

IN MEMORIAM

VIRGIL J. SCHABEL

(May 30, 1912 – October 22, 1953)

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

(ca. 1954)

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Virgil J. Schabel was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 30, 1912 and died at the age of 41 on October 22, 1953. He resided at 2538 Lowry Avenue Northeast, St. Anthony Village. He is survived by his wife, Kathyne B. Schabel, and three daughters: Katherine — age 13, Diane — age 9, Pamela — age 7, and by his father, Jacob Schabel.

Virgil J. Schabel graduated from Edison High School in 1931. He studied Law at the University of Minnesota and was graduated in 1937, and admitted to the practice of Law in that year. He was a member of the Delta Phi Theta Fraternity.

Upon being admitted to practice he opened a law office at 2301 Central Avenue Northeast; in 1941 he moved his law office to 2337 Central Avenue Northeast and in 1948 to 2400 Central Avenue Northeast. In 1946 he became associated with Frank N. Fudali and continued the practice of Law under the firm name of Schabel and Fudali.

Virgil J. Schabel was a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association and of Minnesota State Bar Association. He was ever ready to serve on Committees and took a keen interest in the problems of a practicing lawyer. He particularly liked real estate problems and as a result of this interest he was an active member of the Real Property Section of the Hennepin County Bar Association, serving as Chairman of this Section during 1945 and 1946.

Virgil J. Schabel also took part in neighborhood and civic affairs. He was a member of the Central Avenue Commercial Association and a member of the Northeast Kiwanis Club, He was Vice

President of this latter organization from January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952, and President from January 1, 1953 until his death.

He was a Justice of the Peace in St. Anthony Village from 1940 until the time of his death. As Justice of the Peace he not only heard cases in St. Anthony Village but during the several years preceding his death, he heard and tried cases on the county level at the Court House. He was a fair and impartial trier who was ever ready to look at both sides of the case and his scrupulous fairness and good judgment was patent, not only to officers of the Law but to the accused who appeared before him.

Virgil J. Schabel was a gregarious individual who loved life and who lived it with zest and honor. Suffering from high blood pressure for many years and having undergone a serious operation in 1946 to relieve this high blood pressure, he knew that his life span was limited. He met this problem with his characteristic good sense and courage and he lived it so as to make each day a shining gem for his crown of immortality. Only his closest friends knew of this dark cloud overshadowing him and which would well have broken a weaker man.

Virgil J. Schabel was a good man in every sense of the word. He was a good lawyer, who built his practice on integrity and efficient performance of his duties toward his clients. He was a good husband and parent and a good citizen. The Bar and the Community in losing Virgil J. Schabel have lost an asset hard to replace. May he rest in peace. ■

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