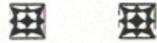


**MEMORIAL SERVICES  
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

of the

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR  
ASSOCIATION**



Held at the

**COURTHOUSE**

**Friday, May 4, 1979**

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICES**

Court House, Friday, May 4, 1979, 2:00 P.M.

On Friday, May 4, 1979, 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: Judges Ronald E. Hachey, Edward D. Mulally, Harold W. Schultz, David E. Marsden, J. Jerome Plunkett, Otis H. Godfrey, Jr., Stephen L. Maxwell, Hyam Segell, James M. Lynch, Sidney P. Abramson, E. Thomas Brennan and Joseph P. Summers of the Ramsey County District Court; Andrew Glenn of the Ramsey County Probate Court; William J. Fleming, Robert F. Johnson, Allan R. Markert, Roland J. Faricy, Bertrand Poritsky, Kenneth J. Fitzpatrick, Joseph E. Salland, George O. Peterson and Harriet Lansing 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 recognizes Mr. Marvin Green, President of the Ramsey County Bar Association.

**MR. MARVIN GREEN:** May it please the Court, Your Honors, members of the Association, family and friends of those of our number who have departed during the past year. In keeping with our established tradition, we have asked the Court to set aside this day for the holding of Memorial Services for those of our number who have

departed. At the conclusion of this hearing, Your Honors, and members of the Court, we will move that the Court make it a permanent part of the record and thereby make it a permanent part of the history of Ramsey County.

Your Honors, the Memorial Service will be conducted by the Chairman of the Association's Legal History and Biography Committee, Magistrate George G. McPartlin. I ask that the Court recognize Magistrate McPartlin.

**HONORABLE GEORGE G. MCPARTLIN:** Thank you, Your Honor. If the Court please, ladies and gentlemen, members of the committees are:

Elizabeth Kelley	Joseph T. Herbulock
Thomas Laughlin	Clayton Parks, Jr.
John Ryan	Andrew P. Engebretson
Richard Ryan	Richard Moore
Donn D. Christensen	George G. McPartlin
Charles Murnane	



The memorials are going to be delivered in the order in which the attorneys passed away. The first memorial is for Thomas J. Battis who died on May 9, 1978.

The Committee in charge of the preparation of the memorial for Mr. Thomas J. Battis consists of Willard L. Converse, Judge James M. Lynch and James R. Bettenburg. Mr. Willard L. Converse will read the memorial.

(Mr. Converse read the memorial for Thomas J. Battis.)

THOMAS J. BATTIS passed away May 9, 1978 at the age of 51. He had practiced law in Ramsey County for over 25 years, first briefly with the Thomas Spence law firm, and from 1950 to 1975 with the law firm of Murnane & Murnane, which later became Murnane, Murnane, Battis, deLambert and Conlin, in which Tom Battis was a senior partner. In 1975 he established his own practice.

Born November 8, 1926 of Nicholas J. and Margaret Battis, Tom was raised here in St. Paul in a family of 8 children. His one sister and six brothers survive him, including his brother, Richard Battis, a highly respected member of the Ramsey County Bar. Tom Battis attended Nativity Grade School, and received his preparatory education at St. Thomas Academy where he graduated with the highest honors, including four "eagle awards" for academic excellence. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Corps. When he returned from the service, he entered the University of Minnesota, and graduated from its law school in 1949. That same year he was admitted to the Bar.

He married Alice Brand in 1950, and she survives him, as do their seven children: two daughters, Cathy and Cindy, and five sons, David, Jeffrey, Jerry, Steve and Tim. He was a deeply religious man, a devoted father, and loving husband. In 1963, they built a beautiful year-round lake home on Prior Lake where Tom and his family enjoyed riding, sailing and all the amenities of gracious country living. His home and his family were always a great source of joy and pride for Tom.

As a practicing lawyer, Tom Battis achieved a degree of success and respect enjoyed by only a very few of his colleagues. His skillful handling of all matters in the field of litigation was admired and appreciated by all his fellow lawyers and judges. He was at all times a gentleman, was always well prepared, and in his specialized field of the



defense of personal injury matters, he was recognized throughout the state as one of the profession's ablest practitioners. He was certainly a great student of the law, and successfully managed a great many appeals. His briefs were classic; direct, succinct and persuasive.

Throughout his practice, Tom always maintained an attitude of friendliness, respect and appreciation for his fellow lawyers, including those of us who occasionally had the unenviable position of having to oppose him. He was one of those few members of the legal profession who, while staunchly and ably representing the best interests of his client, was able to treat his adversary with respect, and even with a friendly smile. He was never heard to criticize a fellow lawyer.

The care and skill with which he conducted his practice in our courts prompted one of our late great District Court trial judges, Albin S. Pearson, to remark: "If all our trial lawyers were like Tom Battis, sitting on this bench would be a pleasant job."

Tom served on the school board in his local district in Prior Lake, Minnesota, and at the same time served as the attorney for his local Watershed District. In addition, he served on the faculty of the William Mitchell College of Law for three years as a teacher of legal ethics.

No memorial for Tom Battis would be complete without a reference to his love for the out of doors. No one enjoyed the thrill of duck hunting more than he did. Many happy, uncomfortable, cold and wet mornings were spent in his duck slough on Herron Lake.

We of the Ramsey County Bar will miss his slow warm smile and friendly handshake, but more than that, we have suffered the loss of a truly accomplished lawyer who was a distinct asset to his profession. We wish to express our sincere condolences to his wife, his children, and his sister and brothers.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD L. CONVERSE  
JUDGE JAMES M. LYNCH  
JAMES R. BETTENBURG

**HONORABLE GEORGE G. MCPARTLIN:** The next memorial is for Thomas Francis Burns who passed away May 22, 1978. The Committee in charge of the preparation of the memorial for Thomas Francis Burns consists of Solly Robins, James H. Geraghty and William W. Essling. Mr. Solly Robins will read the memorial.

(Mr. Robins read the memorial for Thomas Francis Burns.)

**THOMAS FRANCIS BURNS**, more commonly known as Tom Burns, was a man of action during his entire lifetime and up to the very moment of his demise. Suffering from an illness which he knew had no cure, he, nevertheless, refused to permit it to interfere with his busy practice. When others would have been crushed with the affliction, Tom fought it in his spare time and never gave it the opportunity to interfere with his devotion to his clients, his practice and his family. Tom possessed the talents and qualification that made for success in the law but rather than content himself with the usual areas of practice, he constantly persisted in being a trailblazer in the field of medical malpractice even though his initial efforts were tantamount to scaling the Matterhorn. Success invariably must be built on firm foundations and that brings us to his life history.

Tom was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on July 23, 1918, and passed away in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 22, 1978. His father was Thomas Francis Burns and his mother was Audrey May Cramer.

The family moved to Timber Lake, South Dakota, where Tom attended elementary and high school graduating in 1935. He was admitted to Marquette University at Milwaukee on a scholarship in that year and graduated from college as a journalist in 1939.

He apparently did not want to be a newspaper man but preferred the law and he was admitted at the University of Minnesota Law School in the fall of that year. In order to shorten the usual period of time, he attended at the University during the days and studied at the Saint Paul College of Law at night. Consequently, he was able to commence the practice of law approximately two years later and opened an office in the Minnesota Building.

During those early years he officed in the same suite of offices as Clifford Gardner, who was a well known trial lawyer in Minnesota, and who was later elected President



of the State Bar Association. Tom was a member of the Ramsey County Bar Association, the Hennepin County Bar Association, Minnesota State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, and was elected to the office of President of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association during the course of his career.

Tom Burns was survived by his loving widow, Ruth, three sons, Thomas Francis Burns, Jr., Timothy Robert Burns, Terrence Michael Burns, a daughter, Barbara Graves, and one grandchild, Polly Graves.

Tom was an avid boatsman and frequently sailed along the rivers of the State with his wife and cronies. The judiciary and his fellow members at the trial bar admired his perseverance, determination and neverfailing confidence though he may have been going "upstream," "against the tide," and headed for certain defeat. This was particularly evident in the stormy trials during which he "almost single-handedly" established much of the medical malpractice law in the State of Minnesota.

Those of us who knew him were privy to the high opinion which he had of a few doctors and his frequently-voiced opinions regarding other members of that noble profession. Tom was not one to abstain from voicing his opinion. On many occasions, he let it be known that his opinions of the medical profession, in general, were not much different from his opinions regarding his brethren at the bar.

Tom Burns was always prepared and in composing that document to which the law refers as a "Last Will and Testament," he permitted his flair for journalistic prose to influence his legal writing so that, in his own whimsical way, Tom Burns remained a journalist to the end because in Article II of his Will he said:

"I direct that my remains be cremated. I further direct my executors to pay the outlandish expenses which probably will be incurred in connection with efforts to allay my demise and with the disposal of my useless remains."

Although Tom was very well known in the plaintiff's bar, he numbered among his close friends not only those who championed the cause of claimants but also those in the insurance industry who invariably were his frequent opponents.

Tom Burn's credo could best be described by a quote from a speech that President Theodore Roosevelt made before the Hamilton Club in Chicago on April 10, 1899, twenty years before Tom Burns was born:

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the grey twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

Respectfully submitted,  
SOLLY ROBINS  
JAMES H. GERAGHTY  
WILLIAM W. ESSLING



HONORABLE GEORGE G. MCPARTLIN: The next memorial is for Fred N. Peterson, Sr. who passed away June 17, 1978. The Committee in charge of the preparation of the memorial for Fred N. Peterson, Sr. consists of Carl C. Meixmer, F. L. Palerine and William W. Essling. Mr. William W. Essling will read the memorial.

(Mr. Essling read the memorial for Fred N. Peterson, Sr.)

FRED N. PETERSON, SR. was born in St. Paul in 1893. He passed away on June 17, 1978, at age 85.

He married Mabel S. Olson and is survived by her and their three children, Virginia M. Peterson, Fred N. Peterson, Jr. and Raymond L. Peterson.

He attended Mechanic Arts High School and the St. Paul College of Law. He was admitted to the bar on March 17, 1918, thus he always celebrated St. Patrick's Day for two reasons.

Mr. Peterson had an enormous capacity for work. While holding a full time job as a bookkeeper, he attended night law school and at the same time he personally built his own home in which the family lived until 1935.

After his admission to the bar he worked for the United States Tax Revenue Department traveling in North and South Dakota and Minnesota investigating and trying estate tax cases. In 1924 he entered the private practice of law and continued in the active practice for 45 years, until 1969 when he retired; except he never retired from his interest and love of the law profession. In his earlier years he was associated with various other lawyers; however, most of the time he was a sole practitioner.

He was active in the real estate field by managing and maintaining several of his own apartment buildings.

In the 1930's he was active in local politics and was twice a candidate for the office of County Attorney.

His many hobbies included gardening, which he pursued in his own yard and referred to it as the garden spot of America. He was an ardent bow and arrow hunter. He made all of his own archery equipment and helped many others in the constructing of bows, arrows and quivers.

He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and served as Scoutmaster at the St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Troop No. 49. He was very active in fraternal

affairs and was president of the Sons of Norway, Nordkap Lodge in St. Paul.

He enjoyed the reputation as a diligent, conscientious lawyer and always championed the cause of his clients. His favorite motto was an old equity maxim, "Where there is a wrong there is a remedy."

Respectfully submitted,

CARL C. MEIXMER

F. L. PALERINE

WILLIAM W. ESSLING



HONORABLE GEORGE G. MC PARTLIN: The next memorial is for Judge Albin S. Pearson who passed away September 5, 1978. The Committee in charge of preparation of the memorial for Judge Albin S. Pearson consists of Richard E. Kyle, Robert O. Sullivan and R. Paul Sharood. Mr. Richard E. Kyle will read the memorial.

(Mr. Kyle read the memorial for Albin S. Pearson.)

JUDGE ALBIN S. PEARSON was born in Amery, Wisconsin, on January 27, 1894, the son of Magnus and Sophy Pearson. He died in Saint Paul, Minnesota, on September 5, 1978.

In 1911 he was graduated from Hudson High School and then went to the University of Minnesota where he received his law degree in 1916. During World War I, he served in the Army as an officer of field artillery. After the war, he returned to Saint Paul and resumed the practice of law. In 1921 he became the first district commander of the Ramsey County American Legion. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1923 and reelected in 1925 when he became chairman of the State Senate Judiciary Committee.

In 1930, Al Pearson was appointed judge of the Probate Court of Ramsey County where he spent nine years. Shortly after his appointment to the Probate Court, he headed a committee of the Bar which undertook the task of revising the State's Probate Code which had remained virtually unchanged since its original enactment in 1858. The revised Code became law in 1935.

From 1939 until his retirement in 1968, a period of 29 years, Judge Pearson served as a Judge of the District Court of Ramsey County. For 25 years he served as an instructor in probate law at the St. Paul College of Law and later at the William Mitchell College of Law. For more than 30 years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of these institutions.

Throughout his entire career he gave freely and unstintingly of his time and talents in public service to the people of the state and to the legal profession. Judge Pearson was an eminent judge, a dedicated public servant and a devoted husband and father. He lived a full and significant life. His life has enriched his family, his community and his state. He has a record which any man would be proud to have as his own. We have lost a loyal, understanding friend and colleague. His wife and children have lost

a loving and devoted husband and father. To them we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, two sons, Russell and Stanley, a daughter, Barbara, 6 grandchildren; two sisters, Florence and Esther, and a brother, Ralph. He was preceded in death by a brother, Dr. Fritz R. Pearson.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD E. KYLE

ROBERT O. SULLIVAN

R. PAUL SHAROOD

CHIEF JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: On behalf of the Judges here assembled, this afternoon, I would like to make a brief addition to the memorial just offered for Judge Pearson.

Several of us, here today, served on the District Bench with Judge Pearson. He was our Chief Judge for several years.

Many remember him as a teacher, when we were attending law school at the St. Paul College of Law. Although he was not a member of that alumni, he was a devoted and conscientious instructor, and devoted many years of unselfish service as a trustee. Judge Pearson and a few other dedicated individuals in our community were responsible for keeping the college doors open during the crucial years of World War II. It was they who gave of their time, month after month and year after year, without any hope of compensation, teaching and lecturing and even giving financial support. They knew what it would mean to future potential law students, those who must work while going to school, if the law school were allowed to close. There are several of us here in this room today who are the beneficiaries of that tremendous effort and sacrifice. It was their dedication that has inspired others to carry on, enabling another generation of qualified students to become members of a great profession. Judge Pearson wrote, lectured and taught. Some of his publications will be lasting memorials to his keen intellect, writing ability and dedication. He not only took from the law, but was a splendid example of those who are willing to give back to the law.

On the Bench he had the respect and enjoyed the esteem of his confreres. He was always on the job early in the morning and stayed to a late hour in the day. He never shirked his assignments, assumed his responsibilities in



exemplary manner and completed everything with dispatch. He was a credit to the judiciary, enjoyed his work immensely, loved his profession, and will always be remembered as a distinguished member of the Bench and Bar.

**HONORABLE GEORGE G. MC PARTLIN:** The next memorial is for Alfred F. Soucheray, Jr., who passed away on September 6, 1978. The Committee in charge of the preparation of the memorial for Alfred F. Soucheray, Jr. consists of Clinton W. Redlund, Robert J. Seng and Fred A. Kueppers. Fred A. Kueppers will give the memorial.

(Mr. Kueppers read the memorial for Alfred F. Soucheray, Jr.)

**ALFRED F. SOUCHERAY, JR.,** was born in St. Paul on January 16, 1904 and, excepting only for a few years, spent his entire life living in or near his birthplace. He died at St. Paul on September 6, 1978, at the age of 74.

Al was the son of Alfred F. Soucheray and Adele Danz Soucheray. His mother was a sister of Frank J. Danz, a venerable member of this Bar who is now retired and living in California. His paternal grandfather was Joseph A. Soucheray who, in 1892, established the St. Paul Abstract Company, which is now the St. Paul Abstract Division of the Title Insurance Company of Minnesota.

Al received his primary education at St. Luke's School in St. Paul and his high school education at St. Thomas Academy. In 1922 he entered St. Thomas College and two years later, started his study of the law at the St. Thomas College of Law. He completed that course in June of 1927 and was admitted to the Bar of this State in September of that same year.

For a brief period he engaged in private practice with an office in the Commerce Building. He then joined the family business, which at that time was headed by his father and his uncle, Henry C. Soucheray. After a few years, the greener fields of distance led him to take a position with General Motors Acceptance Corporation and later with the First Bancredit Corporation. Those activities took him to distant cities, including Cleveland, Ohio, and Kansas City, Missouri.

Following the death of his uncle in 1937, leaving the management of the St. Paul Abstract Company in the hands of his father, Al returned to St. Paul and rejoined his father in the operation of that business. He later became President of the company and remained active in it until his retirement in 1974.

With his family background, it was only natural that Al would develop an interest and a high degree of profi-



ciency in the field of real estate law. He became recognized as a leader in the field and as an authority in matters of title marketability. Many members of the Bar, not only locally but statewide, consulted him for an opinion about difficult real estate title problems.

Al took an active part in civic as well as business affairs. He was a member of the St. Paul Athletic Club and of the Rotary Club. He was active in the Ramsey County Cancer Society and the St. Paul Community Chest, which later became the United Fund. He was a member of the Ramsey County, Minnesota State and American Bar Associations. For many years he served on the Board of Directors of the Title Insurance Company of Minnesota.

In 1974, Al decided that the time had come to retire from active business affairs and to spend his time enjoying family life, relaxation and the sporting activities of which he had always been fond and at which he excelled. Throughout his life, Al never missed an opportunity to go duck hunting and he travelled far and wide to engage in that sport. He was also an ardent golfer.

In his youth, his family had a summer home at White Bear Lake, and in that circumstance Al became a fishing enthusiast. He was also an expert swimmer and for many years he competed in swimming meets on the St. Paul Athletic Club Swimming Team. Al was not only a lover of sports, he was a lover of people. He had a friendly spirit and always had a friendly smile. It was a joy and a privilege to be counted among his numerous friends.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, a son, Dr. John A. Soucheray, and two granddaughters. His sister, Adele, who is Mrs. Emmett J. Moriarty, also survives. In addition, Al leaves behind a host of friends and admirers who, together with his family mourn his loss.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON W. REDLUND  
ROBERT J. SENG  
FRED A. KUEPPERS

HONORABLE GEORGE G. MCPARTLIN: The next memorial is for Charles William Briggs who passed away on October 17, 1978. The Committee in charge of the preparation of the memorial for Charles William Briggs consists of Frank Hammond, Richard E. Kyle, J. Neil Morton and Robert O. Sullivan. Robert O. Sullivan will read the memorial.

(Mr. Sullivan read the memorial for Charles William Briggs.)

CHARLES WILLIAM BRIGGS was born July 30, 1887, at the family farm in Cairo, Iowa, the son of Edward Samuel and Lucy Weaver Briggs. Grade school in Cairo and high school in Wapello were followed by an undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa in 1909 and a law degree from Harvard in 1913. From 1914 to early 1917 he was prosecuting attorney of Louisa County, Iowa. In 1917-1918 he was a combat officer of the AEF in France as a Captain of Infantry. Returning to the law he became a member of the firm of Clapp and Macartney of Saint Paul, a predecessor firm of the present Briggs and Morgan. He continued in this association until his death on October 17, 1978 at the age of 91.

In the early years of practice Briggs was active in the trial cases of varied subject matter. An important timber valuation case led him to taxation and business law. For upwards of 35 years he has been recognized as a leading authority on timber taxation in the United States. Over the years he has been special counsel for Weyerhaeuser Company, a member of various timber industry committees, a contributor of learned articles to professional journals, a consultant in the formulation of policy and the drafting of legislation and regulations. His is an assured place in the first rank of the profession.

His learning in nonlegal fields — economics, history, literature, politics — was extensive and diverse. He was companionable in social relations, ready in conversation, considerate of those with whom he dealt, and in all of these matters disciplined and principled in thought and action. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lois Johnson Briggs, his sons Warren, Edward and William, and five grandchildren.

Having survived most of his contemporaries, he continued high in the regard and affections of his partners, associates and friends of a younger generation. Having



lived in the law, he died in the law, as was assuredly his wish.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK HAMMOND

RICHARD E. KYLE

J. NEIL MORTON

ROBERT O. SULLIVAN

**HONORABLE GEORGE G. MC PARTLIN:** The next memorial is for Herb Dower who passed away November 4, 1978. The Committee in charge of the preparation of the memorial for Herb Dower consists of Walter V. Dorle, Robert Haugan, Tom Spaeth and James Kenney. James W. Kenney will give the memorial for Herb Dower.

(Mr. Kenney read the memorial for Herb Dower.)

**HERB DOWER** was born in Staples, Minnesota on July 12, 1910 and died in his sleep at his residence here in St. Paul on Saturday morning, November 4th, at approximately 1:00 A.M.

Herb is survived by his wife Alice, five daughters, two stepsons, three stepdaughters, and a brother and sister.

Herb was graduated from Staples High School at the age of 16, being an outstanding student and basketball player. He worked one year at the railroad yards in Staples and then entered the University of Minnesota, graduating with a B.A. degree in 1931. He was on the U of M basketball squad. This was before the modern day basketball giants of 6½ and 7 feet tall.

Those of us who remember 1931 know the scarcity of job openings. Joe Wolf, a Democratic power statewide and a Staples resident, located a job for Herb in the state banking department.

In 1944 at the age of 34, Herb was drafted in the United States Army. Typical of the Army's intelligence, Herb was assigned to the infantry and served overseas in Europe. Upon his return from service, Herb rejoined the banking department and also enrolled in night law school at the Minneapolis College of Law. He not only maintained his regular daytime job and helped raise his family, but he also received his law degree and passed the bar examination in 1950. Herb became assistant banking commissioner along the way.

In the mid-fifties, Herb joined the Murphy Finance Company as a vice president, later becoming president until the company was sold in 1970. For the past several years, Herb and his wife, Alice, have owned and operated the Apollo Personnel Service located in downtown St. Paul.

Herb was a member of the St. Paul Athletic Club, Town and Country Club and the Minnesota and Ramsey County Bar Associations.



Herb was a dedicated and enthusiastic golfer. To those of us who played with him regularly on Saturday mornings, he could shoot an 88 or a 105. It made no outward difference to him. He enjoyed the game irrespective of his score. Herb also was an avid bowler, participating regularly for many years in the Thursday night Athletic Club league.

All of Herb's friends would agree with this committee that we know of no finer man. A person of character with a keen sense of humor and uncritical of everyone. Patient, kind, reasonable, tolerant—all of the attributes of a gentle man. We will all miss his friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER V. DORLE  
ROBERT HAUGAN  
THOMAS SPAETH  
JAMES W. KENNEY

HONORABLE GEORGE G. MC PARTLIN: The next memorial is for Robert Arnold Dworsky who passed away on December 8, 1978. The Committee in charge of the preparation of the memorial for Robert Arnold Dworsky consists of Jerome B. Simon, William S. Rosen and Marvin J. Pertzik. Marvin J. Pertzik will deliver the memorial for Robert Arnold Dworsky.

(Mr. Pertzik read the memorial for Robert Arnold Dworsky).

ROBERT ARNOLD DWORSKY was born in Minneapolis on October 25, 1925. He was raised in St. Paul, attending the public schools, and graduated from St. Paul Central High School in 1942 with a grade average of 96.1, which at the time was the highest recorded average in the 75 years of the school's history. After graduation he attended the University of Minnesota for a brief time and on July 1, 1943, entered active military service as an ensign with the United States Navy. He served overseas at Pearl Harbor and aboard the USS Prairie as communications watch officer.

After discharge from the navy in January, 1945, he resumed undergraduate work at the University of Minnesota. He then entered the University of Minnesota Law School from which he graduated in 1950 as a member of the Order of the Coif.

Bob began the practice of law as an associate of Joe Nathanson in Minneapolis. He later joined the St. Paul firm of Silver, Green & Goff as an associate and then began his own practice in St. Paul. He was later joined in the practice by Bill Rosen with whom he practiced for a number of years under the firm name of Dworsky & Rosen which subsequently became Dworsky, Rosen & Summers and later still Dworsky, Rosen, Summers & Ravich. In 1969 Bob left the practice of law to engage in the real estate business. After five years he returned to what he recognized as his true calling, the practice of law, as a partner in the St. Paul firm of Maun, Hazel, Green, Hayes, Simon & Aretz. He met a premature death on December 8, 1978, while on a skiing trip in Vail, Colorado.

Bob was married on March 17, 1949, to Shirley Shure of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and their life was blessed over the years with the arrival of two sons and two daughters, Alan, Richard, Susan, and Sally. Bob was devoted to his wife and children, and his greatest pleasure was found in



the company of his family in his home and at the family lake cabin which they maintained for many years at Half Moon Lake, Wisconsin.

In his law practice, as well as in his other activities, Bob demanded a great deal from himself and always strived for excellence in his work. His favorite legal work was the drafting of complicated agreements where his capacity for clear thinking and literary skill could be applied. As a youth he showed considerable talent for creative writing and for drawing. He was an editor of the *Central High Times*, and he did cartooning for the school yearbook. All through his life, he employed his writing and cartooning talents in various ways to enlighten and brighten the events of the day. He greatly enjoyed all music, but his love was for jazz.

It gave him pleasure that two of his children are pursuing careers in music and that recently his son, Alan, had decided to enter law school.

Bob was deeply affected by the suffering of the Jewish people, particularly under the Nazi regime, and he believed that the State of Israel was a bulwark against persecution. He demonstrated his concern by involving himself in the United Jewish Fund & Council of St. Paul, which he was serving as a vice president at the time of his death. He also participated in other community affairs. He was a charter member of the Parents for Integrated Education and gave freely of his time and legal abilities to help that organization. In like fashion he served the Half Moon Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District as a director.

Bob was a highly intelligent, sensitive person who won the respect and affection of those who knew him. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his mother, Ida, and his brother, Dan, of Los Angeles, California. It is with a sense of loss to those who knew him and to the community that the undersigned submit this memorial to Bob's memory.

Respectfully submitted,

JEROME B. SIMON

WILLIAM S. ROSEN

MARVIN J. PERTZIK



**HONORABLE GEORGE G. MC PARTLIN:** The next memorial is for Robert Emmett Faricy who passed away in February of 1979. The Committee in charge of the preparation of the memorial for Robert Emmett Faricy consists of the Honorable Joseph E. Salland, Donald Jardine, Arnold Bellis, and Joseph Harkness, Jr. Judge Salland will give the memorial for Robert Emmett Faricy.

(Judge Salland read the memorial for Robert Emmett Faricy.)

**ROBERT EMMETT FARICY** was born on August 14, 1886, in Credit River Township, Scott County, Minnesota and was 92 years of age when he died. He grew up and was educated in Scott County and he later attended what was then known as the Mankato Normal School, Mankato, Minnesota, from which he graduated in 1910. He attended law school at the St. Paul College of Law in the year 1924.

Mr. Faricy practiced law from 1924 to 1930 in the city of Saint Paul as a private practitioner and in 1930 he became employed by what was then known as the State Industrial Commission. He went to work as a staff attorney representing injured employees and he advanced on the ladder of success by becoming Compensation Counsel, Chief of Division, Referee and finally a member of the Commission itself. He was appointed to the Commission by Governor Youngdahl and was the first commissioner appointed from the staff of the Industrial Commission. He served as a commissioner for eleven years and then returned to his work as compensation judge, where he continued until his retirement at the age of eighty.

In his work at the State Industrial Commission, Mr. Faricy had the distinct knack for compromise and many an attorney and litigant finally saw eye to eye because of his willingness to work at obtaining compromises.

Mr. Faricy was as successful in his personal life as he was in his professional life. He married Georgia Marie Fischer of Scott County, Minnesota in 1925 and they had three sons, Robert Jr., William and George. Of these three sons, Robert Jr. is a practicing attorney since 1952 in the city of Saint Paul. At the time of his death, Mr. Faricy and his wife had been married for fifty-four years.

Besides his legal accomplishments, Mr. Faricy was a notable tenor in St. Paul and he sang at Bar Association



functions at the drop of a scotch and with the Orphius Club and the Capitol Male Chorus during his lifetime.

Mr. Faricy became a referee at a time when the referees in Minnesota rode circuit throughout the whole state and he spent many a day away from home because of this added burden to his job. One of the compensations that he found in riding circuit throughout the state was that he discovered he had a distinct ability to play poker and moreover to win on more occasions than he lost. Nobody knows whether or not he reported all the winnings to his wife.

Mr. Faricy served in the Regular Field Artillery for the United States in World War I as a corporal and forward observer. He was successful in keeping life and limb together despite the different fields of battle in which he was engaged in for which he received five battle stars.

Robert Emmett Faricy was known for his cheerful disposition, his quick wit and his pure Irish delight in telling a good story and last, but probably more importantly, for the contributions he made to the State of Minnesota through the various decisions he has written in the workman's compensation field. His knowledge and abilities in this field of law were well known by those who practiced in front of him, as was also his kindness to and consideration for litigating attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. SALLAND

DONALD JARDINE

ARNOLD BELLIS

JOSEPH HARKNESS, JR.

**HONORABLE GEORGE G. Mc PARTLIN:** The next memorial is for Claude R. Beddall who passed away less than a month ago, April 11, 1979. The Committee in charge of the preparation of the memorial for Claude R. Beddall consists of Richard E. Kyle, Richard A. Moore and Paul W. Kinneberg. Paul W. Kinneberg will read the memorial.

(Mr. Kinneberg read the memorial for Claude R. Beddall.)

**CLAUDE R. BEDDALL** was born at Trimbelle Creek, Wisconsin April 15, 1889, the son of John Beddall and Nancy Cornelison Beddall. He attended elementary school at Trimbelle Creek and high school in Ellsworth. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1913 with an LLB.

Claude joined the St. Paul Trust Company in 1915 and remained there until 1922. He then entered private practice of law in St. Paul and practiced as a sole practitioner until 1925. During this period Claude specialized in the law of real estate. He came to Brown & Bigelow in 1925 and served Brown & Bigelow as General Counsel for thirty-seven years until his retirement in 1962. His experiences covered the whole spectrum of business and corporate law. He served as a director of the Company for many years.

Throughout his career and following his retirement, Claude Beddall served this community with distinction. At various times he served on the boards of directors of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, Midway Civic Club, American Red Cross and the YMCA. He was a past president of the Midway Civic Club, 1950 American Red Cross Drive Chairman and Chairman of the YMCA Building Committee. These are but a few of his community services.

While attending the University of Minnesota Claude was a championship caliber cross country runner and was also a member of the University of Minnesota relay team that won the Big Ten Championship. He was an accomplished fly fisherman, having acquired this skill while growing up on the banks of Trimbelle Creek. He was an excellent bridge player and an avid golfer.

Claude Beddall and Florence Ramsey were married June 2, 1917. There are two daughters: Jean, now Mrs. Don Harley and Margaret, now Mrs. Warren Lueder.



Claude took great pride in his five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was a devoted husband and father. After a full life he died April 11, 1979 just four days short of his 90th birthday.

Their loss is shared by the entire community which has been enriched by the presence of Claude Beddall.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD E. KYLE

RICHARD A. MOORE

PAUL W. KINNEBERG

HONORABLE GEORGE G. MC PARTLIN: This concludes, Your Honor, the Memorial Services and I move this Court to spread these memorials upon the permanent records of the Clerk of District Court.

CHIEF JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: Magistrate McPartlin's motion is granted.

HONORABLE GEORGE G. MC PARTLIN: I want to thank the members of the Association for their services on these committees and for delivering the memorials. I want to thank the people for coming. I want to thank Mr. Otis Godfrey for furnishing us with these beautiful roses and I offer the ladies to have one of the roses to take home as a memento.

That concludes our Memorial Service.

CHIEF JUDGE RONALD E. HACHEY: The record will show that the Court joins in these memorials. Expressions of thanks are extended to the members of the District Bench, Municipal Court Bench of Ramsey County and Judge Andrew Glenn, Probate Court of Ramsey County, who have attended and assisted in the presentation of these memorials. We also 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.