

**MEMORIAL**

**FOR**

**ROBERT M. WORKS, SR.**

**[ August 5, 1883 • March 4, 1933 ]**

**Ramsey County Bar Association  
Ramsey County District Court  
St. Paul, Minnesota**

**[ca. 1933]**

## **MEMORIAL OF ROBERT M. WORKS, Sr.**

**Robert M. Works was born in Augusta, Wisconsin, on August 5th, 1883. He died suddenly of a heart attack on March 4th, 1933.**

**He attended the common schools in Augusta and received his law education at the University of Minnesota. For a time, while attending the University, he clerked in the law office of Keith, Evans, Thompson & Fairchild.**

**In May, 1909, he married Louella Thornhill, who survives him, her grief softened by memories of a happy union. He is also survived by a son, Robert Jr., and a daughter Marjorie Lou, and five brothers and five sisters.**

**Mr. Works was admitted to the bar of this state on September 24th, 1907, and from that time until his career was closed by death, he was engaged in the general practice of law. Shortly after his admission to the bar, for a period of several years he was a member of the law firm of Henderson, Works & Patten.**

**I first met Mr. Works in 1925, and was associated with him from then up until the time of his death. In January, 1930, it was my privilege to become his law partner. During the years of 1931 and 1932, he was Village Attorney for the Village of Robbinsdale.**

**Unostentatious, industrious, kind and considerate as his every action, and ever faithful, he was indeed a splendid citizen, a devoted husband and father and a loyal friend. He was a lovable character and those who know him best realized the depth and tenderness of his friendship.**

**He was always willing and eager to extend his assistance to the young and inexperienced law student or practitioner.**

**He possessed intellectual gifts of a high order — absolute integrity of purpose and a sound judgment, and these, united with adequate training, eminently qualified him to serve his profession well. He possessed a strong sense of duty and of the absolute necessity of the performance of every obligation assumed. His logically balanced mind was happily joined to an even temperament and a genial disposition.**

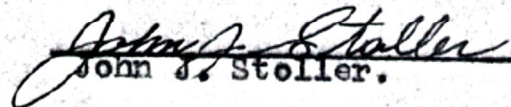
Politically he was a democrat. He was an ardent admirer of Woodrow Wilson. He believed that ours is a government of the people, by the people and for the people, and not a government of the classes against the masses.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He believed in the Bible and accepted his teachings, and followed its mandates of morality, truth and character. He accorded to every man the right of his own religious and political convictions and claimed the same right for himself.

His summons came at an age when one ordinarily is in the prime of life — but though his life was shortened, his passing occurred in fortunate matter. I speak advisedly and using the term “fortunate.” He died without warning — with his body unenfeebled and his mind unclouded by age. He escaped the ills which are the usual accompaniment of old age. He needed no time to put his house in order. He kept it in order by a pure and blameless life.

His passing left me with a deep sense of sorrow and personal loss.

Respectfully submitted.

  
John J. Stoller.

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[ This Memorial is not dated. It likely was delivered in March or April 1933 ]

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