

**MEMORIAL EXERCISES  
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

of the

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR  
ASSOCIATION**



Held at the

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**Friday, April 24, 1970**

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL MEMORIAL EXERCISES**

Court House, Friday, April 24, 1970, 2:00 P. M.

On Friday, April 24, 1970, Memorial Services in honor of those members of the Ramsey County Bar who died during the past year were held in the Court House.

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

Present: Associate Justice James C. Otis of the Minnesota Supreme Court; Judges Ronald E. Hachey, John W. Graff, Archie L. Gingold, Edward D. Mulally, Harold W. Schultz, J. Jerome Plunkett, Otis H. Godfrey, Jr., Stephen L. Maxwell and Hyam Segell of the Ramsey County District Court; Judges J. Clifford Janes, Allan R. Markert and Roland J. Faricy, Jr. of the St. Paul Municipal Court; and Judge Andrew A. Glenn of the Ramsey County Probate Court.

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

**JUDGE JOHN W. GRAFF:** 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. David C. Donnelly, the President of the Ramsey County Bar Association.

**MR. DAVID C. DONNELLY:** If the Court please, Your Honors, Members of the Bar, Families and Friends: At this time we have asked the Ramsey County District Court to set aside this day for the holding of Memorial Services for those members of our profession who have passed away in the last year and we meet here as friends to pay our esteem for 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 therefore a part of the permanent history of our county.

Mr. Samuel Morgan, Your Honor, is the Chairman of the Bar Association Memorial Committee. He will be conducting the ceremony and if the Court please, I would like Mr. Samuel Morgan to be recognized.

JUDGE GRAFF: The Court at this time recognizes Mr. Samuel H. Morgan, the Chairman of the Ramsey County Legal History and Biography Committee.

MR. SAMUEL H. MORGAN: Thank you, Your Honor. If the Court please, this year your association will honor the memory of those who have passed away during the past year. Today, we will pay our respects to:

Joseph A. Coduti  
Viola L. Scheffer  
Charles E. Houston  
John Christopherson  
James L. Holman  
Fred L. Weston  
Lewis L. Drill

August E. Kuehne  
Grant S. Macartney  
David W. Raudenbush  
Robert E. O'Connell  
John E. Stryker  
Eugene H. McDougall  
Reece J. McGee



**MR. MORGAN:** The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Joseph A. Coduti are Peter C. Andrews, A. H. Jacobson and The Honorable Harley G. Swenson. Mr. Peter Andrews will deliver this memorial.

Mr. Andrews read the memorial to Joseph A. Coduti.

**JOSEPH A. CODUTI** was born on March 12, 1899, at Montefalcone, Italy. In 1913 he came to the United States and established his residence in Hibbing, Minnesota, where he attended elementary school to learn the English language. He graduated from Hibbing High School and Junior College at Hibbing and received his law degree in 1928 from the St. Paul College of Law. He practiced law in Hibbing, Minnesota, for many years and was the attorney for the Hibbing Light Commission. In 1934 he was elected to the House of Representatives, State of Minnesota, and served as a Representative at the session immediately following his election. In 1937 he entered State service as a Field Audit Examiner for the Unemployment Compensation Commission and thereafter held the positions of Appeals Referee, Attorney and Assistant Attorney General and Chief Counsel of the Minnesota Department of Employment Security until his retirement on September 1, 1967.

Joseph played football in High School and Junior College and followed this sport throughout his life as well as developing an intense interest in baseball. His other hobbies were fishing and golf.

During his many years he developed many friends in private life and in State service.

A Roman Catholic in his faith, Joseph was a parishioner of the St. Helena Church of Minneapolis. He is survived by his widow, Adeline, and two daughters, Miss Paula Coduti and Mrs. Peter (Susan) Morgan.

He was blessed with a buoyant and outgoing personality which endeared him to all who knew him or associated with him. He is sadly missed by his many friends.

Respectfully submitted,

**PETER C. ANDREWS**

**A. H. JACOBSON**

**HON. HARLEY G. SWENSON**



MR. MORGAN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Viola Lidbom Sheffer are Mrs. Phyllis Jones, Mrs. Helena Murray and Mrs. Esther M. Tomljanovich. Mrs. Tomljanovich, will you read the memorial.

Mrs. Tomljanovich read the memorial to Viola Lidbom Sheffer.

**VIOLA LIDBOM SHEFFER** — September 1, 1901 to April 15, 1969. Viola Lidbom Sheffer was the embodiment of what each woman lawyer would like to be: She was successful in her profession — an able and careful lawyer; she derived great pleasure from her family, her home, and her friends — and in turn was deeply loved by her family and friends; she gave time and inspiration to civic and professional organizations; in her love of nature and simplicity she learned to know herself and was at peace.

Viola Lidbom was born in Grantsburg, Wisconsin on September 1, 1901. Her widowed mother, who supported her family by operating a small hotel, was an ardent suffragette — and this early experience was to make a lasting impression on Viola and prepare her for her life long crusade for equal rights and equal opportunities for women.

Viola came to St. Paul in 1920 and was employed in the law office of Maurice Stoffer. It was inevitable that the young Viola, believing in equal opportunity for all persons should attempt to enroll in the St. Paul College of Law. Her application for admission was at first refused and Viola was advised to pursue a more "ladylike" career. Fortunately she persevered, was admitted to the Bar in 1928 and became associated with Maurice Stoffer in the practice of law. This association continued until her death on April 15, 1969.

She was married after graduation to law school classmate Cecil Sheffer, who survives her. With her marriage she added the career of wife and homemaker to her list of life-long devotions.

She contributed much time and talent to the Ramsey County and Minnesota State Bar Associations, and for many years served as a working member of the Auditing Committee of each association. She was active in many women's and civic organizations, serving as president of the St. Paul Zonta Club, the Alpha Psi Chapter of the Phi Delta Delta Legal Fraternity, and the Minnesota Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She

was appointed to the first Ramsey County Civil Service Commission in 1942 and served until her retirement from the commission in 1964.

Every woman who enrolled in the St. Paul College of Law from 1928 to 1969 received, and benefited from, the advice, encouragement and affection of Viola Sheffer.

Despite Viola's success in her profession and her achievements in the community, she retained a simplicity of spirit and was as thrilled with the flash of a bird's wing as with the successful completion of an important law suit.

The Bishop who conducted Viola's funeral service said: "The Body is returned to the elements from which it came — but where there is Love, the Soul will never die".

Through her love of people and of nature, this Good Lawyer's Spirit will be with us always!

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. PHYLLIS JONES  
MRS. HELENA MURRAY  
MRS. ESTHER M.  
TOMLJANOVICH



MR. MORGAN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Charles E. Houston are Linus J. Hammond, Joseph J. Bright and Bert McMullen. I understand Mr. Linus Hammond will read this memorial.

Mr. Hammond read the memorial to Charles E. Houston.

CHARLES E. HOUSTON, a member of the Bar of this state for 68 years, died at the age of 89 in Schenectady, New York, where he was living with his daughter.

He was born on May 30, 1880, in the village of Diamond Bluff, Wisconsin, the son of William F. Houston and Priscilla Brackin Houston. He received his elementary and high school education in River Falls, Wisconsin, graduating in 1898 from the River Falls High School. In the fall of the same year he entered the college of law at the University of Minnesota and graduated from the University in the spring of 1901 and was admitted to the Bar in that year.

Thereafter he actively practiced law in Wheaton, Minnesota. For a time he was mayor of Wheaton and later was county attorney of Traverse county, holding this position until after World War I.

Mr. Houston left Wheaton in the 1930's to enter the legal department of the Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul.

In January, 1939 he was appointed by Attorney General J. A. A. Burnquist to the office of special assistant attorney general assigned to the legal staff of the attorney general in the department of highways. After several years in that office the attorney general appointed him as an assistant attorney general in the attorney general's office in the state capitol. Thereafter he served as solicitor attorney general under Attorneys General Miles Lord and Walter F. Mondale, retiring from that position in 1965.

When he passed away he left surviving one daughter, Mrs. Douglas Campbell of Schenectady, New York, and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Kuenning of St. Paul, his wife having predeceased him in 1961.

Charlie Houston was an interesting character, almost a Mark Twain with his ready and droll wit and humor. He was well known and liked among Bench and Bar and respected as an outstanding member of the profession.

Respectfully submitted,

BERT McMULLEN  
LINUS J. HAMMOND  
JOSEPH J. BRIGHT



**MR. MORGAN:** The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for John Christopherson are The Honorable Andrew Glenn of this Probate Court here, Roger Ginkel and Everett Peterson. Mr. Roger Ginkel will deliver this memorial.

Mr. Ginkel read the memorial to John Christopherson.

**JOHN CHRISTOPHERSON** was born at Marshall, Minnesota, on July 24, 1893, the son of Peter C. Christopherson and Magdeline Miller Christopherson. His father immigrated from Denmark at the age of 9, and his mother from Germany at 13. John was one of ten children, four of whom survive. His parents soon after their marriage commenced farming in Lyon County. John attended elementary and high school at Marshall, following which he took a secretarial and court reporting course at Mankato School of Business. His first encounter in the business world was employment as a secretary in the law firm of Somsen, Dempsey and Flor at New Ulm, Minnesota. While at New Ulm John entered the army and served overseas. He saw action on the front lines and after the armistice was signed he was privileged to attend an officers training school where he was commissioned a first lieutenant. Following active duty he served as an officer in the Minnesota National Guard.

Upon his return to civilian life he decided to become a lawyer and enrolled in the St. Paul College of Law. While attending school he became a court reporter for the late Judge Wheeler in Probate Court. He found the work highly satisfactory, affording him funds to go to school and at the same time provided him with an excellent background and knowledge of probate law, in which he became an expert.

In June, 1926, John graduated from the St. Paul College of Law magna cum laude. He joined the law firm of Cowern and Jasmer which firm later became Cowern and Christopherson. The firm shared office space with Horace Glenn, father of Judge Andrew Glenn, who was then Referee in Bankruptcy. A warm and lasting friendship existed between them. John developed a considerable real estate practice as well as a general trial practice. His efficiency attracted the attention of William Westphal, Examiner of Titles, then considered one of the most knowledgeable men in the real estate field. He telephoned John one day and requested that he come to his office immediately. John



had pending matters before Mr. Westphal and believed an error or two was the basis for the urgency of the call. To John's surprise, Mr. Westphal lavishly commented on the thoroughness and the superior quality of his work and assured John that if he would consider serving as his deputy, he would urge the Court to appoint him. John was then enjoying a good general practice and it was with some hesitancy that he reached his decision to serve in that capacity. Mr. Westphal was an exacting master; he would not rely on an abstract as such, but required examinations of the original records together with a brief transcript of them. John quickly learned that the work of Title Examiner was of primary consideration and his own private practice had to wait available time. Hence, his working hours were far beyond the customary 10 hour day then existing. He served as Deputy Examiner until September in 1952 when, following the death of Mr. Westphal, he was appointed Examiner of Titles which office he continued until his retirement in April of 1965. However, he continued his own private practice until his untimely death on June 25, 1969, officing with Peterson, Manley, Lambrecht and Peterson.

John Christopherson married Grace Flanagan on September 4, 1937, who survives him. He was a member of the Ramsey County, Minnesota, and American Bar Associations, the St. Paul Athletic Club, and a life member of the St. Paul Rod and Gun Club.

As has been briefly mentioned herein, John grew up on a farm. Hard work never bothered him and he took particular delight in competing with his brothers in doing the farm chores. He was a farm boy at heart and during his early manhood returned to the farm during summer vacations to help with the thrashing and harvesting. John thoroughly enjoyed hunting and at an early age became an expert shot. In later years he would invite many of his hunting friends in St. Paul to accompany him back to the farm during the pheasant season and it was not unusual for John to account for the most birds. Baseball was a favorite sport. He played ball and all through his life was an avid baseball fan. He studied pitching and hitting statistics and few knew them better than he. For a time he took up golf and tennis; not only playing the game but studying and analyzing factors which produce winning results. During the later years of his life he acquired a summer home on Lake Bertha, in the Whitefish chain of



lakes. He spent considerable time there and thoroughly enjoyed the surroundings; walking, boating and fishing.

Perhaps John's greatest enjoyment was playing bridge. He was one of the best, and was always ready to join a foursome, whether tournament or social play. Here again his analytical and photographic memory became apparent. He could readily determine what cards his opponents held and remember those which had been played. He was always considerate of his partner's lack of ability or card sense and seldom, if ever, showed irritation when his trick would be trumped. It was a pleasure to play with him and his host of friends will readily agree.

John Christopherson was a person of exemplary character, rare ability, and vast capacity for work. He possessed an even disposition, seldom showing impatience, distress or anger. He was a religious person and had a deep understanding of the misfortunes and deeds of his fellowmen. He was always available for counsel by his brother lawyers, young and old, and his advice was frequently sought, particularly in the field of real estate in which he was an acknowledged expert. John was a dedicated lawyer. Matters before him were always given utmost and prompt consideration, and his devotion to his work was without hourly limitation. He, like his predecessor Mr. Westphal, determined that the duties of the office of Examiner of Titles were of primary importance, and the lawyer who consulted with him was always afforded courteous attention with the least possible delay.

John, in an unpretentious manner, was always willing to assist financially and otherwise to individuals in need. He was a devoted husband and brother. For those of us who had the privilege of his association, both professionally and as friends, John Christopherson will be missed with profound sorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

HON. ANDREW A. GLENN  
ROGER L. GINKEL  
EVERETT L. PETERSON



MR. MORGAN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for James L. Holman are Fred C. Norton, Don G. Paterick and Harry P. Strong, Jr. Mr. Fred Kueppers, Sr. will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Kueppers read the memorial to James L. Holman.

JAMES LUSK HOLMAN was born Nov. 18, 1894 in West Newton, Mass., the son of John and Ida Lusk Holman. He came to St. Paul at the age of four after the death of his father and he and his mother lived with her parents, Judge and Mrs. James Lusk in this city. He graduated from Webster grade school and Central High School, and, after a short time at the University of Minnesota he entered Harvard University. His education was interrupted by World War I when he enlisted, was assigned to a Calvary unit and sent overseas where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. Although he served in France for a year and a half he never got even near the front lines. As Jim put it, the nearest I came to the Germans was when I went by a prisoner of war camp outside Paris, and the nearest I came to a purple heart was a tonsil operation performed in Angers. He returned to Harvard in 1919, and, with credit for war service, he and many others were awarded their degrees for the class of '17. Back in St. Paul he entered the St. Paul College of Law and graduated there in 1922, being admitted to the bar soon afterward.

In his own words his law practice was "interesting but uneventful." In fact he didn't even sue the now non-existent St. Paul Daily News for libel back in the late 20s when one of its women society columnists referred to him as an "erstwhile attorney." During World War II, Jim, who was an advanced amateur photographer, used his hobby to establish St. Paul's first microfilm service, a business which flourished until several large corporations came out with automated equipment, making Jim's system obsolete.

Although he never ran for public office, Jim was more interested in politics than law and every election would find him working for some candidate. He was a Democrat who came from a long line of Democrats and he stuck with his party through thick and thin — from the early '30s when he was a delegate to a national convention which renominated Roosevelt, to 1968 when the young McCarthyites dumped anyone over 50.

And it was his love for politics — the necessity of carrying on election time arguments in a convivial atmosphere even on dry election days — that probably gave Jim the inspiration to organize that well known society that meets only on election days — the Loughrie Athletic & Culture Club.

For years, back in those days when ecology was only a word in the dictionary, Jim fought against pollution and for maintaining the St. Croix River in its natural state. Fortunately Jim's summer home north of Marine-on-St. Croix was part of a game refuge and he fed and photographed almost nightly during the summer months a colony of probably the fattest raccoons in the upper midwest. He was at this hide-away last July 2nd when he suffered a heart attack which resulted in his death a few hours later in St. Paul. Mr. Holman is survived by his widow, Martha; his mother Ida Holman of St. Paul; a daughter, Mrs. Fred C. Norton of St. Paul; a son, John C. Holman of Mendota Heights; a sister, Mrs. Nathan Ayer of Kittery Point, Maine, and seven grand-children.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. NORTON  
DON G. PATERICK  
HARRY P. STRONG, JR.  
FRED KUEPPERS, SR.



MR. MORGAN: On this occasion, it is in some ways one that's almost unique for the members of the Ramsey County Bar Association, we are particularly honored and I know that this Court is particularly pleased that we can pay a tribute to someone who — well, I think most of us felt for all practical purposes, the best practical lawyer Ramsey County has had in our lifetimes.

We have a committee which has prepared a memorial for the late Clerk of this Court, Fred L. Weston. The members of that committee are David C. Forsberg, John J. McGirl, Jr. and A. Patrick Leighton. I am very happy to ask Pat Leighton to read this memorial.

Mr. Leighton read the memorial to Fred L. Weston.

FRED L. WESTON — We often hear the phrase “a dedicated public servant” used in connection with government employees. While this term accurately describes Fred Weston's competence and dedication to his job, it fails to convey just what kind of a man he was. Almost a generation of Ramsey County lawyers have entered practice since Fred Weston began his work in the Clerk's office. These younger lawyers quickly came to appreciate the help they received from Fred. No matter what the problem or what else Fred was working on, he always had time to answer a question. Service and friendship were the hallmarks of his work.

Lawyers from all over the State knew Fred, respected him for his knowledge and skills and enjoyed the opportunity to stop in the Clerk's office and exchange a few words. Even today, some nine and one-half months since his death, we miss Fred's smile and friendly wave as we walk into the Clerk's office.

Fred L. Weston was born on December 3, 1920, the son of Edwin A. and Fredrica E. Weston. He moved to St. Paul in 1925 and attended Cathedral Elementary School, Cretin High School, Nazareth Hall and the University of Minnesota.

During the Second World War, Fred spent five years in the Air Corps and served in Okinawa, China and Japan.

In 1952 Fred started his outstanding career of service in the Clerk of District Court's office for Ramsey County. Eleven years later he was appointed Head Deputy Clerk. On January 2, 1968 he was appointed Clerk of District Court by the Judges of the Court.



Later in 1968 Fred ran in the primary and general elections for a four-year term as Clerk. In the general election he defeated his opponent, a long time city councilman, by a margin of two to one.

Indicative of the respect and affection the Bar Association had for Fred was the support he received from that organization in his campaign. Well over 90 percent of the Ramsey County attorneys personally endorsed Fred and worked actively for him. Also during this campaign he had the unique experience of being endorsed by both political parties.

Fred served as Clerk of District Court until his very sad and sudden death on July 4, 1969. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and four children, Foster, Fred Jr., Maria Dawson and Rita Estes, and his mother Fredrica E. Weston. At the time of his death Fred was active in many civic and professional organizations and was a member of the highly important Minnesota State Judicial Council.

Fred Weston was skilled at his job and we shall miss the help he gave to all of us. More than that, however, we miss this fine, honorable man whom all of us came to know with affection and respect.

Although he was not a lawyer he was, in fact, one of us!

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID C. FORSBERG

JOHN J. MCGIRL, JR.

A. PATRICK LEIGHTON

MR. MORGAN: Probably at the time of his death, undoubtedly I think the Dean of the Ramsey County Bar was the late Lewis L. Drill. A memorial has been prepared on his behalf by The Honorable Robert V. Rensch of this Court, William H. Oppenheimer and George A. Heisey. Mr. Heisey will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Heisey read the memorial to Lewis L. Drill.

Mr. Heisey: Your Honors, Officers and Members of the Ramsey County Bar and Ladies and Gentlemen: First off, I would like that I be indulged in respect to a few passing remarks before I engage in the delivery of the memorial for Lewis L. Drill.

Most of the events that will be mentioned in the memorial concerning Mr. Drill occurred more than four decades ago. Obviously a rather old man with personal knowledge of the so-called good old days and personal — and at least somewhat intimate acquaintance with and association — had to be found to prepare and deliver a memorial on this occasion. With respect to age, I am qualified for the purpose of the memorial for the simple reason that I am seventy-seven years old.

I had the considerable privilege of close association with Mr. Drill, so the committee in charge of these memorial services deemed that I was qualified to deliver the memorial concerning Mr. Drill despite the fact that I am not a member of the Ramsey County Bar. I happen to be a retired member of the Hennepin County Bar. And, I deem it a signal honor to speak concerning Mr. Drill.

LEWIS L. DRILL was born in Browerville, Minnesota. His demise occurred during the month of July, 1969, at which time he was ninety-two years old. His wife and two sisters surviving.

I'd like to portray, if I may, the physical and mental attributes of Mr. Drill in order that if it should happen that you did not know him, you may have some sort of a mental picture of him.

In height Mr. Drill was approximately five feet seven inches tall. His feet, legs, barrel-like body and his arms, hands and neck proclaimed that he possessed great physical power. In athletic events his rhythm, tempo and reflexes likewise were extraordinary. He attended and graduated from Hamline University in St. Paul where he demonstrated outstanding ability in baseball and football events. Later he attended and graduated from George-



town University law school in Washington, D. C. where, again, he exhibited his remarkable talents in the fields of baseball and football. Because of these talents, he was sought by and virtually conscripted into major league baseball, serving as catcher for the Washington Senators and subsequently for the Detroit Tigers. Upon retiring from major league baseball, he returned to St. Paul, where he entered upon the practice of the law and, in combination, served for a time as Director of Athletics at his alma mater, namely, Hamline University.

Mr. Drill's mentality also was large. Like his body, his mentality was broad and of considerably more than common size. When the occasion actually required it, he employed severity — otherwise, he was found to be not only sympathetic and kindly but, moreover, demonstrated a high degree of tolerance in dealing with his fellowmen. On the podium and before courts and juries his gift of speech enabled him to express himself forcefully and eloquently; and there can be no doubt at all that the legal services he rendered his clients were exceedingly faithful and of the highest standards. His practice was of a general nature and in addition to civil matters, he represented defendants in criminal cases.

Referring to the years prior to and around the year 1928: Prior to that year and from 1922-1926, the author of this memorial served as a federal prosecutor. Referring again to those years preceding 1928: In those years the tendency of the general public was to regard, with a rather considerable degree of intolerance, any lawyer who represented defendants in criminal cases. In comparatively recent years, such intolerance has practically disappeared due in the main to judicial pronouncements by the courts, including the highest court in the land, which have been broadcast throughout the country and have considerably humanized the thinking of the general public in respect of the rights of defendants in criminal cases and the duty and obligations of lawyers to protect and safeguard the rights of such defendants.

It is deemed safe to say that in the years subsequent to 1928, the matter that was dearest and closest to his heart was his administration of the office of the United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota.

In 1928 Mr. Drill was appointed, confirmed and installed in that office. In certain quarters this appointment



was regarded as inappropriate, simply because of Mr. Drill's prior representation of defendants in criminal cases.

At the outset of Mr. Drill's U. S. Attorneyship, the author of this memorial, was appointed by Mr. Drill as first assistant U. S. Attorney whereupon the author left his private practice in Minneapolis and again became a federal prosecutor, serving as such during the entire four year term of office occupied by Mr. Drill as United States Attorney.

All during this association Mr. Drill consistently demonstrated that he was a complete man endowed with and exercising to full degree the senses of integrity, responsibility, humanism, humor and humility. It was established practice, and still is, that the judges, constituting the federal judiciary in and for the District of Minnesota, should keep their eyes open and their ears to the ground with reference to the administration of the office of United States Attorney. After sufficient acquaintance with the affairs of the United States Attorney's office as administered by Mr. Drill, the then members of the Federal Judiciary in and for the District of Minnesota, which included the revered Honorable John B. Sanborn, lately deceased, manifested the highest regard for Mr. Drill as United States Attorney. The fact is that on various occasions, Judge Sanborn declared that Mr. Drill was the finest United States Attorney ever to serve in the District of Minnesota.

Whether engaged in private practice of the law or serving as United States Attorney, the really important things mattered to Mr. Drill and he lived for and by them. He did what his conscience told him to do. He followed his own star. He was his own master. As an athlete and as a member of the legal profession he played the game properly and rightly; and in the last years of his life it is foregone that he found great comfort in the knowledge that he had played the game of life as it should be played. In consequence, he deserves to have applied to him that simpler, more enduring, and less colloquial expression — A man to be remembered.

Respectfully submitted,

HON. ROBERT V. RENSCH  
WILLIAM H. OPPENHEIMER  
GEORGE A. HEISEY



**MR. MORGAN:** May it please the Court and friends and members of the Bar. The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for August E. Kuehne are Lewis E. Solomon, William H. Oppenheimer and James C. Tarbox. Mr. Tarbox will read the memorial.

Mr. Tarbox read the memorial to August E. Kuehne.

**AUGUST ERNEST KUEHNE** was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 24, 1882. He died at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 27, 1969.

He graduated from Mankato High School cum laude. On June 2, 1904, he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws by the University of Minnesota, and June 3, 1904, he was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court. On May 30, 1905, he was awarded the Degree of Master of Laws by the George Washington University. On June 18, 1959, he was awarded a Certificate by the Minnesota State Bar Association as Senior Counselor.

He practiced law for about 65 years, being active and apparently in good health until his sudden death.

He is buried in Oakland Cemetery, with his parents. He is survived by two sisters, Miss Minnie L. Kuehne and Miss Bertha F. Kuehne, who continue to reside in the same home where they and their brother lived for these many years.

Mr. Kuehne engaged in a general practice and specialized in bankruptcy law. Throughout his life, he followed the practice of law as an honorable profession, keeping conscientious records and a clear view of the obligations and duties of a lawyer.

He had a warm and engaging and respectful personality. Mr. Kuehne was a credit to his profession and leaves many friends, who join in tribute to him.

Respectfully submitted,

**LEWIS E. SOLOMON**

**WILLIAM H. OPPENHEIMER**

**JAMES C. TARBOX**



MR. MORGAN: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Grant S. Macartney consists of McNeil V. Seymour, Charles J. Curley and J. Neil Morton. Mr. Morton will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Morton read the memorial to Grant S. Macartney.

GRANT S. MACARTNEY was born at Stillwater, Minnesota, on January 26, 1885, the son of Alvin E. and Isabel S. Macartney. He died at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on October 4, 1969, in his 85th year. Except for his early childhood he was a lifelong resident of Saint Paul, where he pursued the practice of law for upwards of fifty-five years.

The law firm of Clapp and Macartney was formed in 1882 by his father, Alvin E. Macartney, and Newell H. Clapp. This firm and the firm of Davis, Kellogg and Severance, formed in 1887, are predecessors of the present firm of Briggs and Morgan, of which Grant S. Macartney was counsel at the time of his death.

Mr. Macartney prepared for college at Hotchkiss and received his A.B. from Yale in 1909. Upon the death of his father in 1912 he entered the University of Minnesota Law School. While pursuing his studies he clerked in the office of Clapp and Macartney. Upon his graduation in 1915 he became a member of the firm and continued in active association with it and its successors until his death.

Mr. Macartney was primarily an adviser of individual clients in personal, family and financial matters, with particular reference to estate management. His outstanding success in this is attested by many expressions of gratitude received after his death from individuals who benefited from his advice. He was the trustee of a number of substantial trusts the successful management of which reflected the soundness of his business and financial judgment.

In the conduct of his practice there was a suggestion of the traditional manner of the English solicitor. Until the end of his life he used the rolltop desk which had been used by his father before him; confidential papers of clients were filed in japanned boxes in the firm vault; their financial records were in some instances kept in his own handwriting in private client ledgers. He well understood the requirements of fiduciary and professional obligation and carried this understanding into all aspects of his practice with meticulous care.

His principal avocations were hunting and golf, supplemented by a lively interest in other sports. He held membership in the Town and Country Club longer than any other member and was at one time its champion. An avid baseball and football enthusiast, he delighted in lively discussions of these games with his friends.

In his personal relationships he was unassuming, courteous, devoted to his family and unfailingly helpful to his friends and associates. He was a man of principle and of honor.

He is survived by his widow, Hope D. Macartney of Saint Paul, a daughter, Hope M. Simons of Potomac, Maryland, a son, Frank P. Macartney of Rochester, Michigan, and four grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. V. SEYMOUR  
CHARLES J. CURLEY  
J. NEIL MORTON



MR. MORGAN: It is for many of us a particularly moving occasion to think of the memory of our partner, Neil's partner, my partner, a friend of many of us, David W. Raudenbush. Mr. McNeil V. Seymour, John R. Friedman of our office and myself prepared a memorial to Mr. Raudenbush which I will deliver.

Mr. Morgan read the memorial to David W. Raudenbush.

DAVID WEBB RAUDENBUSH died suddenly on November 12, 1969 while in the full vigor of active law practice with the Twin Cities law firm of Briggs and Morgan. He was born December 12, 1906, the eldest of the three children (two sons and a daughter) of Mr. and Mrs. Webb R. Raudenbush.

For his host of friends, so many of whom paid him tribute at the service at Unity Church in his memory, David can't be really gone. Wherever they gather, they will still remember his brilliant, witty conversation, which made every occasion he graced a memorable one.

Although born in Washington, D. C. where his father was on duty with the Navy following graduation from Annapolis, David was really an old St. Paulite. His grandfather was the founder of the Raudenbush Piano Company, a St. Paul firm which spread music appreciation throughout much of the Middle West with its solid uprights in the days before victrolas, radios and television.

David grew up in St. Paul, graduating from Saint Paul Academy, where he excelled scholastically. After going on to Princeton, he graduated Class Salutatorian and Phi Beta Kappa in 1928. He then entered Harvard Law School, where he took part in the winning Ames Competition moot court argument his third year and served on the Board of Student Advisors.

Following graduation from Law School, David returned to St. Paul and started the practice of law with the firm of Kellogg, Morgan, Chase, Carter & Headley which began in 1887 under the name of Davis, Kellogg and Severance. Except for war service, he continued until his untimely death, with that firm and its successors including Morgan, Raudenbush, Morgan, Oehler & Davis and later Briggs and Morgan.

Much of David's early practice involved general trial work, which gave him solid trial and appellate experience,



and also brought him a wide acquaintance with both judges and lawyers across the state. His later experiences in litigation, corporate and probate practice were combined with specialization in the field of antitrust law.

As a lawyer David Raudenbush was scholarly, methodical, and above all, kindly and generous. In lawsuits he combined masterful and forceful advocacy with consideration for and gentlemanliness toward his adversaries.

During World War II he served as an operations analyst with the Army Air Forces Tactical Air Command at Orlando, Florida. This service took him on several hazardous flights from India to China with the Twentieth Bomber Command.

At the close of his war service, David wrote a book entitled "Democratic Capitalism," published by John Day in 1946. We can achieve some insight into his mind and character, his love of language, his innate modesty, with these words from his Foreword to that work:

"It will be agreed, I think, that we, like Dante, find ourselves in mid-passage within a somber grove, having somehow lost the direct way. There will be plenty of disagreement as to how to get out, some even as to the specific destination to be sought; but none that further travel is both desirable and unavoidable. A particular description of Hell, Purgatory and Paradise will never command universal assent. It can, however, be suggestive, even if only in a negative sense. The very process of criticism and correction has deepened insight before now, and provoked inspiration that otherwise might have slumbered.

"If such a purpose, and no more, is served by this book, it will have been more than justified. For its true concern is that salvation be recognized as a by-product of effort directed to more mundane objectives; not that its illustrative program be accepted as definitive."

As an early supporter of the candidacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower, David fought to keep Eisenhower on the primary ballot in the case of *Fetsch v. Holm*, 236 Minn. 158, 52 N. W. (2d) 113 (1952); then, when the delegates' petitions to get on the primary ballot failed on a technicality, he helped put over the extraordinary "Ike" write-in which, by confirming the New Hampshire primary, played such a significant part in making Eisenhower the Republican nominee.



Eventually, the challenge of the chess board replaced politics as a recreation.

David's industry and success as a lawyer were not at the expense of his family life. He loved his home at 791 Linwood Avenue where he had lived as a child. His interests included gardening, carpentry, music, photography, travel and birdwatching.

David leaves his wife Patsy, the former Agnes Patton Woodhull of Minneapolis, and four fine children — a son, Peter Vroom Raudenbush with the foreign service, currently stationed in Brussels, Belgium, and three daughters — Brenda (Mrs. Harry L. Griffin), Hilary (Mrs. Peter Burgwald), and Miss Lucy Raudenbush, a recent Radcliffe graduate.

To this true man of parts, always a gentleman as well as a fine legal scholar, we must bid a fond farewell.

Respectfully submitted,

McNEIL V. SEYMOUR  
SAMUEL H. MORGAN  
JOHN R. FRIEDMAN

MR. MORGAN: The next memorial will be read in honor of Robert E. O'Connell, the committee consisting of The Honorable J. Jerome Plunkett of this Court, The Honorable Jacob Dim and Theodore J. Collins. Mr. Collins will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Collins read the memorial to Robert E. O'Connell.

ROBERT EMMET O'CONNELL was born on December 6, 1918 in Morris, Minnesota, the first child of Charles J. O'Connell and Julia O'Hanrahan O'Connell. Robert E. O'Connell died suddenly on December 26, 1969, at which time he was the Corporation Counsel for the City of St. Paul.

To his family and many friends, Robert O'Connell was known as "Bob". Bob's family had moved from Morris to St. Paul in 1927, and Bob attended St. Mark's elementary school and graduated from Central High School in 1936. He attended the University of Minnesota and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education in 1941. After Bob had attended the University for two years, he entered the St. Paul College of Law, while still continuing his University education. This double schedule of University during the day and night law school was tedious, but Bob still was able to be a star member of the University baseball team. Bob graduated from St. Paul College of Law with the Degree of LLB in 1942. He took the bar exam and was admitted on November 10, 1942.

Bob entered military service and was commissioned as an officer in the Navy. His service duty was spent aboard the Aircraft Carrier Essex, when he participated in campaigns at Wake Island, the Marianas, the Solomon Islands, and the Battle of the Philippine Sea.

In 1946 he was discharged from active duty in the Navy and entered the private practice of law in St. Paul. Shortly thereafter he became an enforcement attorney with the United States Office of Price Administration. In 1949 he entered the office of the Corporation Counsel for the City of St. Paul where he was when an untimely and sudden death came to Bob the day after Christmas, 1969.

On November 25, 1944 Mr. O'Connell had married Gloria Rossini of St. Paul, who, with their ten children of their marriage, survived Bob.

Robert O'Connell was an unusually competent lawyer. He became a master in the intricate legal machinery of a modern municipal government. During his 20 years in the



Corporation Counsel's office he served eight different Corporation Counsels, and each relied upon Bob O'Connell as a most capable and diligent assistant. Bob's unassuming quiet manner was disarming. He never employed courtroom theatrics; but he was an able advocate for his cause and client in court, whether it was the trial of a negligence automobile case or a complicated utility rate hearing affecting all the citizens. Lawyers in governmental service often tend to specialize in one or two areas. Bob O'Connell did not. He was a specialist in every facet of law which affected the City of St. Paul. His experience included Traffic Court where he filled in when needed, as well as the instruction of new lawyers who came and left the office. His expertise included the handling of workmen's compensation claims of city employees as well as the intricate machinery of municipal bond law wherein the City needed competent legal advice. He knew the procedure for investigation of claims as well as the complex handling of condemnation proceedings by the City of St. Paul, and most of all he was called upon to handle the trial of the exacting cases involving the City and the rights of its citizens. In summary, Robert O'Connell was the lawyer's lawyer for all the citizens of St. Paul. Mr. O'Connell's esteem in the eyes of his fellow lawyers was proven by the fact that Bob led a bar plebiscite for a judicial vacancy.

His thorough knowledge of the law and his careful preparation enabled him to present his cases in a competent manner, often noted by the Court and adversaries. Since he was a lawyer for the City, he was called upon by various mayors under whom he served, and the several city councilmen for legal advice on problems encountered by city government. His 20 years of service in a politically appointed office is testimony to the esteem in which he was held by civic leaders of every persuasion. Because of his knowledge of the affairs of city government, his devoted service, and his unquestioned ability as a lawyer, Mr. O'Connell quickly rose to the top positions of First Assistant and Special Assistant Corporation Counsel. It was a tradition in St. Paul government that the Corporation Counsel elected was not a person within the office. In the summer of 1969 when the office of the City Attorney was vacant, it was apparent to the mayor and members of the City Council that if competence were a test, Mr. O'Connell should be elected Corporation Counsel. He was unani-



mously elected and the selection of the mayor and council met with universal approval.

As all approved of his election as Corporation Counsel, so all were shocked when on Christmas Day, 1969, Bob O'Connell became suddenly ill during the late evening hours and was dead by the next morning. There was no illness and, although Bob had followed his usual practice of taking almost no vacation from his job during his over 20 years of working for the city, he had carried out his duties until his end came.

Besides his family and profession of law, Bob O'Connell had other outside interests. At the University of Minnesota he was an avid baseball player and was an outstanding catcher on the team. He lettered in baseball and he continued as an active member of the "M" Club until the time of his death. He followed sports and golfed as time permitted.

After Bob's discharge from active duty in 1946, he remained in the Naval Reserve and rose in rank until he retired from the Naval Reserve as a full Commander in 1966.

Bob O'Connell was a deeply religious man and an active member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Gloria, and ten children. The oldest, Robert M., was serving in Vietnam at the time of his father's death, but was able to return home quickly to attend the funeral. The second child, Thomas, had followed his father's footsteps and entered the Navy, and was home on leave at the time of his father's death. Tom was home to be married when his father died and the marriage took place on December 27, 1969. The next child, Gloria, is a student at the University of Minnesota. The second daughter is Mary Kate, a student at Derham Hall High School. A son, Dan C., attends Cretin High School. The next three children are Richard, Michelle and Patty Sue. A son, John, is in kindergarten at Randolph Heights School, and the youngest child, Steven, is one year old.

Mr. O'Connell is also survived by his half brother, Edmund O'Hanrahan, of Paris, France; brother Richard O'Connell, St. Paul; brother Charles J. O'Connell, a member of this bar, and a sister, Charlotte O'Connell, of St. Paul.



All who were privileged to know and work with Bob throughout these many years miss his quiet and efficient ways. The loss of this wonderful father and husband to his wife and children cannot be expressed in human words. John Henry Newman defined a "gentleman" as a man who never consciously offends anyone. For all of us as a model and example to follow, Robert E. O'Connell was a lawyer and by Newman's standards, a real gentleman.

Respectfully submitted,

HON. J. JEROME PLUNKETT

HON. JACOB DIM

THEODORE J. COLLINS

MR. MORGAN: The members of the committee who have prepared a memorial to the late John E. Stryker are Marvin Jacobson, John B. Burke and David C. Donnelly. Mr. Marvin Jacobson will read this memorial.

Mr. Jacobson read the memorial to John E. Stryker.

JOHN EDWARD STRYKER died last December. During his 74-year lifetime he had been a student, an athlete, a soldier, the head of a magnificent family and a pioneer patent attorney.

He was born in Saint Paul in 1895 and attended Central High School. He then commenced studies in engineering at the University of Minnesota. Two years later he entered Yale University where he earned his engineering degree. His studies, however, were delayed for two years while he served as an artilleryman in France and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant. Following a tradition set by his father, who was the first patent attorney in our community, John Stryker added a legal degree to that in engineering. He was admitted to the Bar in 1923 and joined his father in patent practice. The firm of Stryker and Stryker served the patent needs of a large number of clients including National Battery, Buckbee-Mears, Standard Conveyor, Andersen Corporation and a multitude of others.

After the death of his father, which occurred in 1940, John was a sole practitioner for nearly twenty-five years. In 1963 he was joined by Marvin Jacobson and the firm continued as Stryker and Jacobson. In February, 1922, he married Elizabeth Field of Saint Paul and together they raised three sons. In addition to his wife and sons, John is survived by ten grandchildren.

He took enormous pride in his family and set many precedents for them to follow. Himself of conservative outlook and being a man of selfdiscipline, he was both fair and exacting as a father. Much of the success these three men enjoy today is attributable to the influence John Stryker had upon them as their father. He taught by example his own uncompromising notions of excellence, sportsmanship, fitness and educational attainment.

Among John Stryker's great gifts were his impressive physical strength and health. He loved exercise. He loved competitive sports. He participated in them actively from the time he captained his high school football team and



rowed at the Minnesota Boat Club until he was over fifty years of age. He derived great enjoyment in exercise and was always a spectator at the multitude of athletic events in which his sons and grandsons participated. Each of his sons and grandsons were to excel in high school and college athletics. No one can gainsay that this tradition was set by John Stryker who knew the healthy and character-building potential of sports and sportsmanship.

John was an accomplished carpenter. He designed and built with his own hands a cabin at Marine-on-St. Croix. John and his wife, Elizabeth, spent many happy, pleasant days there; and as in the case of all of his possessions, it was available to his family and their friends.

We shall remember how vigorous a person he was, how gentlemanly with an inborn courtesy. A man of intelligence, integrity and courage, a trusted friend and wise counselor.

In his law practice, John was a true advocate, whether before the Patent Office or the courts. But while he enthusiastically fought on behalf of his clients, he would unhesitatingly tell them when they were wrong. As a result, his advice and judgment were respected and accepted.

He lived 74 full and satisfying years, leaving a closely allied and healthy family and a heritage for them with his stamp indelibly upon it. He won the affection and respect of relatives and friends. He won the admiration and respect of his colleagues at the Bar. We are sorry he is gone because we feel deprived. However, it is not the duration of our lives, but their quality that counts. The life of John Stryker was of high quality. We shall miss him, and we shall not forget him.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN JACOBSON  
JOHN B. BURKE  
DAVID C. DONNELLY



MR. MORGAN: The committee which prepared the memorial for the late Eugene H. McDougall, who I know so many of us remember with such affection, long time resident of the St. Paul Athletic Club, are P. Hunter Anderson, Victor J. Holper and Joseph L. Muldoon. Mr. Anderson will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Anderson read the memorial to Eugene H. McDougall.

EUGENE H. McDOUGALL was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, September 4, 1897. Early in his life he lost his father. His mother remarried and the marriage brought Mr. McDougall's only sibling, a stepbrother, into his life.

Mr. McDougall, or Mr. Mac as he was affectionately known to his friends, attended St. Paul Central High School and graduated in 1915. His further education was interrupted by military service, but after his discharge he returned to the University of Minnesota. While at the University he acquired the interests that guided his life. It was at this time that the desire to be involved in the analysis and publication of judicial opinions and legal works was born.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and on March 24, 1922 he was admitted to the Minnesota State Bar. He then entered the private practice of law. Fortune was less than kind to him during the years he practiced, but during all the lean years he never lost his enthusiasm, or his love for the law.

In 1942 fortune turned her smile on him and on November 9th of that year he entered the employ of West Publishing Company. His position on the Editorial Staff fulfilled his law school desire to be involved in the development and editing of law books for use by the Bench and Bar.

His loyalty to the law and West Publishing Company became legendary. His energy and enthusiasm were widely acclaimed. He refused to limit himself to the normal work hours and days. He spent many a Saturday and Sunday at his desk. During his vacations and later, in his retirement, he could often be found in the Ramsey County Courthouse observing trials.

His devotion to work limited his outside interests, but it was a rare occasion when he was not present to cheer the Minnesota football team when they played at home.



His interest in opera led him to read widely in the field and made him an authority on most of the classics.

Not only was Mr. Mac admired for his working abilities, his friendly and personable nature attracted and endeared him to many. His retirement dinner was attended by over one hundred of his friends, not only by his fellow editors, but by many other employees of West Publishing Company.

His retirement came after 25 years of service. Even then he resisted retirement, but failing health convinced him that retirement was the best course to follow.

Eugene H. McDougall will be remembered for his dedication and his industry, but mostly he will be remembered for the friendly and kind man that he was. It may be said of him that he never rose to great heights, but this will not be said by those who had the privilege of calling him friend.

Respectfully submitted,

P. HUNTER ANDERSON  
VICTOR J. HOLPER  
JOSEPH L. MULDOON

MR. MORGAN: May it please the Court. One of the recent losses to this Bar has been Reece J. McGee. A committee has been appointed to prepare a memorial for him consisting of Lewis L. Anderson, The Honorable Arthur A. Stewart and James F. Lynch. However, in the time available the committee has not been able to complete its work in preparing this memorial which will however be filed with the Court and included in the memorials.

(The following memorial for Reece J. McGee was later received and filed with the Court.)

REECE J. MCGEE died unexpectedly from a heart attack on Monday, December 15, 1969, at the age of 80.

His daughter, Dr. Shanna McGee, of Pocatella, Idaho, and his son, Dr. Reece McGee, of West Lafayette, Indiana, and three grandchildren survive him. His wife, Vivian, preceded him in death by two months.

Services for Reece were held at the Olivet Congregational Church, Merriam Park, Saint Paul, Minnesota, with interment in Oakland Cemetery, Saint Paul.

Reece graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and, following service in the first World War overseas, became an assistant corporation counsel of the City of Saint Paul in 1920, and continued in that position through 1930, after which he engaged in the private practice of law in the City of Saint Paul for several years.

Thereafter he was appointed Superintendent of the St. Paul Armory, having retired as a United States Army Colonel with combat service in World War I as previously noted, and again in World War II.

Reece was a member of the Masonic Lodge and had been such a member since a young man.

Reece J. McGee was, to the personal knowledge of your committee, a gentleman, a person with a kind and generous disposition, a fine citizen and a good friend.

Respectfully submitted,

HON. ARTHUR A. STEWART  
JAMES F. LYNCH  
LEWIS L. ANDERSON



MR. MORGAN: That concludes the formal presentation of the reading of memorials. If it pleases the Court, I wish on behalf of the Ramsey County Bar Association and this committee to express our gratitude to the members of the Bench and of the Bar and also their families, friends of the members who are gone today, taking time to come here this afternoon to pay tribute to our friends. At this time, we respectfully request the Court to inscribe these memorials on the permanent records of the Court.

Thank you.

JUDGE GRAFF: The motion of Mr. Morgan is granted. The record will show that the Court joins in these memorials. On behalf of the District Court of Ramsey County we express our thanks to the members of other courts 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.

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