# Annual Hennepin County Bar Memorial Session

Convening of the Special Session of Hennepin County District,

**Probate and Municipal Courts** 

Presiding
The Honorable Eugene Minenko,
Hennepin County Courts Chief Judge

Invocation
The Honorable Patrick W. Fitzgerald,
Hennepin County District Court Judge

**Introduction of Special Guests** 

**Recognition of Deceased Members** 

Musical Selection — "There's A New World Coming" Mr. Burt Hanson, Vocalist and Mr. Don Anderson, Harpist

Mr. J. Kenneth deWerff, Chairman Bar Memorial Committee

Mr. Michael P. Sullivan, President Hennepin County Bar Association

Main Address
Mr. Charles T. Hvass, Sr.
Partner in the firm of Hvass, Weisman & King

Musical Selection — "The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi" Mr. Burt Hanson, Vocalist, and Mr. Don Anderson, Harpist

Memorials Presented to the Court

**Presentation Accepted** 

Court Adjourned

Wednesday, April 25, 1979

**Minneapolis City Council Chambers** 

Presented by the Hennepin County Bar Association

## INVOCATION

Heavenly Father, we once again pause to express our devotion to You and to honor in Your glory the memory of our dear departed friends and colleagues. Thank You for the opportunity to assemble here today to pay our respect to these good lawyers.

We do not begrudge our lost friends the glory which You have promised Your faithful people. Now they shall know, forever, in the fullest measure, Your goodness and love.

Although their memories will certainly endure, we ask that You comfort their families, keeping them under Your ever watchful eye, and where You have closed the door, open the window in their behalf.

We thank You for the time that we had our missing colleagues with us during which they practiced law, the noblest of all professions, by aiding and assisting their fellow human beings and protecting their rights and seeing that all individuals were given their just due.

For those that remain, remind us that life is short and in the work that yet remains unfinished, give us the strength and grace of humility to do our work in accordance with Thy will. Let our daily efforts be directed toward Your wishes and desires, O Heavenly Father, and through our endeavors honor the memories of these good and God fearing lawyers who are now with You.

We ask all of these things in Your name, Lord our God. Amen.

JUDGE PATRICK W. FITZGERALD

# **INDEX OF MEMORIALS**

Theodore W. Arlander	6
Thomas J. Battis	7
Gordon J. Berg	8
Frank D. Bessesen	9
Josiah E. Brill, Sr	10
Thomas F. Burns	11
Sam W. Campbell	12
Charles E. Carlsen, Jr	13
Harold J. Carroll	
Professor J. Morris Clark	15
Julius E. Davis	
James S. Eriksson	17
Virgil H. Hill	
David C. Hitch	19
Charles L. Horn	20
Keith D. Kennedy	21
William R. Kresl	
Ira E. (Al) Meagher, Jr	23
Andrew M. Miner	
Bergmann Richards	25
Henry F. Simons	
Harold J. Sorensen	
George F. Williamson	
Anton Yngve	
Hugh F. Young	
Honorable Luther W. Youngdahl	
G	

# **BAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

J. Kenneth deWerff, Chairperson John D. Gould, Vice Chairperson Robert S. Carney, Secretary E. John Abdo Clyde F. Anderson **Sidney Barrows** Gordon J. Berg Irving R. Brand Wright W. Brooks Edward M. Callinan John F Casey Karl F. Diessner Sidney S. Feinberg James B. Lund Edmund T. Montgomery William M. Thomson Arthur E. Weisberg Si Weisman Walter J. Wheeler 3

# A MEMORIAL ADDRESS

# A MEMORIAL ADDRESS ANNUAL HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR MEMORIAL SESSION APRIL 25, 1979

# By CHARLES T. HVASS Partner in the firm of Hvass, Weisman & King

Today we celebrate 1074 years of service at the Bar by our dear departed brothers. Their span of practice commenced in the year 1910.

Let us call their accomplishments before the High Judgment Seat of Justice and reflect during this memorial on the great contributions our brothers collectively made to our civilization and society during their years of practice at the Bar.

We are told by King David in Psalm 19 that the single tool of our profession, the law, is perfect, it is sure, it is wise, it is right, it is pure, it is clean, it is righteous, it is more desired than gold and it endures forever.

It was this law and its application through the advocacy of our brothers and their contemporaries that:

Abolished the ethnic and colored ghetto and allowed all people of whatever race or religion to rent or purchase property in the area of their choice.

Shelley v. Kraemer, 1948, and Reitman v. Mulkey, 1967;

Prohibited "Star Chamber" interrogation and guaranteed to the suspected or accused the absolute right to competent legal counsel.

Gideon v. Wainwright, 1963, and Argersinger v. Hamlin, 1972;

Imposed liability on the manufacturer or seller of defective products and granted to the injured and maimed a remedy for their economic loss.

MacPherson v. Buick Motor Co., 1916 and Greenman v. Yuba Power Products, Inc., 1973;

Etched in granite block, resistant to time, freedom of speech and religion reinforcing constitutional guarantees to those who might speak or publish ideas unpopular to those in positions of power.

New York Times v. Sullivan, 1964 and Brandenburg v. Ohio, 1969;

Struck down statutes authorizing ex-parte pre-judgments, writs of replevin and garnishment thereby preventing dispossession of the uneducated and seizure of a family's means of support.

Sniadach v. Family Finance Corp., 1969 and Fuentes v. Shevin, 1972;

Laid to rest the doctrine of "separate but equal" and 100 years too late granted to all equal educational opportunity with far reaching effect into virtually all aspects of American life.

Brown v. Board of Education, 1954;

Prohibited unequal apportionment of legislative districts giving equal weight to each vote at the ballot box regardless of the color, religion or economic background of the one recording the vote.

Reynolds v. Sims, 1964;

Did away with job inequality resulting from sex based classifications and guaranteed to men and women the right to equal pay and equal job opportunity.

Craig v. Boren, 1976.

This roll call has been limited with just some of the highlights of what our brothers' lives in the practice of law have meant to our society's struggle for the Goodness which was envisioned by our Father at the time of Creation.

In final memory of our brothers who departed their physical lives this past year, let us join with the author of the 119th Psalm in carving this memorial on their collective headstone:

"You taught them, O Lord, the way of your statutes. Which they have kept to the end of their earthly lives. You gave them understanding that they might keep and apply the law wholeheartedly. You led them in the light of your commandments in which they delighted. You taught them to use the law for the good of our society and not personal gain. May they dwell with you in your house forever."

# THEODORE W. ARLANDER

July 30, 1907 — February 8, 1978

Theodore Walters Arlander was born in Evanston, Illinois and in his early years his parents moved to Minneapolis where he attended the public school system and graduated from Edison High School.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree and he attended the same institution where he received his Juris Doctor Degree in 1931, and was admitted to practice in September of that year.

He entered the practice of law in Minneapolis where he was actively engaged in real estate law until his death.

He was married in 1936 to Valborg Peterson who survived him and he was also survived by his three children, Randi Van Brocklin of Deephaven, Minnesota, Frederick W. Arlander of Los Angeles, California, and Todd E. Arlander of Hines, Minnesota, and nine grandchildren.

While at the University he was an active member of the Delta Theta Phi fraternity and after entering the practice of law he was a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association. He was also a member of Arcana Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and Zuhrah Temple of the Shrine.

He was also an active member of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Minneapolis and the Big Brother Association.

He was a skilled attorney in real estate matters particularly relating to the construction business. All who knew him remember him as a dedicated and fair lawyer who enjoyed the practice of law. Ted was well loved by his family, clients and associates. He will be deeply missed.

SAMUEL G. SMILOW

# THOMAS J. BATTIS

November 8, 1926 — May 9, 1978

Thomas J. Battis who died on May 9, 1978, at age 51 was a man filled with a great capacity for life and love. He was a man who had an abiding love and commitment to his family; a deep religious faith that sustained him throughout life and especially in his final illness; and a man who found the fulfillment of his dreams and ambitions through the practice of law. He was, indeed, that unique person who blended all three.

He was born in St. Paul on November 8, 1926, of Margaret Jane and Nicholas Joseph Battis. He had one sister, Carmela, and six brothers, George, Paul, William, Emmett, Richard and Lawrence. He was educated at Nativity Grade School, St. Thomas Academy and the University of Minnesota. He served briefly near the end of World War II in the Air Force and immediately enrolled in law school at the University of Minnesota upon his return. He was associated briefly with Attorney Thomas Spence in Saint Paul, after passing the bar, and then joined the law firm of Murnane and Murnane in 1950. He later became a senior partner in the firm of Murnane, Murnane, Battis, de Lambert and Conlin. He remained in this capacity until June of 1975 when he established his own practice as a sole practitioner.

He married Alice Brand on April 15, 1950 in St. Luke's Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife and seven children; two daughters, Cathy and Cindy; and five sons, David, Jeffrey, Jerry, Steve and Tim.

Tom had a great zest for life and enjoyed many interests. His main hobby was hunting. Just the mention of ducks, geese or deer brought an anticipatory gleam to his eyes. He enjoyed the sociability of being with people and played an excellent game of bridge. In his late 30's Tom made the transition from the city to a rural community when he and his wife Alice built a large and beautiful home on the shores of Prior Lake. He took a great deal of ribbing at the beginning of his venture, being referred to as "The Country Lawyer". Tom lived by the advice he gave to his family and others: That success was possible with effort and determination.

But the city boy successfully bridged the gap and enjoyed working in the city and attending the cultural affairs it had to offer while still enjoying life in the country. Tom loved sailing, riding his horse and in general enjoyed the outdoor life.

He served on the school board in Prior Lake and acted as the attorney for the local Watershed District. He subsequently purchased land on Herron Lake for duck hunting and an apple orchard in Wykoff, Minn.

He was a member of both the Hennepin and Ramsey County Bar Associations as well as the American and Minnesota State Bar Associations He was an excellent defense attorney specializing in personal injury cases. He earned and enjoyed the deep respect of his associates and his ready smile and warm greetings for everyone he met will be greatly missed.

As his daughter, Cindy, wrote for the liturgy on the day of his funeral mass,

"His family will remember him not as a man gone from this world, but a man who is a symbol of life itself. A man who will live on in the hearts of all who knew him and loved him, a man of earth, who will now return to the earth to live with the greatest Creator of all".

Respectfully submitted, RICHARD J. BATTIS G. MARK SULLIVAN

# GORDON J. BERG

October 22, 1916 — November 29, 1978

Gordon J. Berg was born in Minneapolis. He attended West High School where he made many lifetime friendships, was a three-sport athlete, a leader in other activities and graduated as President of his class in June, 1934. After six years at the University of Minnesota, he graduated from the Law School and was admitted to the Minnesota Bar in 1940. He was a member of Phi Delta Phi and Sigma Chi Fraternities.

Like many of his contemporaries in the World War II period, Gordon's law career was deferred and he served in the U.S. Army during three years commencing in 1943 and attained the rank of Major, JAGC. For more than a year, he was stationed in the British Isles where he became involved with British Army Intelligence in the person of Regimental Sergeant Major Kathleen O'Neill. The taboo of personal relationships between officer and enlisted personnel was one of many obstructions, albeit one of the most pleasant and rewarding, which Gordy encountered and subdued in his lifetime and he and Kathleen were married three days before "D Day" on June 3, 1944.

After his discharge, Gordon practiced in Minneapolis and from 1951 until his death had offices in the Grain Exchange Building. He was General Counsel for the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, represented many grain firms and was recognized as an authority in the law relating to the trade.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Kathleen, a daughter, Ann B. Berg of Stamford, Connecticut, and a son, John Gordon Berg, who he would proudly tell you was one of his associates.

From the time he was young, Gordy loved hunting and the out-of-doors. His consuming avocation was the cabin and forest land near Brainerd which he enjoyed with his family for many years.

Although he was continuously involved in its practical application and savoured a good trial, Gordy was an avid student of the law and his colleagues and adversaries knew him as a resourceful and tenacious advocate.

Gordy was a loved and loving father and admired and respected by all who knew him. He was our warm and loyal friend.

WILLIAM M. THOMSON

# FRANK D. BESSESEN

February 27, 1903 — November 23, 1978

Frank died on November 23, 1978 after more than 50 years as an attorney.

He was born on February 27, 1903 in Minneapolis. His father Dan Bessesen and his uncle Henry Bessesen were also attorneys, and Henry Bessesen served as member and President of the Minneapolis School Board.

At Minneapolis Central High School Frank played end on a fine football team and was an excellent swimmer

After graduating from high school, he entered the University of Minnesota, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta academic fraternity and Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity. He won letters swimming the breast stroke, but he was deprived of champion's fame because of the coincidence that a fraternity brother, John Faricy, who swam the same event during the same years, held the world record in that event.

In his youth Frank was a lifeguard for the City of Minneapolis. At one time he was active in Unity House activities.

For many years he officed at Lake Street and Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis where he was well-known and well-liked in that community and was an organizer and President of the business association of that area. As a result, he served four years as Alderman of the Fifth (now Eighth) Ward.

Later he joined his father and uncle in their office at the Rand (now Dain) Tower, and for a time he practiced in the office of Thomas Gallagher (who was later a member of the Supreme Court) and this writer, and other attorneys.

Frank never lost his interest in high school and college athletics. As an "M" man he followed the Gopher football teams and was a frequent fan at Central High games.

In 1950 Frank was appointed to Court Commissioner in mental illness matters by the unanimous vote of the District Court Judges. Thereafter he was elected and reelected, serving a total of over 16 years. In later years, nominees were subjected to a plebiscite of Hennepin County Bar Association members and he was recommended by large votes.

As Court Commissioner, his duties were to inquire into the validity of petitions asking for commitment of persons alleged to be mentally ill, chemically addicted, etc. He would determine whether such persons should be hospitalized, and, if so, what treatment was required.

In the thousands of these proceedings, Frank displayed intelligence, patience, understanding, sympathy and hard work. His open, friendly personality and good humor served to help facilitate the difficult, heavy and necessarily unpleasant duty of determining at least the immediate future of unfortunate patients.

He is survived by his wife Adelaide (Pal) Orfield Bessesen, his son Frank D. (Peter) Bessesen, Jr., and two granddaughters — Jennifer and Julie Bessesen.

**DESMOND F. PRATT** 

# JOSIAH E. BRILL, SR.

December 16, 1885 — September 13, 1978

In the legends of our fathers, it is said that:

"There are three crowns—the crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of royalty.

"But the crown of a good name exceeds them all.

"He who has acquired a good name has enriched himself.

"Even a long life ends soon, but a good name endures forever."

Those of us who were actively associated with Josiah E. Brill (affectionately known as Harry Brill) knew him as a man who had acquired a good name. We recognized him as a person of exceptional legal ability, absolute integrity, and strength of character.

He was a tireless worker and never afraid to undertake unpopular causes if he was satisfied in its righteousness.

I was privileged to commence practicing law in his office in the latter part of the Depression. He tolerated no small talk, and those of us who were his associates quickly learned from him that there was no substitute for hard work and adequate preparation of our cases.

His complete devotion to his chosen profession and his integrity in the manner in which he practiced law reflected itself in the high esteem in which he was held by his clients, his colleagues, and the judges before whom he appeared.

The courtly manner in which he appeared before the courts and the sincerity with which he pleaded his cases never failed to impress me, and it never failed to gain the respect of his opponents and the courts.

He was truly a lawyer of the old school. He was graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1910. Some of the leading lawyers and judges in this community were his classmates and close friends.

Always an active participant in Bar Association work; one facet — the selection of judges — interested him immensely. Because he did not approve of the method used in selecting judges, he became a strong advocate for change. Political appointees did not always connote to him competence and judicial temperament, and he fought hard for many years as chairman of the Bar Association committee to effectuate reform in this particular field.

Josiah Brill became active in the USO before and during World War II. He was Minnesota's state chairman from 1952 to 1962, and treasurer from 1962 to 1966 of the USO Defense Fund for Minnesota, Inc.

He practiced law until his retirement at the age of 82 in the year 1967 with his son, Josiah, Jr., and, prior to that time, with his son Lionel who predeceased him. He founded the firm of Brill & Maslon, whose name was later changed to Brill, Maslon, Grossman & Brill.

Josiah Brill was also active in the Jewish community. He was on the Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service for many years and was its campaign chairman for one year. He was also President of the Oak Ridge Country Club, the Emmanuel Cohen Center, and was an active member on the board of directors of a number of other community agencies.

MAURICE L. GROSSMAN

# THOMAS F. BURNS

July 23, 1918 — May 22, 1978

Thomas F. Burns, a distinguished trial lawyer specialist in the field of professional liability, died on May 22, 1978.

Tom was born at Timberlake, South Dakota. Following graduation from high school, he was offered and accepted a journalistic scholarship at Marquette University. Later he attended the University of Minnesota and William Mitchell College of Law where he received his LL.B. degree. During his professional career, Tom practiced law in St. Paul and in Minneapolis. He also maintained a law office in Mexico City, being fluently conversant, as well as possessing a high capability for reading and writing in Spanish.

Tom was a lawyer who personified the spirit of a pioneer in the legal arena of professional negligence. He had the highest regard and praise for skilled, competent, courageous and highly principled medical practitioners. He also possessed and demonstrated a forthright, fearless and passionate intolerance for any form of injury producing injustices resulting from substandard practice.

Having a disciplined and cultured mind, his imagination, resourcefulness, techniques of reasoned logic and scholarly qualities made him an architect of trial strategy and legal trends in the field of his legal specialty. His excellence was recognized nationally having long been Board Certified as a Fellow by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys.

Tom's zest for adventure also included a deep love of boating and the sea. Together with his wife Ruth, he maintained their boat at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Much of their spare time was spent together sailing the Atlantic and Caribbean.

Tom is survived by his wife Ruth and three sons, Thomas Jr., Timothy and Terrance. His many friends and colleagues will long remember this sensitive, dynamic, eloquent and courageous man.

**BOB RISCHMILLER** 

# SAM W. CAMPBELL

February 1, 1902 — November 13, 1978

Samuel W. Campbell was born in Eveleth, Minnesota, on February 1, 1902. He grew into a friendly person with a ready smile and a warm greeting for everyone and soon became known as Sam to his many friends.

Sam's early education was received in the Eveleth schools including two years in Eveleth Junior College. In 1922 he entered the University of Minnesota where he received his B.A. degree in 1924 and his L.L.B. degree in 1927.

While at the University of Minnesota Sam participated in track as a high jumper. He broke the University high jump record and continued to better his own record five times until he established a record of six feet, three and five-eighth inches which was not bettered for fourteen years. Sam missed being a member of the 1924 U.S. Olympic track team by the flip of a coin.

After his admission to the bar Sam practiced law with the firm of Shaw, Safford, Putnam and Shaw for a number of years. Later he served on the staff of Minnesota Attorney General, J. J. Burnquist.

Sam left the Attorney General's Office to become a trust administrator with the Marquette National Bank. During the course of his work in that capacity he became interested in investment counseling and in 1951 he joined the firm of Jamieson and Company (later merged with Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood) as an investment broker, a field in which he continued until his retirement in April, 1978.

Any activity in which Sam was engaged received his enthusiastic participation. He was active in the University of Minnesota Alumni Association and often helped to plan class reunions. A friend, in discussing the 50th reunion of the Law School Class of 1927 said, "We always looked to Sam for leadership."

Although not a practicing lawyer at the time of his death, Sam continued his membership in the Hennepin County and Minnesota Bar Associations. He was active in various civic groups and was always ready to serve if his help was needed.

Sam died in Minneapolis on November 13, 1978. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, and is survived by his daughter, Elisabeth C. Haggerty, and sons, Sam W. Campbell, Jr., and Richard H. Campbell, who, with his many friends, will miss his love, his friendship and his good counsel.

WILLIAM F. THIEL

# CHARLES E. CARLSEN, JR.

May 14, 1914 — October 11, 1978

Charles E. Carlsen was born in Three Forks, Montana. He was known to his friends, his clients and members of his law firm as "Chuck." Chuck attended Carlton College and the University of Minnesota receiving his L.L.B. in 1938. Immediately after graduation he associated himself with his father in the general practice of law. In 1941 he joined the United States Army and was on active duty until 1945. During his service years he became interested and active in the Judge Advocate's Office, specializing in government contracts and construction contracts. In 1945, when he left the military service, he reassociated himself in the practice of law with his father, who at the time was practicing under the firm name of Bauer & Carlson. The firm ultimately evolved, after Chuck's father's death in 1950, into Carlsen, Greiner & Law.

Chuck, during his high school and college days, had been active in many sports but concentrated after his return to the practice of law on handball and golf. He became a golf-a-holic. Chuck was considered by his friends, his associates, his colleagues, his adversaries and his clients, as a man of honesty and integrity. He was a man of compassion, of understanding, strong and yet gentle, dignified in appearance, and always the gentleman in manner and action. He was admired and respected as a person dedicated to his family, to his associates, to his friends, and to his clients.

Chuck Carlsen developed expertise in government — contract law and was nationally-recognized as an expert in that specialty. Indeed he was an attorney's attorney. He was always careful in preparation, concerned with detail, and always made a fair and vigorous presentation of his client's position. Throughout his life he was an active participant in church affairs and served on many Boards of Directors for his clients. With his partners and business associates he combined an understanding of their problems with an insistence that they meet his own high standards of living, integrity and honesty. In doing so, he earned their respect and friendship. He was a guiding light, a listener to those who went to him with problems, and his solutions were always thoughtful and considerate.

Chuck Carlsen will be sorely missed by his partners and associates, by his friends, and by his clients. His friendship, his counsel, his advice, his compassion, his honesty, his integrity and his beliefs set him apart from other lawyers. He had a capacity for hard work, he was a solver of difficult and complex legal problems, and was indeed, a businessman's lawyer with a keen awareness and knowledge. He had a feel of what business, in today's society, is all about and how it operates.

Surviving Chuck was his lovely wife Mary, their three daughters, Boots, Kitty, Joan, and their son Chuck; and two brothers.

The world is indeed a better place for Chuck Carlsen's having lived in it, and a lesser place for his having departed from it. He will be missed but his legacy of honesty and integrity will carry on and we are all better persons for having known him. He will be judged forever by the quality of life as he lived it among us.

**DAN VENTRES** 

# HAROLD J. CARROLL

September 1, 1901 — March 24, 1978

Harold J. Carroll, Minneapolis attorney, passed away on March 24, 1978.

Mr. Carroll was born at Hampton, Minnesota, in September of 1901. He was a 1923 graduate of the William Mitchell College of Law and joined the Sexton, Mordaunt & Kennedy firm in St. Paul after graduation. After becoming a partner of this law firm, he was associated with the Minneapolis office of Sexton, Mordaunt, Kennedy & Carroll. In 1948, he formed the law firm of Carroll & Thorson, which firm is now known as Carroll, Cronan, Roth & Austin, P.A. Mr. Carroll retired from the active practice of law in 1969.

In his early years, Mr. Carroll played semi-professional baseball and was always interested and active in sporting events and for a number of years had season tickets with the Northstars, Vikings and Twins.

Mr. Carroll was very active in civic and religious affairs and was a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus. As a Third Degree member of Council No. 397 in St. Paul, he was elected to the highest state office of the Knights of Columbus, that of State Deputy, and he held that position from July of 1942 to August of 1945. He later transferred his membership in the Knights of Columbus to Council 435 in Minneapolis. He was also very active with the degree teams of the Knights of Columbus.

He enjoyed very much the family cottage at Ox Lake near Cross Lake, Minnesota, and after his retirement from the active practice of law in 1969, the Carroll family purchased a home in Sun City, Arizona, where they spent their winters and returned to Minnesota during the summer months.

Mr. Carroll was survived by his widow, Gertrude, one son, two daughters, two brothers and three grandchildren.

ROBERT L. SPEETER GEORGE S. ROTH

# PROFESSOR J. MORRIS CLARK

May 12, 1944 — January 20, 1979

J. Morris Clark, Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota Law School, died at the age of thirty-four years at the beginning of a career that had already seen magnificent professional accomplishment. Morris was a warm and compassionate friend to a great many people at the Law School and in the academic world, in the professional community, and in his religious, civic and personal life.

Morris was born in Westchester, Pennsylvania, and grew up in the history and farming traditions of that beloved part of the East. His father died of a farming accident when Morris was very young, a loss he felt deeply all his own short life. Church and education were strong early influences and they remained dominant forces to the end, particularly in Morris' work with the Center for Law and Religious Freedom and the Christian Legal Society.

Morris graduated from Yale College in 1966 and from the Harvard Law School in 1969. He was Article Editor of the law review, magna cum laude, and author of three student notes and a seminar paper that, on the recommendation of Professor Archibald Cox, was published by the law review as a signed article. On graduation, Morris clerked for Judge Sterry Waterman of the Second Circuit in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He then remained in Vermont with Vermont Legal Aid during two years of alternative service and for an additional year before joining the Minnesota faculty in 1974.

From the beginning at Minnesota Morris was highly regarded by both students and colleagues. To each class and contact with students, he brought down-to-earth gentleness, brilliance, industry, integrity, and a quiet sense of good humor. Morris was active in faculty concerns, playing a leading role in curricular reform and in the scholarly endeavors of his faculty. He was active in bar affairs, and especially treasured his associations with lawyers gained on the Hennepin County Ethics Committee and through many continuing legal education presentations around the state.

Morris' scholarly production during his few years at Minnesota included two articles on complex issues of constitutional law and a two-volume publication on professional responsibility for Minnesota lawyers. At his death, Morris was deeply engaged in work on a West Publishing treatise on professional responsibility that will be completed to his memory.

As remarkable as were Morris' professional accomplishments, he will be chiefly remembered by everyone who knew him for his intense and appealing human qualities. He was a dedicated family man and father to his children. He was an avid athlete and outdoorsman for whom mountaineering in Colorado had become a recent passion. Bearded and resolute, he was a familiar figure jogging from his West Franklin Avenue home and from the Law School along the Mississippi River.

Morris Clark is survived by his wife Nancy Griffin, his two children Joshua and Andrea, his mother Marion Livingood, his stepfather Frank Livingood, and his sister Ellen Livingood. He is buried near where he began, next to the grave of his father in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

**CHARLES W. WOLFRAM** 

# **JULIUS E. DAVIS**

April 21, 1912 — March 16, 1979

Julius E. Davis, a founding partner in the law firm of Robins, Davis & Lyons and President of the University of Minnesota Foundation, passed away on Friday, March 16, 1979, after a brief illness. Julie was born in Minneapolis on April 21, 1912. He was a graduate of North High School and the University of Minnesota. He took his L.L.B. degree at the University and was admitted to practice in 1936. In 1938, he and Solly Robins formed a partnership for the practice of law, which was then known as Robins & Davis and has since become Robbins, Davis & Lyons. He was in the armed forces during World War II, serving with the Army Intelligence Corp from 1943 to 1945. Upon his discharge, he resumed his practice in the Twin Cities. From 1946 to 1979, the firm grew from three to 65 lawyers.

Julie was married on May 26, 1940, to Lillian (Babe) Kropman and is survived by his widow and two sons, Steve, who is a partner in Robins, Davis & Lyons, and Larry, who is a teacher in Aldergrove, British Columbia. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Jodi (Mrs. Stephen J.) and two grandchildren, Jennifer Lynn and Timothy Andrew.

Having attained business and professional success through the growth of his law firm and outside interests, Julie dedicated himself to public service activities. His abiding passion was the University of Minnesota Law School. He served as an active director and ultimately as President of the Law Alumni Association, receiving the University Alumni Service Award in 1972. In addition, he served as an active director of the University of Minnesota Foundation commencing in 1972.

In 1975, the Minnesota Legislature approved \$12,780,000 for the construction of a new Law School, but conditioned the appropriation upon the contribution of in excess of \$1 million of private funds to be used for the completion and furnishing of the building. At the request of the Law School, Julie served as co-chairman of the fund-raising committee and was instrumental in raising more than the required amount, which permitted the new building to be completed as one of the finest law school facilities in the United States. In recognition of his efforts in this and other University related activities, he was honored by presentation to him of the University of Minnesota Regents Award in 1977 and by his election as President of The University of Minnesota Foundation in 1978.

Julie's family, firm and friends will cherish his memory by reason of their individual relationships with him. The present, and more particularly the future lawyers of the State of Minnesota will be the ones who will benefit most greatly from his efforts.

**ROBINS, DAVIS & LYONS** 

# JAMES SHONTS ERIKSSON

January 8, 1910 — September 18, 1978

Micah set forth in the Old Testament the eternal measure of a man: "And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Jim Eriksson was a man of such a character, and he left a living legacy of honour, integrity and a love of justice for his wife, Lucille Laramie Eriksson, and for his seven children.

Judge Dana Nicholson said of his fellow law student and fraternity brother that Jim was an outstanding student, a brilliant lawyer, and a man highly respected in his profession. Though he was a quiet, modest man, his intelligence and abilities were recognized by others, and he received many honours for his work. At the University of Minnesota Law School, from which he graduated in 1933, he was elected to the Order of the Coif, and he served on the Editorial Board of the Minnesota Law Review from 1931-1933, and was Associate Editor of Volume 17.

On graduation he married Lucille Laramie of Crookston, and they returned to Jim's hometown of Fergus Falls, where he was almost instantly called upon for important civic contributions. He was elected Mayor twice, serving from 1936-1938, and from 1938-1941 as Chairman of the School Board's Finance Committee.

When the Second World War erupted, Dean Everett Fraser recommended that Jim serve in the Office of Price Administration. He was appointed a Regional Attorney, serving in Puerto Rico, Washington, D.C., Fargo, North Dakota and Minneapolis, and remaining with OPA until 1947.

In 1948 he went into private practice in Minneapolis with Clarence Holten, and settled down in the 50th block of South Colfax Avenue to raise his family of seven children. With his four sons, James, John, Mark and Steven, he was active with the Viking Council of the Boy Scouts for many years. In an era when daughters were usually not expected to attain the same levels of education and professional status as sons, he encouraged his daughters to strive for excellence and expected that they would achieve it. Katherine (Sasseville), Elizabeth (Sweder) and Margaret (Hudman) were fortunate to have a father who understood that each individual must be encouraged to develop to one's full potential.

Jim loved to be involved, in outdoor projects, maple sugaring on his tree farm in Otter Tail County, building and repairing canoes, constructing roads and buildings, fishing and hunting were favorite pastimes. But he also had a passion for bridge, and few excelled in skill. Jim Eriksson contributed to the Bar as he did to his community. He felt his most important project was his work with the Committee which spent years in gaining the adoption of the Uniform Commercial Code for Minnesota. He

was admitted to practice in several states, before the Circuit Court of Appeals and before the United States Supreme Court.

He lives in the love and respect of his friends and his family.

KATHERINE ERIKSSON SASSEVILLE

## VIRGIL H. HILL

August 15, 1919 — July 6, 1978

VIRGIL H. HILL, thirty years with the Dorsey Law Firm, was a man each of us was proud to call "Partner." He will long be remembered as an astute lawyer and as an outstanding businessman; but those who knew him well will even longer remember him as an outstanding human being, filled with compassion and understanding for others. There was always a sense of calm about Virg, an almost total absence of anxiety. He projected an image of confidence and solidness that served well to remove from those around him, those emotions which could tend to cloud issues and thought processes. Though his daily practice involved the kind of timetables, pressures and frustrations we all experience, Virg was always available to those who needed him — or who thought they needed him. He generally left the impression with those with whom he worked that he had an unlimited amount of time to consider their matters, that their problems were his problems, and that he considered their problems to be significant.

Virg was born on a farm near Gilman, Iowa, on August 15, 1919; he died July 6, 1978, only a few miles from that farm which he visited only a few hours before his death. He had lived on that farm until he entered the University of Iowa in 1937 where he did his undergraduate work. It was in his second year at the University of Iowa that he married his high school sweetheart, Ginnie Paul. After graduation from the University of Iowa, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps for which he flew 35 missions over Germany as a bombardier on a B-17 before being discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Upon his discharge from the Army Air Corps, Virg entered Harvard Law School. After graduation in 1948, Virg and Ginnie, with their young son Rick, moved to Minneapolis where Virg practiced law with the Dorsey Law Firm until the time of his death.

In addition to Rick, Virg and Ginnie had two other boys, Dean and John. Eventually, the boys grew up and the family was expanded to include two daughters and two grandchildren. Virg was rarely more happy than when he was with his family; as a consequence, he worked hard to be with that family whenever possible.

One can hardly speak of Virg as a lawyer — as a businessman — without speaking of Joyce Thorvilson Jesson, who served as his secretary during his entire lawyer — business career; she was, at all times, in his practice of the law and in his business life, a second right arm.

Virg, Ginnie, the three boys and Joyce — a remarkable team; how fortunate we are to have shared in their lives.

DORSEY, WINDHORST, HANNAFORD, WHITNEY & HALLADAY

# DAVID CARPENTER HITCH

May 19, 1950 — October, 26, 1978

David C. Hitch was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 19, 1950. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hitch, and his brothers, Peter and Thomas.

David was educated at the Blake School in Hopkins, Minnesota. He graduated from Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont in 1972, and he received his law degree from Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1975, where he was a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity.

David joined the law department of Investors Diversified Services in 1975 as a staff attorney and specialized in securities law. A member of the Hennepin County Bar Association, Minnesota State Bar Association and American Bar Association, David joined the law firm of Rider, Bennett, Egan & Arundel, Minneapolis, in August, 1978.

David was always a giver. His time was readily volunteered to friends and many organizations. He was active in the Middlebury College Alumnae Association and served on the Boards of the Legal Rights Clinic, Ltd., and Camp Warren, a YMCA camp in Eveleth, Minnesota. Camp Warren was very special to David and upon his death a special fund was established in his memory. David's friends and associates have given generously to this as a tribute to David. This fund will help others to enjoy Camp Warren which is as David would have wished.

David was a friend and business associate who will always be remembered, and even more so, he will always be missed. David was a special person and he will always bold a special place in our hearts and minds. His short life is our great loss.

RIDER, BENNETT, EGAN & ARUNDEL

# CHARLES L. HORN

March 5, 1888 — June 21, 1978

Charles L. Horn was born in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. While still a small child his family moved to western Iowa where he grew up. He graduated from Ida Grove High School and entered the University of Minnesota from whose law school he graduated in 1912.

It is interesting that although Charles Horn was both a member of the Minnesota and American Bar Associations and a former officer of the Minnesota Law Alumni Association that there is no evidence he ever practiced law. This was characteristic of Charles Horn for he was a man of wide interests and once he became interested in something that interest was retained.

His public career in business, conservation, public housing, and philanthropy, and many other fields are well known and need not be mentioned here. Rather, if a memorial is to be presented let it be of some of the characteristics that distinguished him as a man.

Charles Horn was a man who could be interested in the work and callings of many people. Religious scholars, labor leaders, football coaches, conservative economists, politicians, the rich, the poor, "screwball" scientific geniuses, the old, the young were all people he could meet on terms of mutual equality. It was always a revelation to me that often the only thing his friends and co-workers had in common was their friendship with him. He could kindle a real sense of personal attachment in those associated with him. Most of the thousands of people who worked at the Twin Cities Ordnance Plant during World War II seemed to have felt that they were working for Charlie Horn personally and not some distant corporate organization. This was truer than they realized for he had picked the first few thousand of them by hand in his own living room from stacks of applications.

If the reason for Charles Horn's success in the many fields of endeavor he undertook is to be sought, most certainly it was his capacity to draw upon the abilities of a wide variety of people whose talents would have often been either rejected or overlooked by others.

Much more could be said of Charles Horn but the most fitting memorial of him is that he saw life as and made of it a great adventure.

CHARLES L. HORN, JR.

## KEITH D. KENNEDY

September 20, 1922 — February 5, 1979

Keith D. Kennedy was born in South Dakota. At the time of his sudden and unexpected death of a heart attack last February, Keith was only 56 years of age. Death came early and swiftly for Keith, a warm and admirable man, and a credit to his profession.

Keith graduated from Lead, South Dakota, High School. Keith and Erika Kennedy were married in Aitkin, Minnesota in 1942. Keith served in the Military in World War II as a navigator on a B-29 bomber, engaging in 31 missions over the Pacific. He completed his service as a First Lieutenant.

Following World War II, Keith completed his legal education at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1949. While attending school, Keith supported his wife and their first four children by playing the piano evenings in the Twin City area. His family then grew to seven children. Among other things, his family remembers him as a dedicated, energetic and loving husband and father, with honesty as the cornerstone of his family relationships.

From 1949 to 1954 Keith practiced law in Staples, Minnesota; During those years he served one energetic term in the State Legislature, declining to run for re-election, in 1954 he joined George McKinnon at the U.S. District Attorney's Office in Minneapolis, In 1956 he was the outstanding Republican candidate for Minnesota Attorney General, losing a very close race in the late returns the morning following the election to the Democratic candidate, Miles Lord. From 1956 to 1973 Keith was in private practice in Minneapolis.

In 1973 Keith was appointed Assistant Hennepin County Attorney by Gary Flakne. Keith served three years as a criminal prosecutor, and two years as a personnel and labor relations expert in the Civil Division of the County Attorney's Office.

His love for the law was paramount and obvious to all, but not his only academic interest. Keith received his Master's degree in English Literature from the University of Minnesota in 1978, just months before he died. He wanted to go on for a Doctorate degree, but that would have taken him away from the practice of law.

Keith maintained his interest in music. He belonged to the St. Paul and Minneapolis Musicians Unions. He was a substitute frequently in the Doc Evans Band in Mendota up until about 10 years ago.

Keith is survived by his wife, Erika, and five children, Bruce Kennedy, Kathleen LaFountain, Mary Kennedy, David Kennedy and James Kennedy. Two daughters predeceased him, Joan and Grace Kennedy.

If professionalism, integrity, warmth and decency are the hallmarks of a good man, a true friend and an admirable lawyer — this was Keith Kennedy; he had the admiration and respect of all with whom he associated. He was a colleague, but also a friend. He was constantly sought out for his legal judgment, his personal wit, and responsible professional direction. We all miss him.

CHARLES R. HALL, JUDY BUSHINGER, ROBERT R. BIGELOW, NORMA SWANSON, TOM HEFFELFINGER

# WILLIAM ROBERT KRESL

August 5, 1934 — April 12, 1978

William Robert Kresl was born at Grand Forks, North Dakota, the son of Emil and Lillian Kresl.

Following military service as an information specialist in 1957-1958, he completed his undergraduate work at St. John's University. He was a 1965 graduate of the William Mitchell College of Law and was licensed to practice the same year. With the exception of an interlude as a real estate developer in St. Cloud, Mr. Kresl practiced in Minneapolis until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Gretchen, and three children, Elizabeth, Catherine and Emil and by his mother, Lillian. His entire family had played a vital role in Bill's recovery from his previous illness and in his final illness, he was proud and grateful for their complete ability to share with him his physical problems as well as his interest in their future.

Bill had a rare capacity to inspire lifetime friendships. Following recovery from his serious illness in 1972-73, this gift of openness and warmth characterized his personal and professional life. He increasingly became a skilled advocate for clients who were struggling themselves to emerge from legal and personal impediments. His professional effectiveness was deeply enhanced by his invincible wit, good humor and humility.

The scores of us who were beneficiaries of his life are grateful for his example.

Those of us who assisted him in his last months of carefully clearing up his practice, and who contacted his clients upon his death, were humbled by the outpouring of respect and affection conveyed by his many clients. We wish to openly acknowledge to his family and to the legal profession our gratitude that Bill found the ways and means to use our profession for fine and generous purposes. He gave to each of us renewed confidence that this profession, as well as the potential each of us have in our own lives, can be an instrument of fineness.

WARREN P. EUSTIS

# IRA ELDRIDGE (AL) MEAGHER, JR.

June 20, 1905 — March 18, 1979

Ira Eldrldge (Al) Meagher, Jr. took leave of this mortal life at age seventy-three the eighteenth day of March, 1979. He leaves surviving two daughters, Mrs. Emory (Joanne) McNee and Mrs. Paul (Marian) Elmer, both of Edina, and eight grandchildren. Al's wife of over forty years, Louise (Lovey) passed away in 1974.

Al was one of the founders of the present day law firm of Meagher, Geer, Markham, Anderson, Adamson, Flaskamp & Brennan over forty years ago when together with Louis Gillette, he formed Gillette & Meagher. Although the original firm and its successor partnerships have been known primarily as civil trial practice specialists, Mr. Meagher attained personal prominence in the legal community as an expert in the fidelity and surety bond and workers' compensation fields. He had that rare combination of intellect, patience, persistence and curiosity that would enable him to devote himself single-mindedly to the investigation, solution and settlement of a complex embezzlement scheme for months at a time. This ability constantly amazed his partners and clients. However, it was Al's quality of being the wise and calm elder in the numerous moments of stress that are typical in a sizeable trial firm which most endeared him to his partners and associates for the decades while he was senior partner of the firm prior to his retirement in 1970.

One of Al's greatest pleasures in life was to share the products of his effort and good fortune freely with others. How many he has left behind who will never forget the hospitality shown by Al and wife Lovey over a few hours or a few days at their summer home on Pine Beach peninsula at Gull Lake. Certainly no partner or associate will ever forget having attended the yearly "MGMA Open" golf outing at Al's place at Pine Beach. These were events that were so cherished by the trial lawyers in the firm because travel and trial schedules otherwise kept them apart for long periods.

"Is this the world's best home workshop?" was the question asked on the cover of Popular Mechanics magazine in June 1970, over a picture of Al and his three room shop in his Edina home. His partners used to kid him about his need of a guardian after some of Al's noon-time tool buying ventures into Warner's Hardware. The shop was not only the spot where he "unwound" from the days tensions but also was the creative source for thousands of gifts that grace the homes and offices of his many friends. They will be reminded of Al every time they remove a pencil from one of his multiple-celled wallet pencil holders or pick a bon-bon out of one of his hand crafted bowls but Al Meagher will be most highly prized in the memories of those who knew him best for his absolute integrity and rock-solid good judgment and calmness in the midst of the most trying circumstances. He was a beloved leader of our firm. We shall miss him greatly.

MEAGHER, GEER, MARICEAM, ANDERSON, ADAMSON, FLASKAMP & BRENNAN

# ANDREW M. MINER

December 27, 1904 — March 10, 1978

My father, Andrew M. Miner, was born in Spring Grove, Minnesota on December 27, 1904. He took teachers training in high school and taught in Houston County, Minnesota, and also in Montana. He was active in the debating society in high school and he always dreamed of being a lawyer. When Sears, Roebuck & Co., opened its branch in Minneapolis, he applied for work there in order to matriculate at Minneapolis College of Law where he met his wife, Nellie, who survives him and is still practicing law. He graduated in 1931 and passed the bar in 1934. In 1938 he left his position as Assistant Credit Manager at Sears, Roebuck & Co., and opened a law office on Chicago Avenue and Lake Street where he and his family had a general practice which is still carried on by his widow and son.

Dad loved the outdoors. He and my mother and two brothers spent many hours together fishing, hunting, planting trees and discovering the glories of Minnesota's woods, waters and plains.

He was an ardent trout fisherman, tied his own flies and made his own bamboo rods. As a consequence he bought a hobby farm at Lake Minnetonka and developed a valuable strain of blue dun game cocks for which he became famous in many parts of the country.

He was an active member of the Izaak Walton League and served as its State President. He was active in Fur, Fin & Feathers, the Men's Garden Club of America, The Exchange Club, and the Chicago Lake Community Service Club.

As a lawyer, my father was respected for his careful and thoughtful counselling. Many of our clients tell us how much they miss him and how they are so grateful for the advice which they reluctantly followed only to discover later how much trouble they had avoided by doing so.

Andrew M. Miner was a lawyer, conservationist, civic leader, husband, father and grandfather who will not be soon forgotten.

ANDREW E. MINER

# **BERGMANN RICHARDS**

January 14, 1888 — August 28, 1978

Bergmann Richards, who died in his ninetieth year after a most distinguished career as a Minneapolis lawyer, was born in Washington, D.C., January 14, 1888, the son of an officer of the United States Senate. He graduated in 1909 cum laude from Harvard College and from Harvard Law School in 1913. He received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Hamline University.

He was admitted to the Minnesota Bar in 1914 and except during World War I, he practiced in Minneapolis with Wilson, Mercer, Swan & Stinchfield; Snyder, Gale & Richards; and Richards, Montgomery, Cobb & Bassford, P.A, until his death.

In 1917-1918 he served as Assistant American Minister to the government of Denmark.

In a biographical sketch published by Mr. Richards in 1978 he said:

"State Supreme Court Justice Royal A. Stone and Federal Judge Luther Youngdahl have spoken of the effectiveness of my cross examination; above all it pays to be a gentleman; and not to bully or badger; however able and astute one may be, it is not force or eccentricity of personality or brilliance of exposition or exploitation of witnesses that are the open sesame to success as a trial lawyer, but thorough preparation."

Among the positions and memberships held by Mr. Richards were: member of Board of Governors of Hennepin County Historical Society; president and honorary counsel, life member of Minnesota Historical Association; incorporator and president, Hennepin County Bar Association; member Board of Governors, Minnesota State Bar Association; member American Bar Association; president of Harvard Club of Minnesota; director United Nations Association of Minnesota; trustee and mayor of Village of Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota.

He was a dedicated student of Lake Minnetonka and was author of a History of the Village of Minnetonka Beach.

He belonged to the Minneapolis, Woodhill, Lafayette Clubs, the Minnetonka Yacht Club, the Six O'Clock and the 5:55 Clubs.

Bergmann Richards was a distinguished Minneapolis lawyer for sixty-four years and continued to come to his office every day until shortly before he died at ninety years of age. He was brilliant but quiet and courteous. He is survived by two sans, Sexton and William B., Jr., and daughter Anne. He was married to Marguerite Sexton in 1916, who died in 1969. His home was at Minnetonka Beach where he lived since 1950.

**EDMUND T. MONTGOMERY** 

# **HENRY F. SIMONS**

May 23, 1909 — October 11, 1978

Henry F. Simons was born at Biwabik, Minnesota, on May 23, 1909, and passed away at the home of his daughter in Shakopee, Minnesota, on October 11, 1978, after a long illness. Henry — known to his friends as "Harry" — moved with his parents, Edward J. Simons and Julia Simons, while very young to Shakopee, Minnesota, where his father founded a millwork business. The family business was moved to Minneapolis while Harry was a youth, and he attended St. Thomas Academy in St. Paul. Undecided on his career following graduation from high school, Harry commenced a liberal arts education at the University of Minnesota. In 1933, he decided he wanted to be a lawyer and thereupon entered the University of Minnesota Law School where he obtained good grades and was a member of the Student Editorial Board of the Minnesota Law Review. Following graduation in 1937, he entered private practice and subsequently became associated with Charles L. Horn, Sr., in Anoka, Minnesota. Prior to and during World War II, Harry represented Federal Cartridge Corporation on many sensitive problems, and through his ability and diplomacy he achieved results which were of great value to the war effort. Following World War II, Harry officed in the Foshay Tower in Minneapolis and continued to work for Federal Cartridge Corporation in addition to conducting a general practice of law. Alter a short time, however, he left the active practice and joined his brother and his father at the Simons Woodwork, Inc. — the family business — in Minneapolis. Thereafter Harry devoted most of his time to the business of which he was secretary and legal counsel. When the business was sold in 1975, he retired from full-time business activity and, divided his time between Naples, Florida, and Edina, Minnesota, where he maintained a residence.

A serious man with a good sense of humor and a jovial laugh, Harry Simons was a good "listener" as well as "advisor" to many people, and he was regarded by his fellow lawyers, businessmen, and friends as a competent lawyer and businessman of high integrity. His concern for others — particularly those with personal problems — and his understanding of their problems made him a valued and unselfish counselor to strangers as well as friends. He was not critical. He sought to accept people and events as they were. His broad interests included sports (particularly the Minnesota Twins and Vikings) and golf which he played as often as he could at Interlachen Country Club of which he was a member. For several years he coached little league baseball of which he was an ardent supporter.

Harry Simons will be missed by his two children, Juliet A. McNearney of Shakopee, Mark G. Simons, who now operates his own business in Denver, Colorado, his granddaughter, Ann McNearney, his relatives, and his many friends.

**JEROME J. SIMONS** 

# HAROLD J. SORENSEN

November 10, 1904 — November 25, 1978

Harold J. Sorensen was born on November 10, 1904 in Luck, Wisconsin, as the oldest son of a Danish immigrant farm couple. Following his graduation from Miltown High School in 1923, he came to Minneapolis to attend a business college. From 1925 through 1942 he was employed by the Creamette Company. While so employed, he attended night law school at the Minneapolis College of Law and graduated in 1930. He was admitted to practice in 1931. He worked as a claims adjuster and supervisor for State Farm Mutual Insurance Company from 1943 to 1946. In the Spring of 1946, he commenced practicing law. He was a sole practitioner until the Fall of 1962 when his son Donald joined him. They continued to practice together until August, 1971 when Harold retired because of failing health caused by cerebral arteriosclerosis.

Mr. Sorensen was truly wedded to the law and his clients' best interests. While he often advised others to follow the admonition "As we journey through life, let us live by the way," his clients affairs were his uppermost concern and six (6) long-houred work days per week were commonplace for him. He took but one vacation, a four day weekend, during all the time he practiced law. He sometimes presented a gruff, demanding manner, but that was just the surface of a compassionate, kind and just man. His heart and mind were open, and he gave freely of his time and talents to almost anyone who appeared to need them. His reputation for diligence, thorough preparation and integrity was well deserved and prized by him.

His avocational interests were golf and politics. Because of a long standing back condition that gave rise to almost daily pain or discomfort and inner ear condition that occasionally affected his balance, he had to give up on the elusive pursuit of par, but he maintained his active interest in government and politics. Harold served for a number of years on the Republican Party's State Central Committee. He also enjoyed playing cards, mainly bridge, cribbage and 500 rummy, and was delighted to find an opponent who could challenge his abilities and could join in the verbal jousting that was also an innate part of a card game with Harold.

Mr. Sorensen is survived by his wife, Florence, four sons, James H., Donald J., Gerald C. and Harold J., II and four grandchildren. His pride in his profession was surpassed only by his pride in his family.

While his passing put an end to the physical and emotional pain he was experiencing, his humanity and love will be missed by his family, his friends, his associates and his clients.

DONALD J. SORENSEN

# GEORGE F. WILLIAMSON

October 29, 1898 — September 22, 1978

George F. Williamson, eminent and distinguished patent attorney, died on September 22, 1978. George, a long time resident of Cottagewood, at Lake Minnetonka, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and practiced law there for 55 years.

George is survived by his wife, Mary, and his daughter, Mrs. Lane (Ann) McGovern of Winchester, Massachusetts, and four granddaughters.

George was educated at Blake School and Princeton University, and received his legal education at the University of Minnesota and Minnesota College of Law. George was admitted to practice in Minnesota in 1921 and joined his father, James F. Williamson, a well known patent attorney, who founded the Williamson Law Firm in Minneapolis in 1885. George engaged in the practice of patent and trademark law and was a past President of the Minneapolis Patent Law Association (1950-1951),

George was also honored by the Minnesota State Bar Association in 1973 as Senior Counselor on the 50th anniversary of his admittance to the Bar. He was a highly skilled attorney in patent and trademark matters, particularly as a litigator in these fields.

George was also a political activist and twice served as a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions and founded and initiated the Minnesota Young Democrats in 1930. He was also a close friend of the late Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and collaborated with Senator Humphrey in the 1940's in organizing the merger of the Democratic and Farmer Labor Parties.

Although he resided in Minneapolis, George and his wife, Mary, usually took refuge from the Minnesota winters at their cottage on Sanibel Island, just off the west coast of Florida. George was an avid fisherman, outdoorsman and excellent swimmer and enjoyed these activities throughout his life. Although George had a strong sense of civic responsibility, he was above all an extraordinary individualist.

George Williamson will not only be remembered by his many friends and professional colleagues as a dedicated, enthusiastic and successful attorney, but he will also be remembered for his warm spirit and good will. We will always remember him with admiration and affection.

WILLIAMSON, BAINS, MOORE & HANSEN

# ANTON YNGVE

September 26, 1890 — May 24, 1978

Anton Yngve was born in Sweden. At the age of three his parents, grandparents, a brother and a sister and numerous cousins, left Sweden for the United States, going by train to Tronheim, by boat to Liverpool, continuing their journey by boat and by train to Mora, Minnesota, where they took up farming and woodworking.

His youth was cast in a mold caused by circumstances — an immigrant family on a rick-filled farm in Kanabec County. So they worked. As a young man he worked in the harvest fields of North and South Dakota; in the woods as a lumberjack; on the railroad as a laborer; and wherever money could be had in exchange for a strong back. These efforts took him to Gustavus Adolphus to high school and college.

As a young adult he sold farm machinery for John Deere to the farmers of Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana, operating out of the northwestern part of Minnesota, taking time out to serve in World War I. He met his wife, Esther Johnson, at a basketball game at Crookston. This led to marriage, two sons, a hardware store in Middle River, and a funeral parlor and Hudson-Essex garage in Thief River Falls, and then to St. Louis Park, where he obtained employment in St. Paul in 1930 from newly elected State Auditor, Stafford King.

He was active in the community serving on the St. Louis Park School Board and as Commander of the St. Louis Park American Legion Post. He went to night law school, fulfilling a lifelong ambition of becoming a lawyer, and then encouraged his wife to follow. Together they established the Yngve and Yngve Law Office in St. Louis Park in 1941 where they practiced law together until Esther Yngve's death in 1968.

During World War II Tony, as he was known by his friends, worked for the Veterans Administration and thereafter returned to the law practice and was elected Justice of the Peace in St. Louis Park and later was elected Municipal Judge, serving continuously until retirement in 1965. He continued to practice law until a few years before his death and went regularly to his law office every day until a few months before his death.

There are many attributes which he had. One was his great consistency and regularity. One always knew where he was and what he stood for. One always knew what his values were. He was not one to sit in judgment or pass judgment, but he always had a way of letting one know if he approved. If he said he was going to do something, he always did it. He did not say yes to something to avoid a problem; knowing in his mind that he either could not or would not be able to accomplish it. He did not see any great necessity to say something twice. Why say something twice unless someone did not understand it? He was always on time. When he said something would be done it was, on time and thoroughly and competently. His

clients' needs came first. All these are not bad attributes for a lawyer in the general practice of law.

Finally, he was so proud to be a lawyer and proud of the fact that his wife and two sons were also lawyers. He is missed.

JOHN A. YNGVE ALBERT B. YNGVE

# **HUGH FRANCIS YOUNG**

June 12, 1895 — February 4, 1979

Hugh Francis Young, a lawyer, humanitarian and fraternalist was born on June 12, 1895 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the oldest of seven children of John and Catherine Donaghue Young. He graduated from South High in Minneapolis and studied law at night school. He served in the United States Navy and it was about this time that his father, a Minneapolis Policeman, was killed in the line of duty.

Admitted to the bar, he opened his office in the Old Lumber Exchange Building. Hugh and Irene Cook were married in Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Minneapolis. A good amateur boxer, an avid golfer, Hugh in the early 40's was Minneapolis bowling champion.

Although a member of the Knights of Columbus, he became active in the Catholic Order of Foresters and in 1927 was elected State Secretary of the society, a position he held for many years. In 1933 he was elected to the International Board of Directors of the Catholic Order of Foresters where he served as Trustee until 1952 when he was named Vice High Chief Ranger culminating preeminently then as Director of Organization. He then moved to Chicago. Four years later he advanced to the position of High Secretary of the Order and served until 1960.

Hugh was one of the organizers of the Minnesota Valley Golf Club and acted as its attorney for many years. In 1934 at his instigation and under his leadership the Catholic Order of Foresters Boys Camp was started on the Rum River north of Anoka on land given to the Order for that purpose by Irene and Hugh Young.

After leaving the position of High Secretary of the Catholic Order of Foresters, Hugh became a licensed real estate broker in Illinois and remained active for another 12 or more years and although well into his 70's he was still the ardent student taking night classes in Chicago.

He was an active member of both the Hennepin County and the Minnesota State Bar Association and also a member of the Union League Club of Chicago. He served as president of the Minnesota Fraternal Congress and subsequently in the National Fraternal Congress where he was president of the Fraternal Youth Counselors Section.

His wife, Irene, died on October 24, 1964 and Hugh is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Thomas S. (Joan) Carr and nine remarkable grandchildren.

Hugh Young always the student, always the gentleman. He was a fighter and gave his all to any cause he championed, often times to his personal detriment. He was outgoing and tremendously loyal to his family, his church, his clients and his friends. He was an inspiration to all who knew him and everyone who ever came in contact

with Hugh was the richer for it. He left the world a much better place because he had lived life to the full, ever mindful that it was a brief passage — a bridge to eternity.

JULIUS A. COLLER, II

## HONORABLE LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL

Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl passed away June 21, 1978, at the age of 82 years. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D.C. He was born into a family of illustrious members. From birth to his passing he had a most notable career.

Judge Youngdahl started his legal activities as a law practitioner upon graduation from Law School in 1921. He became a Minneapolis Municipal Court Judge in 1930 where he served for six years. Then he became a Hennepin County District Court Judge. In 1942 he became an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota; and, after four years in that court, he was elected Governor of Minnesota.

In 1951 he was appointed a United States District Court Judge to serve in Washington, D.C. He retired in 1966 as a Senior Judge in the Federal District Court and thereafter served in retirement. His death closed this impressive career. There were landmark decisions made by him in his judicial career. He sponsored into law social legislation during his term as Governor.

Judge Youngdahl served with distinction in all of his positions and also was extremely active therein and in public affairs generally. He was a talented singer and was called on often to contribute his talent. As a public speaker he was in great demand.

He was active in many organizations including his church, the Masonic Order, National Council of Judges, religious affiliations, Gustavus Adolphus College, and cultural organizations such as Torske Klublen in Minneapolis where he found many occasions to take leading parts. He was a man faithful to his religious beliefs. His humane qualities were always apparent. He was highly respected in his work in the courts and Governorship where he served so faithfully.

He was married and is survived by his widow, Irene; one daughter, Margaret Peterson; and two sons, William and David Youngdahl.

Judge Youndgahl was admired for his accomplishments in the high positions in which he served. Buttressing these accomplishments was his character and personality, the man. It was from his family background and these qualities that he leaves the great contributions that he made to our country.

The Minnesota Bar, our State and our Judicial System were indeed enriched by his service and contributions. He will long hold remembrance as a great man.

**JUDGE THOMAS TALLAKSON** 

# HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT JUDGES

The Honorable Douglas K. Amdahl	The Honorable A. Paul Lommen
The Honorable Lindsay G. Arthur	The Honorable Eugene Minenko
The Honorable Donald T. Barbeau	The Honorable Diana E. Murphy
The Honorable Chester Durda	The Honorable Alien L. Oleisky
The Honorable Patrick W. Fitzgerald	The Honorable William S. Posten
The Honorable Irving C. Iverson	The Honorable Neil A. Riley
The Honorable Harold Kalina	The Honorable Susanne C. Sedgwick
The Honorable Richard Kantorowicz	The Honorable Bruce C. Stone
The Honorable Jonathan G. Lebedoff	The Honorable Crane Winton
The Honorable David R. Leslie	

# HENNEPIN COUNTY PROBATE COURT JUDGE

The Honorable Melvin J. Peterson

# HENNEPIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

The Honorable H. Peter Albrecht	The Honorable Henry W. McCarr
The Honorable Robert E. Bowen	The Honorable O. Harold Odland
The Honorable William B. Christensen	The Honorable Michael J. O'Rourke
The Honorable Eugene J. Farrell	The Honorable Delila F. Pierce
The Honorable Kenneth J. Gill	The Honorable James D. Rogers
The Honorable Daniel R. Hart	The Honorable Robert H. Schumacher
The Honorable James H. Johnston	The Honorable C. William Sykora
The Honorable Roberta K. Levy	The Honorable Herbert E. Wolner
The Honorable Peter J. Lindberg	

# HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President	Michael P. Sullivan
President-elect	Edward J. Parker
Secretary	Helen I. Kelly
Treasurer	Thomas Tinkham
Executive Director	George J. Claseman
Executive Assistant	~ -