

Memorial

to

Ellis Sherman

(July 28, 1902 - July 7, 1957)

**Hennepin County Bar Association
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Few young men have contributed more to the civic and public welfare of our City and State than has Ellis Sherman, who died suddenly in Minneapolis on July 7, 1957, at the early age of 54.

While not active in the practice of law, he was a member of the Minnesota and Hennepin County Bar Associations and his work brought him in close contact with our profession. Few lawyers there are in the State who did not know and respect him during his long and fruitful career.

He was born July 28, 1902, at Donnybrook, North Dakota, and was graduated from the University of Minnesota and its Law School in 1928. At the time of his death he resided with his wife, Prudence, at 4751 Dupont Avenue, Minneapolis. A daughter, Mrs. Marion Fuller, was married a year before his death. He left one son, Roger. Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman, Minneapolis, his parents, also survive him, as do two brothers and two sisters.

Ellis was a natural leader of men. What at the University he was elected a member of Grey Friars. He was an alumnus of Gamma Eta Gamma Legal fraternity and in close touch with literally hundreds of his brother lawyers all over the United States. His indomitable will and drive were directly responsible for that organization's owning a fraternity home on the Minnesota campus.

A member of the Minneapolis Athletic Club, the Edina Country Club, and Minneapolis Rotary club, he was intensely interested in community affairs. He gave generously of his time and talent to the fund-raising activities of the Variety Club Heart Hospital.

During most of his years he was associated with the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company, and since 1942 a

member of its White & Odell agency. An expert in the insurance field, he led his Company in sales on many occasions. He was Vice President of Incentive Plan Services, Inc., and a nationally recognized authority on pension planning and estate analysis. He served as President of the Minnesota Association of Life Underwriters and for many years was a committeeman of the national association. He was also a member of the Society of Chartered Life Underwriters, and was twice a member of the Million Dollar Round Table, an honorary life insurance organization.

Never too busy to stop and chat with a friend, generally interested in others and their problems, endowed with more than usual ability and enthusiasm, and processing and energy and drive that was tremendous, Ellis endured himself in the heart of everyone with whom he came in contact.

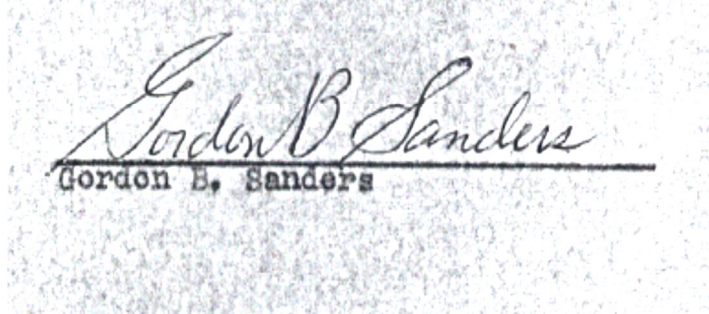
He served as trustee of Visitation Catholic Church where he was a leader in all church and spiritual activities. The clergy and members of his parish have lost a kind, loyal, and deeply devoted Christian lay man.

It was my good fortune to have known Ellis Sherman for more than thirty years. In all that time I never knew him to say an unkind word about anyone.

His family must take peculiar pride in the memory he leaves. His son, Roger, who is following in his father's footsteps, will graduate from the University Law School in June, 1958, and he may look upon his father's career as one to be proudly emulated.

Ellis Sherman was a man's man! He was an ornament to his profession and a credit to the Minnesota Bar. He will ever live in the hearts and minds of those who knew him. Minnesota has

lost an outstanding citizen and our profession mourns the untimely loss of a master member whose life was so highly exemplary.



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