

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

DECEASED MEMBERS

of the

RAMSEY COUNTY BAR

ASSOCIATION



Held at the
COURTHOUSE

Friday, April 26, 1985

On Friday, April 26, 1985, Memorial Services in honor of those members of the Ramsey County Bar who died during the past year were held in the Ramsey County Courthouse.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Present: Chief Judge Harold W. Schultz, Assistant Chief Judge Donald E. Gross; Judges Edward D. Mulally, David E. Marsden, J. Jerome Plunkett, Otis H. Godfrey, Jr., Stephen L. Maxwell, Hyam Segell, James L. Lynch, E. Thomas Brennan, Gordon W. Shumaker, Jr., Bertrand Poritsky, and Archie L. Gingold of the Ramsey County District Court; Judges William J. Fleming, Robert F. Johnson, Roland J. Faricy, Joseph E. Salland, and Margaret M. Marrinan 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 HAROLD W. SCHULTZ: Ladies and gentlemen, let me first of all, on behalf of all of the judges of the Second Judicial District here in Ramsey County, extend to you a very warm welcome and tell you how pleased we are that you are able to be with us this afternoon. That welcome, of course, extends also to the members of the Ramsey Bar Association, the Committee headed by Mr. Christensen, and the officers of the Ramsey County Bar headed by Mr. Galvin.

It is really the work of the Ramsey County Bar Association that makes it possible for those of us who would like to remember those deceased members of the Bar who have left us in the past year to meet and hear about them and to extend to each other some words of commiseration. Traditionally on the last Tuesday of the month of April we do this. It is a tradition of long standing and one that I know is of great moment, not only to the judges, but also to the families of those deceased brethren of ours.

I would at this time like to recognize Mr. Michael Galvin, President of the Ramsey County Bar Association. Mr. Galvin.

PRESIDENT MICHAEL J. GALVIN, JR.: May it please the Court, thank you very much, Judge Schultz. On behalf of the Ramsey County Bar Association and the Ramsey County Courts, I also wish to extend my welcome to all of you for the ceremony this afternoon.

Today the Ramsey County Bench and Bar continues a long-

standing tradition of setting aside the day to hold a memorial service for those members of the Bar who have passed away since our last memorial service in April, 1984.

It is fitting that we gather for this service here in the Ramsey County Courthouse, seat of government, center of the judicial system, and recognize those people who have devoted their lives and their energies to the rule of law and the way of the law.

We appreciate very much, on behalf of the Ramsey County Bar Association, the work of the Committee who has gone into the preparation of these memorials and the members of our association who are participating in the program this afternoon.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, our Chair will request that these memorials be made a part of the permanent records of this Court and thereby a part of the permanent history of the Ramsey County Bar Association, and each family, of course, will receive a copy or copies of those memorials.

And now, Judge Schultz and Judge Gross, with the Court's permission, we call upon the Chair of our Legal History and Biography Committee, Mr. Donn Christensen, to conduct the ceremony. Mr. Christensen.

CHAIRMAN DONN D. CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Galvin. May it please the Court, I would first like to give recognition to the members of the Committee who have made this possible:

Earl R. Anderson
Frank Hammond
Hugh P. Markley
George McPartlin
Judd S. Mulally
J. Patrick Plunkett
John Patrick Ryan

The individuals who will be memorialized today will be remembered in alphabetical order, first of which is Mr. Joseph Bright; report given by Hugh Markley.

Prepared by committee consisting of Warren R. Spannus, Former Minnesota Attorney General, Harry Walsh, Deputy Revisor of Statutes, Rod Searle, Former Speaker of the House, Gordon Rosenmeier, Former State Senator, Honorable Myron H. Bright, and Hugh P. Markley, Attorney.

(Mr. Markley read the memorial for Joseph Bright.)

Joseph J. Bright, 76, of St. Paul, who probably knew more than anyone about Minnesota state law, died of cancer on Sunday, September 23, 1984.

Joe's parents, Morris Bright and Leana Levine, emigrated from Russia. Joe was born in Duluth in 1907 and spent his childhood on the Iron Range. Graduating from Gilbert High School, he attended the University of Minnesota and its Law School and graduated in 1930. He practiced law at Eveleth, Minnesota, for five years. He remarked of those days, "Those of us who tried to survive didn't make any money, but we had a good time and did what we could to help those less fortunate." Joe also remarked in his notes in *The First 100 Years* book of the Minnesota State Bar Association that his strangest fee was a "grandfather's picture frame, otherwise known as a toilet seat." For other humorous anecdotes of those days, see Page 91 of that fine publication.

Joe came to the Twin Cities in 1935, being appointed as an assistant attorney general by Harry Peterson. Except for a stint in the army during the war, he remained as an assistant attorney general working with the highway department and other departments until 1957, when he was appointed Revisor of Statutes by the Supreme Court of Minnesota. Joe remained in that post for 17 years, until his retirement in 1974.

Harry M. Walsh, Deputy Revisor of Statutes, remarks: "When we think of Joe, most of us remember him talking. He made conversation into a great dramatic art, and like a great dramatist he could talk in every style." Harry remembers going to Joe many times with a problem, a whole mess of facts, law, confusion, and he would look it over like Napoleon sitting a battery and say, "This is the strategic point," and all the problems would disappear. He would do the reverse. You could go to him with what you thought was a terrific idea. He would take a look at it and say, "Here is the strategic problem," and the whole thing would disappear. But he could create, analyze and

synthesize and he was a thinking man's lawyer and practical lawyer like no other one Harry ever met. "But, above all, he was *fun* to be with. You could see he thrived on argument. He loved to talk; loved to listen. If you had something to contribute, he'd pick it up and he'd pull it around and turn it upside down, and if you had a lot to say he'd battle it out with you and, darn, if after a few minutes if he began to think you had the better side of the case he'd turn the tables on you. You'd find you were defending his position and he was defending yours. But you came out of those conversations wiser."

Harry Walsh remembers Joe saying many times, "The most honorable words in the English language are 'I don't know.' If you don't know, don't guess — ask." And when we would ask him he would have an answer. He would have all kinds of answers.

Joe used this talent all of his life and was far ahead of all other 49 states when he put in a computer system when they were still agonizing over Selectric typewriters. His great late friend, Fred Cina, once joked that, "I made Joe Revisor and he made himself king." But to Harry and many others Joe was always king wherever he was. His whole life made the state a better place to live and, although those in the Revisor's office miss him terribly, none will ever forget him. Harry, especially, was glad to hear that the lion roared to the end.

For his 10 years after retirement, Joe took care of his yard and house which he and his wife, Rochelle, designed and built themselves in the 1960's. Joe was quite a gardener and walker and interested in youth in his Battle Creek neighborhood. He served the youth and the elderly, being on the board of Metropolitan State University and all types of positions for PERA retired employees and the umbrella organization serving retirees in Minnesota.

He remarked several times to O. M. "Mike" Ousdigian, retired secretary of PERA, that "Michael, we are doing this to leave something behind," just 33 days before his untimely death. Mike stated that, "Joe was a friend of all retired persons in Minnesota and one of the finest gentlemen the state ever produced. He had a computer mind and indomitable courage."

Rod Searle, Former Speaker of the House, entered the legislature at the same time that Joe became revisor. He characterizes Joe as champion of the little guy who always understood the plight of civilians in the house (non-lawyers). Joe looked out for the best interests of the State and he loved to visit

about the government and people making it go, but never in a negative sense. He was able to talk about the possible consequences about any bill always with a twinkle in his eye and a marvelous sense of humor. Rod Searle says, "Few will recognize the tremendous influence he had on the history of this state and he probably will never be given the proper credit because he was only doing his job, but what a job he did. He was an institution, a confidante, a friend and he served the state and its people in an exemplary fashion."

Gordon Rosenmeier served in the legislature for many years. His first contact with Joe came on a case where he was defending someone against the State of Minnesota, when Joe was assistant attorney general. His respect never dimmed through the years, but got stronger the longer he knew Joe. Mr. Rosenmeier stated in a memorial service at the State Capitol on November 1, with all members of the legislature, executive branch and judiciary present, with the House chambers filled to standing room only, that, "Joe's command was so widely acknowledged and his influence of legislature of courts were so widely accepted that he was never questioned. His influence rose steadily through the years. He remained a modest man, friendly, affable and he demonstrated a character to match his legal dexterity. His conduct demonstrated the aphorism that hangs in a frame on a friend's office wall, 'There is no limit to a man's accomplishments if he does not care who gets the credit.' Much of what was credible that happened in the history of this state was his doing, for which he asked no credit. We knew him as a public figure whose stature deserved more than our acclaim today. We will remember him as friend and as a gentlemen and all that is good in what that word imports."

Joe is survived by his lovely wife, Rochelle, also from the Iron Range, who married Joe in the middle of the depression. She used to travel with him on many occasions to the northern and southern-most regions of the State of Minnesota when he was an assistant attorney general trying lawsuits all over the State. Rochelle's mother, who was a social worker for St. Louis County, liked Joe so well that she introduced her daughter to him. Joe died on his son, Charles', birthday, and his son survives with three children now temporarily in Florida. Joe is also survived by three brothers and a sister, Myron, a federal judge in Fargo, North Dakota, Leo of Edina, and Roy of Honolulu, and Mable Manfield of Illinois.

Joe joined the Ramsey County Bar Association in 1946. Many years ago he spoke at a luncheon meeting of the RCBA about

humorous incidents and legislation of the preceding session. He described a dog house law still on the books which prescribed a building code for dog house construction at a time long before the State building code for homes was enacted. In leaving the RCBA luncheon meeting, on his left was the President of the RCBA and on his right was the House author of the dog house law. The Bar President asked, "Who was the damn fool who authored that bill?" Joe pretended not to hear him.

Joe's brothers described him as a good brother, kind and helpful, with sound advice. He always had a twinkle in his eye, probably in a modest way, and he was appreciative of those who helped him. The Iron Range placed an imprint on his life and he always realized he didn't achieve a law school education and a respected position without someone else paving the way before him.

Eighth Circuit Court Judge, The Honorable Myron Bright, Joe's brother, remarked at his State Capitol Memorial Service, "If Joe's life meant anything, it lives on in its inspiration it brings to others, such as the poem entitled 'Bridge Builder'

An old man going along a highway
came at the evening cold and gray
to a chasm — vast and deep and wide
The old man crossed in the twilight dim
the sullen stream had no fear for him
But he turned when safe on the other side
and built a bridge to span the tide.
Old man, said a fellow pilgrim near,
you are wasting your strength with building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day
You never again will pass this way.
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide
Why build you a bridge at eventide?
The builder lifted his old gray head
Good friend, in the path I have come
he said, there follows after me today
a youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been not to me
to that fairhaired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross the twilight dim.
Good Friend, I am building this bridge for him.

And to that, my neighbor, I can only say, Amen.

CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Markley.

The next memorial will be given for Otto F. Christenson, presented by Frank Hammond.

(Mr. Hammond read the memorial for Otto F. Christenson.)

Otto F. Christenson was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in 1903, the son of Otto and Ann Christenson. He was graduated from Stevens Point, Wisconsin grade and high schools, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota Law School.

Otto practiced law in Lancaster, Wisconsin from 1925 to 1943, and was for a time District Attorney for Grant County, Wisconsin.

The Minnesota Employers Association sought an executive vice president to fill a vacancy and chose Otto Christenson. This was in the troubled times of World War II, when the field of labor relations was changing rapidly in its leadership and thinking on the part of all groups involved. The job then involved much work with the state legislature as old standards and legal requirements were being replaced. New ideas were being advanced by both management and labor.

Also involved were changes in workers and unemployment compensation standards, which were not a modification of the older standards but actually provided a completely new and different legal approach involving both labor and business as well as political authorities, including Governor Stassen.

The new legal approaches authored, revamped and modified with Otto's participation have withstood the tests of political and economic strain better than those of most states and the federal government.

He was active in the Saint Paul Chamber of Commerce, where he served as a monitor for state and national legislation affecting the Employers Association.

Otto moved comfortably and confidently among the leaders of business and industry.

In 1957 he was appointed to a Nuclear Energy Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Industrial Council.

After his retirement from the Minnesota Employers Association, he practiced law in St. Paul, and later moved to Farmington, Connecticut, where he resided until his death.

He was a member of the St. Paul Athletic Club and the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his widow, Thelma Grace Christenson of Farmington, Connecticut; and sons, Otto D. Christenson of St. Paul, and Gregory A. Christenson of San Diego, California; and Jettabee Anne Edman, a daughter of Farmington, Connecticut.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD FELHABER
FRANK HAMMOND

CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Hammond.

The next memorial will be given for Steven Kane, presented by Gerald Carlson.

(Mr. Carlson read the memorial for Steven Kane.)

Steven W. Kane, known to many of his friends as Steve, was born on February 24, 1909 in St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of Arthur N. and Ethel Kane. He attended old Douglas Grade School and graduated from Humboldt High School in 1927. He then attended the St. Paul College of Law, now William Mitchell College of Law and graduated therefrom in 1934 and was admitted to practice law before the Minnesota State Courts in the same year.

He was a former Vice President of the American National Bank where he worked for 42 years. While with the Bank he was also a sponsor and Manager of the Bank Drum and Bugle Corps for 5 years and sponsor and Manager of the Humboldt High School Band for 10 years. He retired from the Bank in 1969.

Steve spent his last fifteen years practicing law, in solo practice in St. Paul, primarily in the field of Will preparation and Probate. He was a quiet and kindly man and gave legal assistance to many Senior Citizens and the home bound, regardless of their ability to pay, and went out of his way to accomodate them.

He was a member of the Ramsey County, State of Minnesota and American Bar Associations. In addition, he was a member of the William Mitchell College of Law Alumni Association.

He was active in community affairs. He was an Elder of the Cherokee Park United Church and an active member of the Wilder Senior Citizens Club and the Metropolitan Senior Citizens Club.

Steven loved to travel and looked forward with much joy to the annual trip he made for many years with his wife and family and friends, to Treasure Island, Florida. His hobbies were the care of his flower garden, hunting, fishing, and boating and golfing with his foresome over a number of golf courses in the Minnesota and Wisconsin area.

Steven was married on June 29, 1935 to Eileen Hagney. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Kathleen Conley and his son, Kenneth S. Kane, and his sister Jean Marquardt, and five grandchildren. He was loved by his family and liked and respected by all his friends and clients. He will be long remembered.

Respectfully submitted,
GERALD E. CARLSON
JUDD S. MULALLY
ELMER H. WIBLISHAUSER

CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Carlson.

The next memorial will be given in memory of Carl Meixner by Earl Anderson.

(Mr. Anderson read the memorial for Carl Meixner.)

Carl C. Meixner was born in Owatonna, Minnesota on March 5, 1890. His parents were Bernard and Rosalie Meixner. He passed away April 21, 1984 at the age of 94. Funeral services were held at St. Lukes Catholic Church where he had been a member.

He married Evelyn Stokoe, who died in 1953. Surviving him is only one daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Kemp of Woodenville, Washington, as well as two grandchildren, Trina Wherry and Kevin Wherry.

Carl graduated from the Owatonna High School. Following this he attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1913. He was admitted to the Bar the same year.

His law office was in the Minnesota Building in St. Paul. He practiced law for 70 years. He probably was the oldest practicing attorney at that time in St. Paul, possibly in the entire state.

Carl had a general law practice with considerable work in real estate and probate law.

Carl had an affection and respect for the Minnesota Law School. He contributed to the law school scholarship funds, to the Minnesota Alumni Foundation as well as several charity organizations.

Carl was active in the theatre work at the University. He helped organize the Masquers Club, a drama group. He tried to attend all of the University Theatre events that he could.

He had a number of avocations, like gardening, golf and tennis. He travelled extensively having toured 29 countries, including every state in the union, Australia, New Zealand and Europe.

Carl practiced law until the December prior to his death on April 21, 1984. At the end he developed cancer and spent several months at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home in St. Paul, where he died.

He loved to fly out West to visit his beloved daughter, Marjorie Kemp and her children. She said about her father, "although he was a quiet man at social functions he truly enjoyed people."

Regarding her father, she said, "Daddy lived long enough to fulfill most of his dreams."

Carl was a man of high character. He always tried to be

proper, thoughtful and considerate of not only his clients, but his family and friends.

Respectfully submitted,
EARL R. ANDERSON
JUDD S. MULALLY
DANIEL DENNIS O'CONNELL

CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Anderson.

The next memorial will be given for James Rohricht. The memorial was prepared by a committee consisting of Craig J. Christoffersen, John F. Gerten, Albert O. Palm and Brian L. Solem. Mr. Solem will present the memorial.

(Mr. Solem read the memorial for James A. Rohricht.)

James A. Rohricht was a quiet, unassuming, gentle man with an unwaivering allegiance to his church, his family, his clients and his friends. He was born on January 25, 1934 in St. Paul to Estella and Hugo Rohricht, and lived his entire life on the East Side. He attended the Nazareth Hall Seminary, graduated from St. Agnes High School and St. Thomas College. While a law student he was employed by Mutual Service Insurance Companies where he met and married Kathleen Huseman.

Jim graduated from the William Mitchell College of Law in 1964. He left the insurance company and associated with the law firm of Swanson and Christoffersen on Payne Avenue in 1966. In 1973 he continued to practice law as a sole practitioner on Payne Avenue, officing with Ed and Marie Hitchcock from 1982 until August 25, 1984 when he died suddenly, while attending a wedding reception in Glencoe, Minnesota.

Jim conducted a general practice of law and was recognized for his expertise in the areas of real estate and probate law. Because of his abiding interest in children, he was always excited about representing clients in adoption matters. Always thorough and well prepared, he represented his clients with the utmost skill, integrity and diligence. He was considered by those of us who dealt with him as sincere, trustworthy and loyal to his clients, and we knew his word was his bond. Jim did far more than his share of representing needy individuals at reduced fees, or without fees, consistent with his philosophy of serving his fellow man.

A history buff, Jim was especially knowledgeable about the American Civil and Revolutionary wars and visited many of the great historical sites with his family. He was also a member of the German Interest Group of the Minnesota Historical Society.

He was active in his community, being a founding member of the Phalen Area Community Council and a Board member of the Merrick Community Center, coached little league baseball and was active in the boy scout movement. He served in numerous Payne Avenue Business Association activities, including several consecutive years as chairman of the Harvest Festival Kiddie Parade. He couldn't say no to a worthwhile cause.

His life exemplified his Christian beliefs. He was a lecturer,

teacher of religious education, minister of communion, President of the Parish Council, member of the choir and President of the Home and School Association at St. Casimir Church.

Above all, Jim was a devoted husband and father, with an intense interest in his children, their activities and their friends.

Jim's life reflected a desire to serve his fellow man with humility, zeal and love. His memory will be a continuing source of inspiration to his wife, Kay, his daughter, Mary Kolbeck, his sons, Paul, Jeffery and Edward, his granddaughter, Emily, his brother, Robert, and all who knew him. We join in paying tribute to his life and in expressing our sorrow at his passing. We have lost a good friend.

Respectively submitted,
CRAIG J. CHRISTOFFERSEN
JOHN F. GERTEN
ALBERT O. PALM
BRIAN L. SOLEM

CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Solem.

The next memorial will be presented for Ernest Steneroden and presented by Andy Engebretson.

(Mr. Engebretson read the memorial for Ernest Steneroden.)

Ernest H. Steneroden was born in Spring Grove, Minnesota, the son of Grace and Edwin Steneroden on May 19, 1921.

He graduated from Spring Grove High School and then went to Luther College and Winona State Teacher's College until he was drafted into the United States Army Air Corps in the fall of 1942.

While in the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945 he served in a psychological research unit which counseled troubled flyers returning from war missions.

After the war he resumed his education and graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1949 and was admitted to practice law the same year. While going to school and for some time after he worked for his uncle who was the owner of Miner Auto Company in Anoka.

He started law practice in the Midland Bank Building in downtown Minneapolis sharing office space with Iverson & Waley.

However, in 1956 Ernie grew tired of fighting the rush hour traffic to and from downtown and opened an office at 940 University Avenue in St. Paul with his wife Ruth as secretary.

He stayed at 940 University until 1962 at which time he purchased the building at 770 University and practiced law there for over 20 years until the time of his death on October 12, 1984.

While Ernie was practicing law at 770 University a number of lawyers practiced with him and worked for him. These include Jim Goettman, Don Mathison, Andy Engebretson, Ken Schadeck, J. Howard Hill, James P. Haley, Arthur Seaberg, Charles H. Shure, L. Charles Peterson, Thomas R. Hughes, Patricia J. Hughes and John Connolly.

Ernie's practice consisted of insurance defense for various insurance carriers for whom he traveled throughout the State of Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin to try lawsuits on their behalf. As a result, Ernie became acquainted with and counted as friends many outstate lawyers as well as many within the metropolitan area.

But Ernie's favorite clients were those ordinary individuals with problems that were bigger than their ability to pay. He gave generously of his time and advice to those clients with little

or no compensation. To those clients he was more than a lawyer, he was friend. These clients constituted a loyal and devout following.

He was a member and director of Como Park Lutheran Church and a member of the Osman Shrine Temple and served as counsel for the Legion of Honor for the Shrine. In addition, he was a member of Midland Hills Country Club and an avid golfer. One of his most proud achievements was being the club champion of the Anoka Golf Club in 1957 and runner-up in 1958. Most recently he enjoyed golfing at his lake cabin near Brainerd with close friends and attorneys Ken Strom and Don Alsop.

Ernie was a warm and generous man who will be sadly missed by his family, friends, clients and fellow members of the bar.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS R. HUGHES
ANDY ENGBRETSON
J. HOWARD HILL

CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Engbretson.

The next memorial will be presented by Elmer Wiblishauser for Arnold Stromberg.

The Committee composed of Elmer H. Wiblishauser, Chairman, the Honorable Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the United States and Gerald E. Carlson, have prepared a Memorial for Arnold F. Stromberg, which will be presented by Mr. Wiblishauser.

(Mr. Wiblishauser read the memorial for Mr. Stromberg.)

Arnie, as he was so affectionately known by his first name, was born on June 3, 1909, at 772 Sims Avenue in the City of Saint Paul. He was one of six children who were all brought up to speak, read and write the Swedish language. Arnie did attend Cleveland Grade School and Johnson High School. Then, he did enroll in night classes at the University of Minnesota and he did graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree.

At the age of 15 years Dorothy Jensen first saw Arnie and she knew at that time that he was the man that she would eventually marry. Three years later they were married on the date of September 16, 1939.

In the month of December, 1943, Arnie was inducted into the military service in World War II and he was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant on the date of January 11, 1946.

Then, at the age of 36 years Arnie made the decision to become an Attorney at Law. While working full-time as an Accountant, he attended night school classes for a period of four years at the St. Paul College of Law, now the William Mitchell College of Law, and graduated in 1950 with the Bachelor of Laws degree. The year 1950 was a big year in the history of the Stromberg family. It was the year when they purchased their first brand new car, Arnie started a new career in general practice, and most important of all, the Strombergs had a brand new baby daughter by the name of Kirsten. Kirsten and her husband, Bruce Mogren, are the proud parents of two very lovely children.

In the month of June, 1951, Arnie became associated with the law firm of Faricy, Burger, Moore and Costello in downtown Saint Paul. He served with this firm in the dual capacity of office manager and as a managing partner. Arnie left this firm in 1960 and commenced his own individual practice in the First National Bank building in downtown Saint Paul. Then, he remained in the general practice of the law in his home at 1507 Duluth Street in Saint Paul almost up to the time of his untimely death on the date of March 23, 1984.

In addition to a thriving general law practice, Arnie always found ample time for other people. He was a member of the Ramsey County and Minnesota State Bar Associations. He had also served on the Board of Directors of the American Swedish Institute of Minneapolis, as General Chairman of the Swedish Division of the Festival of Nations, as President of the Swedish Council of America, and for which service he received a medal from King Carl Gustav XVI of Sweden, as a Trustee and Attorney for many years of the Hull Education Foundation, and which annually awards countless University Scholarships. Arnie had also served proudly as a member and President of the Swedish Male Chorus. He had also received his degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence from the William Mitchell College of Law.

Arnie was a dedicated and very loyal member of the Saint Paul Delta Chapter of the Phi Beta Gamma Legal Fraternity. He served in the capacity of Chancellor of the Delta Alumni Chapter for several years during the nineteen fifties.

Arnie loved to spend much of his time in northern Minnesota. He did thoroughly enjoy the great outdoors. He and his wife, Dorothy, almost single-handed built a summer home on the very lovely shores of Lake Vermillion. He did enjoy his many walks through the woods with his family and his many opportunities to commune with Mother Nature. His lake cabin retreat had a very special place in his heart.

Arnie was always a true gentleman, proud Swede, an understanding friend and companion, a patient grandfather, a gentle father, and a loving and very thoughtful husband. Lastly, and not least of all, he was a brother-in-law to The Honorable Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the United States, a native St. Paulite.

Respectfully submitted,
THE HONORABLE WARREN E. BURGER
GERALD E. CARLSON
ELMER H. WIBLISHAUSER

CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Wiblishauser.

The memorial for Louis Torinus, Sr., will be given by Judd Mulally.

(Mr. Mulally read the memorial for Louis Torinus, Sr.)

Louis E. Torinus, or "Ernie" as he was known to many friends and associates was born December 14, 1905, at Stillwater, Minnesota. He graduated in 1922 from Stillwater High School and in 1926 from the University of Minnesota. Ernie was a *summa cum laude* graduate of the St. Paul College of Law in 1930, which, is now the William Mitchell College of Law. He clerked for Justice Royal A. Stone, Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Ernie started his long and successful legal career in private practice, first with the St. Paul firm of Bundlie and Kelley, from 1930 to 1938, and from 1938 to 1943 he was associated with Karl Neumeier, in Stillwater, his home town.

In 1943 Ernie joined the legal department of the Great Northern Railway and worked there until his retirement in 1970, with the title of Assistant Vice President and General Solicitor. According to Ernie's son, Louie, who is an attorney practicing law here in St. Paul, Ernie was especially proud of his legal contributions to the eventual merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads. As some of you will remember, this was a very long, difficult and complicated process. Ernie was nationally recognized as an expert in the field of transportation law.

In his earlier years, Ernie was an active golfer. He also belonged to a flying club and was part owner of a Piper Cub airplane. He was a longtime member of the Saint Paul Athletic Club and was active there in handball and boxing, among other activities.

In 1941, Ernie married Kenna Martin and they had two children, Louis E. "Louie" Torinus and Cherie B. Torinus. There are four grandchildren, Molly Torinus, Susan Torinus, John Torinus and Jennifer Torinus.

We remember Ernie as a quiet and modest man. We also remember him as a talented lawyer and a fine gentleman.

We wish to express the sympathy of the bar association to his family, his former associates and his friends.

Respectfully submitted,
ANTHONY KANE
HONORABLE J. JEROME PLUNKETT
LOUIS E. TORINUS, JR.

JUDD S. MULALLY

CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Mulally.

The last memorial for today will be presented on behalf of Garrett B. Wright by Jerome Franke.

(Mr. Franke read the memorial for Garrett B. Wright.)

Garrett B. Wright was born in Highland Park, Michigan, on September 2, 1908. He attended the University of Michigan and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism in 1930. He graduated from the Detroit College of Law and received the Degree L.L.B. in June of 1933. While in law school, Gar, as he was known to his many friends, was the business manager for the Detroit Law Review and was active in Delta Theta Phi, a national law fraternity.

In 1934, Gar began thirty-eight years of distinguished service with the Farm Credit Bank of St. Paul, where he first served as a title examiner. In 1940, he became attorney for the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives. He later became Senior Attorney and Assistant Secretary of the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives. Until 1956, he did corporate work for three banks, the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank and the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives. These banks serve farmers and their cooperatives in the four state area comprised of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota.

In 1968, Gar was promoted to the office of General Counsel of the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives, a position he held until his retirement on June 30, 1972. Gar became an expert in lending contracts, security transactions, mortgages, collections, bankruptcies and corporate law, among other things. He worked closely with Bill Rumble and Charley Niemann, two of the leading experts in cooperative law in the United States. Gar became a recognized genius in cooperative and agriculture law. On June 25, 1983, the Minnesota State Bar Association conferred the title of SENIOR COUNSELOR on Garrett B. Wright, thus recognizing over fifty (50) years of service to and as a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association. Gar continued in the general practice of law until his passing in November of 1984.

In addition to his professional activities, Gar was also active in community activities, having been an active member of the Macalester Masonic Lodge and the Osman Temple Shrine, until his passing. He was also an active boating enthusiast and devoted much of his leisure and recreational time to water related activities. He served with distinction in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and ultimately became District Commodore of the Northern Region, Second Coast Guard Auxiliary. His talents as a leader were recognized in this

recreational activity, just as they were in his professional life.

Gar was married in 1934 to Lois Webb, who preceded him in death in 1971. Two children, Linda Jean Wright and Garrett B. Wright, Jr., were born to this marriage. Both children and a grandson, Garrett B. Wright, III, survive. Gar was remarried on September 16, 1972, to the former Marcia A. Petter, who now survives him. It was a mutual love of music which introduced Gar and Marcia Wright to each other. Marcia recalls that Gar's outstanding characteristics were his love of life, his sincerity, and his dependability. His word was his bond.

A biography of Gar Wright would not be complete without touching upon the religious dimension of his life. Gar was a devoted Christian Scientist and a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Gar's membership extended nearly fifty (50) years, and during that time he served on almost every committee to which the members may be appointed. His service also included many years as a Sunday school teacher. He was elected more than once to its executive board and served several terms as Chairman of the Board of Directors. In 1950, he was elected First Reader of the Church and served in that capacity for the next three years. When Gar retired from the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives, he was given a retirement dinner at which he was asked to give a speech in response to the other speakers who preceded him. During this speech, he credited whatever success he had experienced at the Bank and in his life to the daily practice of his religion.

Gar Wright was, in the truest sense of the word, a gentle man. He showed his great love for God by his great love and kindness for his fellow man. He was never heard to say an unkind word about another person. He was a man of honor, integrity and ability who will always be remembered with great affection by his family and his many friends.

Respectfully submitted,
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EUGENE B. HOEFLIN
MICHAEL J. WELSH

CHAIRMAN CHRISTENSEN: Your Honor, that completes the memorials to be presented today. I wish to thank the members of the Memorial Committee and the members of the committees who prepared and presented the memorials. I also wish to thank President Michael Galvin and Jane Harens, Mary Holper of the Bar Association staff, and on behalf of the Bar Association, I thank the Court for again taking part in these services.

I now move the Court that the Clerk be instructed to spread these memorials upon the permanent minutes of the Ramsey County District Court and copies of these memorials be sent to the families of those whom we honored today.

Thank you, Your Honor.

CHIEF JUDGE SCHULTZ: Thank you, Mr. Christensen.

Before granting your motion, let me just say again on behalf of all of the judges here that we appreciate the members of the families of the deceased brethren who are able to join with us and also their friends so that we might listen to these well-prepared and well-delivered memorials.

I am sure as you sat in this room, as all of us did, your thoughts went back to those many contacts that we had over a period of time with these individual members of the Bar. I know that mine did, and that having been done, I am sure I can say on behalf of my colleagues that we will remember them well, we will respect them, we love them and we will miss them just as you do.

Now, your motion to spread on the minutes of the Court and these memorials is granted. And out of respect for the memory of our deceased brethren, the Court will adjourn for the day without taking up any further business.

Court will be adjourned.