsel, admired the energy and determination he displayed for his demanding work.

Bill and his brother, Charlie, complemented each other in a manner rarely seen and the results of that harmony provided the catalyst to build a firm which thrived on their leadership. It was a particular satisfaction for Bill to have his son, Bob Murnane, join him as a partner and work day to day with him for many years prior to his death.

Bill Murnane is survived by his loving widow, Vi Murnane, their son, Robert Murnane, and daughter, Patricia Murnane Postlewaite, and nine grandchildren.

In his personal life, Bill was a very active person. He and Vi traveled the world over and together they delighted in sharing those experiences with their friends. Among the activities he enjoyed were hunting, bridge, photography, square dancing and, most of all, their vacation home at Cross Lake, Minnesota. Bill was a devoted family man and a devout Christian. He was a member of the Church of the Nativity in St. Paul and the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Cross Lake. He gave generously of his time and efforts to his church and his personal relationship with God was most evident during the ordeal of his final illness.

Bill faced life with an openness, frankness, confidence and faith that inspired his family and friends. Bill accepted life's challenges and

excelled at his work; he appreciated the blessings and endured the pain; and those of us who remain will forever recall his memory with love.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS M. CONLIN
ARTHUR DONNELLY
HAROLD KINNEY

R. PAUL STAROOD: The committee consisting of Alden E. Schlagel, Sidney J Katz and James P. Nelson have prepared a memorial for Dwain H. Legler, and it will be presented by Mr. Schlagel

Mr. Schlagel then read the memorial for Dwain Legler.

DWAIN HOLLAND LEGLER was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 5, 1930 and then moved to West St. Paul with his family. As a youth Dwain was taught the skills of carpentry by his father and worked as a construction contractor. Dwain quit school in the ninth grade and set across the country to build and learn.

Dwain continued to work as a carpenter until he joined the United States Air Force for a term of four (4) years. It was during his term in the Air Force that he received his high school diploma and went on to attend a number of colleges including Santa Clara College, Long Beach State College and Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. After leaving the military service, Dwain returned to California where he began law school at the University of Southern California. He returned to Minnesota and finished law school at the University of Minnesota where he graduated and was admitted to practice in 1963.

Dwain began his practice of law in St. Paul, Minnesota with Ed Mogren, subsequently associating with Axelrod, Cincera, Donohue, Katz and Legler. In 1970 Dwain associated with Sidney J. Katz until 1973 when he became a partner in the firm of Schlagel, Legler, Nelson & Rosenblad which continued until his death on December 16, 1976.

Dwain was fond of Mexico, having traveled there a number of times and having spent two (2) years studying at the University of the Americas in Mexico City. Dwain spoke fluent Spanish and enjoyed the Mexican way of life.

Dwain was a humble man filled with compassion and understanding. He was an educated man blessed with intellect, fair-mindedness and a practical approach to living experiences.

He was a respected man, a gentleman and loved by those whose lives he touched.

Dwain is survived by his wife Eunice, his son Dr. Dwight Leger, his mother Mary Legler, three brothers, two sisters and hundreds of friends.

Respectfully submitted,
SIDNEY J. KATZ
ALDEN E. SCHLAGEL
JAMES P. NELSON

R. PAUL SHAROOD: A Committee consisting of William B. Randall, Edward E. Cleary and Thomas M. Quayle have prepared a memorial for Peter J. Maloney, and it will be presented by Mr. Randall.

Mr. Randall then read the memorial for Peter J. Maloney.

PETER J. MALONEY, JR., was born in St. Paul on April 18, 1913, and was a lifelong resident of the City of St. Paul. He attended grade school at St. Mark's School and graduated in 1927. He attended Cretin High School and graduated in 1931 from an academic course. He then attended the University of Minnesota, S.L.A. College, where he studied economics, political science, and English history. He attended this college for two years when he transferred to the Law School of the University. He attended the University of Minnesota Law School for two years and then transferred to the St. Paul College of Law from which institution he graduated in 1939. He was admitted to the Minnesota and Federal Bar in 1940. Upon graduation he entered the private practice of law in St. Paul with Mr. Thomas J. Spence. Upon leaving this practice, he was employed by an insurance company as an adjuster, handling casualty claims and related matters.

In 1942 Peter entered the service as a clerk in the United States Army where he served with the Army and Air Force in the counter intelligence field during the Second World War. He saw overseas service in the Pacific Theater and served in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. He was commissioned as an officer and was released from active duty in October of 1945, having served honorably and with distinction as a member of the United States Army.

In January of 1946, Peter reentered the active practice of law in the City of St. Paul and practiced as a sole practitioner, sharing office space and overhead costs with Mr. Spence and later with Norman E. Biorn, Mr. Charles J. Mullan, the Honorable Ronald E. Hachey, the Honorable Edward K. Delaney, Thomas J. Ryan, William M. Serbine, and Howard H. Gelb. In July 1958 Peter entered the service of Ramsey County as an Assistant County Attorney to Mr. James F. Lynch, then County Attorney. He continued to serve under the tenure of Mr. William B. Randall who was elected to the office in 1958 and served with distinction in the Criminal Division of the office until his retirement in 1973.

Peter J. Maloney, Jr., married Irene E. Olson in January 1942. They have two sons, James, born June 2, 1947, and Thomas, born May 1, 1950. Mrs. Maloney resides at 1956 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, the family home of the Maloneys for many years.

Peter left surviving also one brother, Dr. John R. Maloney, of St. Paul. Peter and John were twin brothers and were close companions during Peter's entire life.

During Peter's service as an Assistant County Attorney, his work was involved in the prosecution of criminal proceedings. During his service he acted as prosecutor in several important felony trials and was instrumental in prosecuting them to a successful conclusion. He always acted according to the highest standards of justice as he understood the case to require. He never exercised the considerable power of his professional ability and office to oppress any weak or common persons with whom he became involved professionally. He could become a strict enforcer of the law when the occasion required. His ready wit and friendly disposition endeared him to all who worked with him and knew him, and his many friends and acquaintances in the Ramsey County Bar sorely missed his departure from active service upon his retirement.

Peter J. Maloney, Jr., died on 13 September 1976 at St .Paul and is buried in Veterans Cemetery, Minneapolis. It is with a distinct sense of loss to the community and the profession that we submit this memorial to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM B. RANDALL
EDWARD E. CLEARY
THOMAS M. QUAYLE

R. PAUL SHAROOD: A committee consisting of Anthony Kane, H. V. Rhedin and L. E. Torinus have prepared a memorial on behalf of Edwin C. Matthias. The memorial will be read by Mr. Kane.

Mr. Kane then read the memorial for Edwin C. Matthias.

EDWIN CLARK MATTHIAS, who died in St. Paul, June 12, 1976, had three great loves: His family, the Law and Stanford University. When Stanford was headed for the Rose Bowl its standing in his affections improved infinitely. Conversely during a losing season Stanford was low on or completely off the list. If this gives some indication that Ed was a man of strong, if not mercurial, emotions it speaks the truth.

Ed Matthias was born in Ohio, September 9, 1887, but grew up in Spokane, Washington. He studied law at Stanford University. After his admission to the Washington State Bar in 1913 he commenced the practice of law in Spokane with the fine old firm of Graves, Kizer and Graves. He soon demonstrated great skill as a jury trial lawyer representing, both as plaintiff and defendant large timber and mining companies in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. He enjoyed trial work, particularly during those years before World War I when jury trials were suspended throughout the summer months. This gave him the opportunity, about which he liked to reminisce in later stress filled years, of playing golf during each afternoon—after a morning's work at the office.

Ed married Ida Jamieson in Spokane, September 24, 1919. It was an ideal union which lasted 46 years. They were blessed with four fine children: Marian, Edwin Jr., Jamieson and Roger. They took great pride in the accomplishments of their children as they grew to maturity and established their own families.

In 1920 Ed moved from Spokane to Seattle where he joined the Law Department of the Great Northern Railway Company. The Matthias family enjoyed an interesting and active life in Seattle. Each summer they moved to a commodious cottage on Sandy Point, Whidby Island where Ed would join them on weekends and during vacations.

During these years in Seattle, Ed handled with great skill and success much important litigation for his client the Great Northern. Three cases

of particular significance were "'The Rock Island Dam Case", "The 'Fuel Oil. Tax Case" and the "Fern Bluff Case". In the Rock Island Dam Case he obtained a jury verdict, sustained on appeal, for several hundred thousand dollars against Puget Sound Power and Light Company by establishing that the Power Company's dam on the Columbia River at Rock Island, Washington, was, improperly designed with the result that during periods of high water the current of the river was deflected against the Railroad's road bed causing it to be washed out. (*G. N. Ry. Co. vs. Washington Electric Company*, 1939, 86 P.(2) 208).

In the Fuel Oil Tax Case, he successfully challenged the constitutionality of a discriminatory excise tax imposed by the State of Washington on the fuel used by the company locomotives, thereby saving the client several hundred thousand dollars annually (*G. N. Ry. Co. vs. State of Washington*, 1939, 93 P.(2) 694).

In the Fern Bluff Case he brought suit in Federal Court against Snohomish County claiming the County had negligently maintained a road above and parallel to the company's tracks with the result that during a heavy rainstorm the road washed down on the tracks early one totally dark winter morning directly in front of the on-rushing west bound Fastmail, Train No. 27. The train was derailed and pushed into the adjacent Snohomish River. The engineer was killed, the fireman badly injured and the locomotive and several mail cars were destroyed. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the Great Northern for all the damages it had suffered, including the amounts it had paid out in settlement of the claims of the engine crew and Railway mail clerks. (*Snohomish County vs. G. N. Ry. Co.*, 1942, 130 Fed.(2) 996.)

Ed's legal ability was recognized by the top management of Great Northern in October 1945 when he was elected Vice President and General Counsel. The family moved to St. Paul at that time and made their home in the gracious residence at 385 Portland Avenue.

The years from 1945 to 1957 when Ed retired at the age of 70 were exciting for the Matthias family. There were graduations from college, marriages and much travel – both east and west. They enjoyed their home and delighted in opening it for the entertainment of their new found St. Paul friends as well as for visitors from out of State. They

took particular pleasure during the late 1940's when the Winter Carnival Parade started in front of their home at the intersection of Portland, Summit and Western to invite their friends to a buffet luncheon so that the start of the parade could be viewed in comfort and contentment.

As Vice President and General Counsel of Great Northern, Ed quickly established himself as a leader in the railroad industry. He was often called to testify before congressional committees on legislation affecting the industry and he frequently spoke out in public concerning the threat to nationalize the industry.

Soon after the end of World War II the Federal Government commenced a lawsuit against all the nation's railroads seeking to recover many millions of dollars alleged to have been obtained through over-charging the government in transporting war materials. Ed quickly sensed this lawsuit as a threat to the continued private ownership of the railroads and with his customary energy called for a vigorous defense not only in the courts but in the news media. Because of his leadership he was named chairman of the industry committee formed to handle the total defense of what came to be known as the "War Materials Reparation Case". After several years of litigation the courts found the government 's claims to be wholly without merit and ordered their dismissal.

During these years Ed established a reputation as a man of conviction who held positive views on subjects of importance and was able to articulate his position with clarity and vigor. You never had to wonder for long where Ed stood on a proposition.

He enjoyed politics and especially, presidential election campaigns. He frequently wrote presidential candidates stating his views as to issues that should be stressed and also on those that he felt had not been adequately handled.

After retiring from the Great Northern in 1957 Ed and Ida moved to Atherton, California where they spent eight happy years in a home near the Stanford Campus. Their home was surrounded by beautiful trees and had a well-established flower garden complete with green

house. Ed was happy during these days, stripped to the waist, outdoors in the sun, tending to his large garden.

Ida died at Atherton in June, 1965. Her loss was a grievous blow to Ed's happiness and serenity. But his four children and his grandchildren rallied to his side and eased his period of adjustment.

After Ida's death Ed moved to a spacious townhouse across the street from the Stanford Campus. Here he could continue to grow flowers and shrubs on his patio and was in walking distance of the football field where he followed with great intensity the development of the Stanford team during spring and fall practice sessions. During these days he continued to enjoy traveling especially to visit his children.

These happy days were marred by the unexpected death in June, 1973 of his oldest son, Edwin Jr. Young Ed was a successful Wall Street lawyer and his father took great pleasure in following the important cases that he handled. He had great difficulty in accepting the loss of his son.

As Ed reached his 88th year, his vigorous health began to fail and he was forced to forego driving his Thunderbird convertible. With the devoted assistance of his daughter, Marian, and his sons, Roger and Jamieson, he moved back to St. Paul where Marian and Roger could be close to him.

His second sojourn in St. Paul was short and his active, full and eventful life came to an end as the flowers which he so much enjoyed were beginning to blossom in Minnesota.

He is survived by his only daughter Mrs. Robert (Marian) Ahrens of St. Paul, and by two sons, Roger Matthias of St. Paul and Rev. Jamieson Matthias of Claremont, California. His children have truly lost their Northern star.

Respectfully submitted,
L. E. TORINUS
H. V. RHEDIN
ANTHONY KANE

H. PAUL SHAROOD: A Committee consisting of Gilbert Schlagel, Lawrence Cohen, Fiori Palarine have prepared a memorial for Edward C. Mogren and the memorial will be presented by Mr. Schlagel.

Mr. Schlagel then read the memorial for Edward C. Mogren.

EDWARD CARL MOGREN was born on March 16, 1893, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He was raised on a farm at North St. Paul and attended the St. Paul College of Law. He was graduated from that college in 1927 and was admitted to the Bar of Minnesota that same year.

Ed first associated with the late Mr. Humphrey Barton in the New York Building. He developed great skill as a trial lawyer and became an exceptional legal craftsman and his practice was very broad and varied. He championed the causes of his clients with great skill and his adeptness at cross-examination was demonstrated in trials throughout his many years of practice. Although fair minded and thoughtful, he had an unusual ability to diagnose a legal problem and isolate the legal issues involved.

In subsequent years, Ed associated with Fred Peterson and Fiori Palarine, and the late John O'Donnell, Court Commissioner. In later years, young men associated with him were Raymond Kempe, Sheldon Silver, Paul Lindholm and Dwain H. Legler.

Ed was a man not only of many abilities but also a man of varied and warm-hearted inclinations. It was not unusual for him to bring home on some special occasion, a needy family. He enjoyed a reputation for sound business judgment and was often sought out for special counseling. He had an unusual and unique ability to relate with warm interest and affection to many persons who were privileged to be his friends.

Ed retired from practice in 1971 and passed away on February 4, 1977, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, Eva, and his children, Shirley Goff, Eleanor Winchester, and Donald Mogren. He was married to Eva almost 60 years. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

His widow, family and friends may find their consolation in his passing by recalling his friendly manner, his high sense of duty and his devotion to his family, his country and those he represented. Ed's path is well remembered by the torches he lit, and which remain burning, during a lifetime of service to his fellowman.

Respectfully submitted,
GILBERT J. SCHLAGEL
FIORI PALARINE
LAWRENCE COHEN

R. PAUL SHAROOD: A Committee composed of the Hon. Harold LeVander, Charles W. Briggs and Robert C. Onan, Jr., have prepared a memorial for Clifton Parks, and it will be presented by Governor LeVander.

Governor LeVander then read the memorial for Clifton Parks.

CLIFTON PARKS, affectionately known by his friends as "Cuff", died on August 26, 1976.

He and his twin brother, Clayton, were born on April 8, 1895 on a farm between Glenwood and Alexandria, Minnesota. Clifton became a lawyer and a legislator. Clayton became a lawyer and a judge.

Clifton attended Alexandria elementary and high school, after which he enrolled at Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota. From there he and his brother enrolled at the St. Paul College of Law. Upon completion of his law studies, he and his twin brother enlisted in the United States Army in World War I.

After being discharged from the Army, in which he had served overseas with distinction, he was admitted to the Bar in 1919 and started practice in St. Paul, Minnesota.

On August 16, 1941 he was married to Vivian Carlson. Viv's affection and devotion to Cuff and Cuff's affection and devotion to Vivian made their marriage a model that was admired by all of their friends.

In 1952 he was elected to the House of Representatives in the Minnesota Legislature and served ten years. He was then elected to the State Senate where he served eight years through 1970. He did not seek re-election for a third term.

He was a member of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of St. Paul and served on the Board of Trustees.

On July 31, 1968, he received special presidential recognition for 25 years of service in the Selective Service System.

In 1969 he received the Humanitarian Special Award of the Humane Society of the United States, Minnesota branch, for his many years of service to that Society.

He was a member of the Ramsey County, Minnesota and American Bar Associations. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 8 and served as its Commander. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge No. 3, Scottish Rite, and Osman Temple Shrine. He was a member of the Saint Paul Athletic Club.

He specialized in real estate and probate law and was known in the profession as a highly competent, conscientious and honorable practitioner.

In this day of divergent and confusing views as to the purpose of human life, it is appropriate to contemplate and pay tribute to the kind of life that our departed friend and associate lived and what it meant.

As a member of the Legislature, Cuff was dedicated to serving the best interest of his community and the State. He decided issues on their merits as he felt they might affect the economy and the social fabric of our society. He was a staunch defender of individual liberty. He steadfastly believed that the law as the command of the sovereign people should be rigorously and equally enforced upon all without fear or favor.

He was not led astray by the rhetoric or expediency of politics. He was a problem solver not a publicity seeker. He never lost sight of the realities and facts of a situation upon which a sound judgment could be made.

He recognized that we live in a changing world. In the words of Tennyson:

The old order changeth, giving place to new.
God fulfills himself in various ways.
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

He was willing to innovate to meet changing conditions but also felt that change should be an improvement, not change for change's sake.

His long life of 81 years covered the greatest advances in technology, science, commerce and industry the world has ever known, with their inevitable effect upon the economic and social ideas of people. He heard the insistent calls for change in the structure of society, for new moral standards and new rules for the conduct of human affairs. He saw the development of a seamless web of domestic and foreign economic policies. But despite all the innovations, material and otherwise, he held firmly to the ancient and timeless virtues of personal integrity, truthfulness, industry, frugality and the courage of convictions. He observed the Canons of Ethics of the legal profession as a part of his inner self, as though they had never been embodied in a written Code.

Cuff Parks was more than a legal craftsman. He gave loyal and unswerving representation to his clients in the protection of their legitimate interests. He was known and respected as an honorable man. He was a wise and respected counselor and obeyed the dictums of wisdom and common sense. No one better than he realized the age-old problem of reconciling liberty with law and order. He was always concerned with and active in the formulation of the law to suit the well-being and protection of the people. He would deny that any organized society could recognize a right to disobey the law and expect to survive. He was not deceived by the adage that "we are a government of laws and not of men" for, as a legislator, he knew that men make and enforce the law. He was always a citizen law-maker, realizing full well that the law rests upon the will of the people. He brought to bear his practical experience gained from the business world and from his profession to the formulation of laws that would be practical, workable and contribute to the welfare of the citizens of Minnesota.

Cuff's life was one of service to his family and to his fellowmen. His love and devotion to his wife, Vivian, and her support and affection for him set an example that should be held high in this age of family decay. He served his fellow men not only in the Legislature but as an officer in his church, a leader in his Legion Post, and an active member of his Lodge. For himself, he never asked more than the opportunity to serve unselfishly, without glory or praise to himself. He bore the trials and tribulations of life with serenity and bravery. He was solicitous of the sorrows of others.

He had a rare gift of humor that tempered the seriousness of any situation. His anecdotes were a delight to all who knew him. He always had a story that was appropriate and he looked for the silver lining behind every cloud.

He lived a useful and fruitful life and no doubt as "he drew the draperies of his couch about him and lay down to pleasant dreams" he had the beautiful sentiments of Tennyson, in mind:

"Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

"Twilight and evening bell
And after that the dark,
And let there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

"And though from out our bourne of time and place,
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to meet my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

So we bid an affectionate farewell to Cuff Parks, with the memory of the life he lived as his enduring monument.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD LE VANDER
CHARLES BRIGGS
ROBERT C. ONAN, JR.

H. PAUL SHAROOD: A Committee composed of the Hon. William P. Murphy, John B. Burke and Paul C. Thomas have prepared a memorial on behalf of John F. Scott, Sr., and the memorial will be presented by Judge Murphy.

Judge Murphy then read the memorial for John F. Scott, Sr.

JOHN F. SCOTT arrived to his parents, Earl C. Scott and Elizabeth (Zapp) Scott, in St. Cloud, Minnesota, on August 4, 1894. He departed from us on July 14, 1975, in St. Paul, Minnesota. John was one of five children, all of whom became residents of St. Paul. Two brothers, Ulric C. Scott and Peter M. Scott, both of whom preceded John in death, were members of the Ramsey County Bar Association. A third brother, Eugene E. Scott, continues to practice medicine in St. Paul.

In his years John achieved much. Following his education in St. Cloud schools, he entered the University of Michigan Law School, graduating in 1916. After his admission to the bar in that year, John joined the Attorney General's Office as a special assistant.

After the formation of the Federal Land Bank System in 1917, he entered the Bank at St. Paul as a member of its legal staff. In 1920 he became general counsel of the Bank, a post he held until 1924.

During his active period, John continuously maintained a law practice in St. Paul, initially alone and later in partnership with John B. Burke. In 1936, the partnership was expanded to include his brother, Peter M., and operated under the name Scott, Burke & Scott until John's invalidism necessitated his retirement.

John is best known for his part in the formation and development of Minnesota Building and Loan Association, which started in July, 1922. That Association is now known as Minnesota Federal Savings and Loan Association. John served as the first president of the Association and continued in that office until 1952 when an invalidism resulting from a 1947 cerebral thrombosis made his retirement necessary.

John took a very active part in the development of the savings and loan business nationally and in the State. In the difficult war years of 1943-1944 he served as president of the United States Savings and

Loan League, a national trade organization. Also, he freely gave time and energy to civic affairs. A high point in his career was service as Boreas Rex VII in the St. Paul Winter Carnival of 1941. During the years 1941 through 1946, as chairman he headed the annual Ramsey County Red Cross fund drives. In the year 1943-44 he acted as president of the St. Paul Athletic Club.

John enjoyed both participating in and watching sports events, all fields. A large framed and powerful man he prided himself in his long but often wild golfing drives. He never lost interest in sports events and during his long invalidism followed them continuously both on television and radio, often simultaneously.

In 1916, John married Ednah J. O'Connor of Renville, Minnesota, and they had two children, John F Scott, Jr., an attorney practicing in St. Paul, and Mary S. O'Toole, the wife of Terrance. S. O'Toole, a member of this Bar Association Mrs. Scott preceded John in death, on December 7, 1974.

John was an extraordinarily enthusiastic and vital person. An excellent speaker, he enjoyed hearing, telling and fabricating jokes and tall tales. He was a rare person.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM P. MURPHY
JOHN B. BURKE, SR.
PAUL C. THOMAS

R. PAUL SHAROOD: Your Honor, these memorials have now been completed and I join with Mr. Collins in moving you, Judge Hachey, for an order directing the Clerk to spread these memorials upon the permanent records of the Court, and further directing the Clerk to send copies of these memorials to the next of kin of those whom we remember today.

CHIEF JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: The motions of Mr. Sharood are granted. On behalf of the District Court of Ramsey County, the Municipal Court of Ramsey County, we wish to express our appreciation to the Ramsey County Bar Association for so effectively continuing this splendid tradition.

As a special mark of respect for the departed, no other matters will be taken up and this Court will now adjourn without day.



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