

**MEMORIAL EXERCISES  
FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

of the

**RAMSEY COUNTY BAR  
ASSOCIATION**



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

Court House, Friday, May 26, 1967, 2:00 P.M.

On Friday, May 26, 1967, 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: Judge Martin A. Nelson of the Minnesota Supreme Court; Judges Clayton Parks, Albin S. Pearson, Robert V. Rensch, Ronald E. Hachey, John W. Graff, Archie L. Gingold, Edward D. Mulally, Leonard J. Keyes, Harold W. Schultz and David E. Marsden of the Ramsey County District Court; Judges J. Jerome Plunkett, J. Clifford Janes, James M. Lynch and Edward K. Delaney of the St. Paul Municipal 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 a custom of long standing, we meet here today to pay tribute to members of the Bar who passed away during the preceding year. As is customary, the exercises today will be conducted by the Ramsey County Bar Association. The Court at this time will recognize the representatives of the Ramsey County Bar Association.

MR. JOSEPH P. JOHNSON: If the Court please, members of the Bar and friends: Since we last met in 1966 to conduct services for our deceased members, the Ramsey County Bar has lost and friends and relatives have grieved over the death of fourteen Ramsey County, Minnesota, lawyers. Committees have been appointed to prepare memorials for these deceased members. Memorials will be read today for the following men who were

friends of ours and who have passed away during the  
past year:

Carl W. Cummins  
Matthew J. Finley  
Ingvar A. Graff  
Reginald M. Johnson  
Angus S. Kennedy  
Milton C. Lightner  
Maceo V. Littlejohn, Sr.  
Philip J. Mackey  
Horace Wheeler Mohn, Jr.  
Walter T. Ryan  
Peter M. Scott  
Mayer Shapiro  
Robert J. Swords  
Jack Tarbox

The committee who prepared the memorial for Carl W. Cummins consisted of the Honorable Arthur A. Stewart, Robert W. Gislason and Reginald Ames. Judge Stewart will read the memorial to Mr. Cummins.

Judge Stewart read the memorial for Mr. Cummins.

Carl William Cummins was born on September 28, 1884 in a sod hut near the Village of Putney, Brown County, South Dakota, the second of seven children born to Carey E. Cummins and Lettie Belman Cummins. Carl was raised to the rigors of pioneer life.

At the age of eighteen Carl left the farm and enrolled at the Northern Normal Industrial School at Aberdeen, South Dakota where he was captain of the football team, and the outstanding member of its debating team. In 1906 Carl came to St. Paul where he attended summer school at the University and in the fall accepted a job as principal of the Highschool at South Shore, South Dakota. In 1907 he enrolled as a student in the St. Paul College of Law. He shortly thereafter became a teacher in the St. Paul Public School System, which position he held until July of 1909.

In July 1909 Carl became a clerk in the law office of Morphy, Ewing & Bradford, graduated from St. Paul College of Law in June of 1910, was admitted to the Bars of Minnesota and South Dakota and began practice of law with the same firm. A few years later he became a partner, and in 1918 was joined in the practice of law by his brother the late Ray E. Cummins.

Mr. Cummins' son, Carl W. Cummins, Jr., joined his father's firm as an attorney in 1950, and at the time of Carl's death he practiced in partnership with his son and Robert W. Gislason. In all he was actively engaged in the practice of law in the City of St. Paul for a period of fifty-six years, forty-three of which were with his brother Ray.

All through his life Mr. Cummins was devoted to participating in civic and political affairs and dedicated to the improvement of his community. He served two terms as President of the St. Paul Association of Commerce. During World War II he was Chairman of the St. Paul Civil Defense Council and later became Chairman of the Regional Loyalty Board. He was a President



and Director of the St. Paul Community Chest and President of the St. Paul Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He served as a member of the City Planning Board, and for many years as Director and Treasurer of the Christmas Seal Committee. In recognition of his contribution to the community he was named the recipient of the Cosmopolitan International Medal of Honor.

He was a lifelong Republican and for many years active in Republican affairs serving as both City and County Chairman, a member of the State Central Committee, and in 1928 as a Presidential Elector for Mr. Herbert Hoover. In 1919 he was nominated as the Republican candidate for Congress and was defeated by a narrow margin. He once said that was the best thing that ever happened to him.

Mr. Cummins was a member of Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity, various Masonic orders and was a Potentate of Osman Temple Shrine.

His hobbies were primarily hunting and fishing which he enjoyed from early boyhood until shortly before his death. Although he hunted mountain sheep, mountain goat, moose, deer and caribou in the Rocky Mountains of Western United States and Canada, he was primarily interested in duck hunting, hunting upland game and fishing of every kind.

Mr. Cummins made many contributions to his chosen profession and in appreciation for the educational opportunities offered to him by the St. Paul College of Law he served as an instructor at the College for many years. Carl Cummins was first and foremost a lawyer. Of few lawyers could it be so truly said that he took all legal knowledge for his province. He early made himself a master of criminal law and personal injury cases. As a comparatively young man, he was recognized as one of the city's leading advocates and as an expert in bankruptcy and commercial law. He was a thorough and devastating practitioner of the art of cross-examination. These skills he never lost. But he added greatly to his accomplishments. He became a leader in the field of administrative law, handling rate cases and other business of great importance for large utility companies before both State and Federal regulatory agencies and in the appellate courts. He developed a corporate law practice,

with all that is implied of knowledge of tax law and trade regulation. The everyday matters of divorce, trust and probate he handled with dispatch and business acumen. He tried cases involving libel and slander and unfair competition. And he had learning in such obscure corners of the law as patents and copyrights and trademarks that most of us would attribute only to the specialists.

Carl Cummins loved the law, and he loved work, and he was a man of integrity, character and of ability rarely equalled. His career both in his profession and in public service is proof that greatness is possible in the law.

Mr. Cummins is survived by his widow, Cecilia, two daughters, Loraine Schmidt and Marjorie Miller, and one son, Carl W. Cummins, Jr. A daughter, Janet Elvgren, preceded him by a few months. There are sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Carl W. Cummins was one of the great attorneys from an era of great attorneys. His contributions to his profession and his stature within his community will be long remembered.

ARTHUR A. STEWART  
ROBERT W. GISLASON  
REGINALD AMES

MR. JOHNSON: The members of the committee who prepared the memorial for Matthew J. Finley are James E. Kelley, Harold J. Riordan and Clifton Parks. Mr. James E. Kelley will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Kelley read the memorial for Mr. Finley.

Matthew J. Finley was born on April 27, 1895 on a farm near Bird Island, Minnesota. He was the son of James J. Finley and Jane Regan Finley, and was the second eldest of eight children. When he was five years old, the Finley family moved to Saint Paul, Minnesota, where Matt lived and worked practically all of his life. He received his primary education at Cretin Grade School and graduated from the Cretin High School in the year of 1912. He then attended St. Thomas College for the next two years, and the following Fall he enrolled in the freshman class of the St. Paul College of Law. His law studies were interrupted by World War I, and Matt spent two years in the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army in this conflict. After his discharge from his military duties, he returned to Saint Paul and completed his course of studies at the St. Paul College of Law, from which he graduated in the year of 1920. He was then admitted to the Bar of Minnesota in that year, and began the practice of law in the City of Minneapolis where he was associated with William R. Selb and Milton Hall. After about two years of practice there, he came to Saint Paul and opened a law office of his own, during which time he shared offices with Burtin Shay and subsequently with George Nordlin. In the year of 1937, he became associated with the firm of Bundlie, Kelley and Finley, in the Hamm Building at Saint Paul. His brother Joseph was then, and up until his death in 1953, a partner of that firm. Matt continued his association with Bundlie, Kelley and Finley, which afterward became the firm of Bundlie, Kelley and Maun, until the year of 1956, when he left this association because of his failing eyesight.

During his early education and while going to night law school, during which time he worked days, Matt had become an expert and experienced accountant. When he became associated with Bundlie, Kelley and Finley, he had developed an aptitude for tax law, and was specializing in this field. It was not long before he became



recognized as a lawyer of outstanding ability in the field of taxes, corporation and probate law. He had a great capacity for work, applied himself with vigor and enthusiasm to any task that was assigned to him or that he undertook. He was very thorough and meticulous in his work, and was always guided by the philosophy that anything that was worth doing at all was worth doing well. He never waived from this philosophy.

For some years prior to 1956, Matt began having difficulty with his vision. In spite of all the medical help he obtained, this condition worsened progressively so that in 1956 it became almost impossible for him to read with the aid of any glasses that were prescribed for him. He was now industrially blind, and was obliged to cease his work. He was told by his doctors that there was nothing they could do to improve his sight. He was then sixty-one years of age, when most men would have given up and sought retirement. Though discouraged, Matt was undaunted by this great misfortune that had befallen him. He was determined to continue on and lead a useful life. He at once enrolled in the Minneapolis School for the Blind, and soon became enthusiastic over the benefits he could derive from the course of study that was outlined for him. He applied himself to mastering this course with his customary zest and thoroughness. Within five months, he had completed the regular nine months program of study, and became an accomplished Braille reader. While this achievement gave him great encouragement, he continued to search for some optical appliance that would let him use what little vision he had left. He then acquired a megascope which when properly adjusted and placed on his desk greatly magnified small print, and which enabled him to read an entire page of a good sized book without too much difficulty.

Determined to make himself useful, he sought out Mr. Donald Gibson of the Legal Aid Department of Family Service, a charitable organization in Saint Paul, and asked if he would be allowed to volunteer his daily services in that department. Mr. Gibson accepted Matt's services gladly, and Matt remained as Gibson's assistant until April of 1958. He enjoyed this work immensely, and gained a great deal of satisfaction in being able to assist those who came to the Department with their problems.



His help and his presence were greatly appreciated by all the members of the staff with whom he came in daily contact. He not only rendered valuable aid in solving the legal problems of the many who sought help, but with their social problems as well.

By April of 1958, he had made considerable strides with his optical aid, and his confidence in himself had become completely restored. Notwithstanding his handicap, he was satisfied that he was again ready and able to return to the active practice of law. He joined the legal staff of the Northland Insurance Company in the Hamm Building in Saint Paul, and continued his employment with that organization until he retired on June 30, 1964.

During his youth, he was a good athlete. His favorite sport was baseball. While at Cretin High School and at St. Thomas College, he was on the pitching staff of the High School and College teams. He was an ardent baseball fan all his life. He was a member of the Business & Professional Mens Post No. 450 of the American Legion in Saint Paul, and for many years coached and managed the Little League Baseball teams sponsored by that Post. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus in Saint Paul. He was a member of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, and was a member of the Ramsey County, Minnesota State and the American Bar Associations.

Matthew J. Finley was a man of great integrity. His conduct as a man and a member of the Bar was exemplary. He was straightforward in his dealings with all men, he was modest, and scorned pretense and sham. His ideals were of the highest. He was a member of the Catholic church and a devout Christian. Withal, he had an excellent sense of humor, was possessed of a dry wit, was very kind, and a loyal and true friend.

He was married on November 20, 1937, to Claire M. Nolan of Waverly, Minnesota. No children were born to the Finley marriage. Claire Finley died in August, 1963. Prior to her death, she had brought into the Finley home a cousin, Kathleen Fowler, who was then fifteen years of age. This was immediately following Kathleen's mother's death in the year 1947. From then on and until her marriage to William H. Cook in 1952, Kathleen was a member of the Finley household. Later on in his life,

Matt made his home with the Cooks, and was residing with them up until the time of his death on December 4, 1966, at the age of seventy years, seven months and nine days.

In addition to a host of friends and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, Matt is survived by three sisters, Miss Mary C. Finley and Mrs. Beatrice McCourt, both of Saint Paul, and Mrs. Margaret Richter of Minneapolis, and two brothers, James E. Finley and William B. Finley, both of whom are members of the Ramsey County Bar and are practicing law in this City.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. KELLEY, Chairman  
HAROLD J. RIORDAN  
CLIFTON PARKS

MR. JOHNSON: The committee members who prepared the memorial for Ingvar J. Graff are Roman H. Weide, Robert J. Hasling and Russell K. Moore. Mr. Weide will present the memorial.

Mr. Weide read the memorial for Mr. Graff.

"Dick" Graff, as he was affectionately called by his friends, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 10, 1896, and was graduated from East High School there. He received his BA degree from Macalester College and his law degree from the St. Paul College of Law.

He spent three years in the private practice of law before joining The Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company, where he held positions as Attorney, Assistant Counsel, and Associate Counsel. In 1954 he accepted the position of Director of Advanced Underwriting until his retirement in 1964.

Dick Graff specialized in income tax and estate tax law, and the legal aspects of business life insurance. He taught at extension schools of the University of Minnesota, University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois. He was active in the Minnesota Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the International Claim Association and the Advanced Underwriting Committee of the Life Insurance Agency Management Association. He was a member of the Minnesota Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the American Insurance Federation.

Dick enjoyed the sport of Curling and was a member of the St. Paul Curling Club. He served as "Skip" of a curling team for many years. Dick was a friendly person, with a delightful personality who could be at ease with the great and the small. His physical endurance at his work was phenomenal. His enthusiasm was contagious. He stood firm in his convictions, yet he had full respect for the opinions of others. He was a powerful advocate.

Surviving Dick is one daughter, Mrs. John Messer, and three grandchildren. He will be missed, not only by his family, but by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Respectfully submitted,

ROMAN H. WEIDE  
ROBERT J. HASLING  
RUSSELL K. MOORE



MR. JOHNSON: The membership of a committee to prepare a memorial for Reginald M. Johnson is composed of Raymond J. Kempe, Claude H. Allen and Joseph E. Salland. Mr. Kempe will present the memorial.

Mr. Kempe read the memorial for Mr. Johnson.

Reginald M. Johnson was the youngest of three boys of Dr. Herman M. Johnson and Clara Johnson and was born in Dawson, Minnesota on December 7, 1915. Reginald's father spent a lifetime practicing medicine in Lac Qui Parle County and Reginald was raised in Dawson.

He attended public grade school and high school at Dawson, Minnesota and after graduating from high school in 1933, he first attended Appleton Jr. College at Appleton, Wisconsin, but following the death of his father in that same year, he transferred to the University of Minnesota, where he completed his undergraduate work and went on to law school. He graduated from the law school of the University of Minnesota in June of 1941 and was immediately admitted to practice in Minnesota. While at the law school Reginald became a member of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity and he remained active in the fraternity until he died.

For several years prior to his graduation, Reginald had been active in the National Guard in Dawson and Madison in Lac Qui Parle County and he was inducted in the United States Army on June 23, 1941. He served with the infantry, paratroopers and finally with the counter intelligence corps and was actively engaged in both the Sicilian campaign and the Italian campaign. For his services the United States Government awarded him two bronze stars and he was discharged December 27, 1945 as a master sergeant which rank he carried for almost the whole of his service during World War II.

Following his separation from the Army, Reginald entered into private practice with F. Manley Brist and until he died he was active in the fields of law dealing with medicine such as the State Board of Medical Examiners, the State and Ramsey County Medical societies and the organization and subsequent work of Blue Shield.

After he was separated from the Army, Reginald married Bernadine Johnson and they made their home



in St. Paul. He was the proud father of three boys, Steven 18, Bruce 15, and Kirk 12. Reginald died in St. Paul on October 12, 1966 at the age of 50.

Reginald was an active member of the Minnesota and the American Bar Associations and took a special interest in the World Peace through Law Committee. He was a dependable, reliable and conscientious lawyer. Reginald will always be remembered by us as a patient, kind and understanding fellow lawyer.

RAYMOND KEMPE  
CLAUDE H. ALLEN  
JOSEPH E. SALLAND

MR. JOHNSON: A committee composed of Richard J. Leonard, C. Paul Faraci and Thomas B. Foster has prepared the memorial to Mr. Angus S. Kennedy. Mr. Leonard will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Leonard read the memorial for Mr. Kennedy.

A long and productive career terminated with the death of Angus S. Kennedy in April 1967 after a lengthy illness. He was born in St. Paul and resided here his entire life except for a period of military service. He graduated with distinction from Cretin High School. Thereafter he attended and graduated from St. Thomas College and then from the University of Minnesota Law School and was admitted to the Bar in September 1932. After a period of private practice he became associated with the Home Owners Loan Corporation and remained with that organization until entering military service. He served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps during World War II as a Captain, stationed in the Pacific Area, and acted as Headquarters Judge Advocate for the Pacific Area and Assistant Judge Advocate for an Infantry Division. After conclusion of his military service he became associated with the St. Paul District of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers where he remained until his retirement in 1965.

He was particularly interested in the field of real property, in which the greatest part of his professional activities were centered. He was highly capable and demonstrated an exceptional ability to analyze and solve difficult problems in this area.

He is survived by his Wife, Kathleen, and Son, John who was a student at the University of Minnesota but is currently serving with the U. S. Army in Thailand.

The passing of Mr. Kennedy is sincerely regretted not only by his professional associates but also by the many people with whom he was in contact in the discharge of his professional duties.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. LEONARD  
C. PAUL FARACI  
THOMAS B. FOSTER

MR. JOHNSON: The committee who prepared the memorial for Milton C. Lightner are Michael J. Galvin, Sr., Mark H. Gehan and John L. Hannaford. Mr. Galvin will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Galvin read the memorial for Mr. Lightner.

Milton C. Lightner was born in St. Paul on December 13, 1886. His father, William H. Lightner, was a distinguished St. Paul lawyer. His grandfather, Elias F. Drake was one of the pioneers of Minnesota. Mr. Lightner was educated in the St. Paul public schools and at the St. Paul Academy. He graduated from Yale College, where he excelled as a track athlete, in 1909, and he received his Bachelor of Law degree from Harvard Law School in 1912.

In 1915 Mr. Lightner married Evelyn Finch, daughter of the late Sherman Finch. During World War I he served in the United States Navy. With the exception of his naval service, Mr. Lightner practiced law continuously in St. Paul from 1912 until he was stricken in 1965 with the illness from which he died.

He was a member of the Minnesota Legislature from January 1, 1921 until January 1, 1955—a total of thirty-four years—serving in the House of Representatives from 1921 through 1929 and the Senate from 1931 until 1955. He was Chairman of the House Committee on Cities of the First Class, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Workmen's Compensation, a member of the Senate Judiciary and Finance Committees, and a score of other Committees. He was President pro tempore of the Senate in 1947. He was particularly well known for his services on the Senate Finance Committee where he spent much of his time and effort studying the uses to which the appropriations made by the Legislature were put and sought to ensure that useless appropriations were not made. He was often spoken of as the watchdog of the Senate Finance Committee and of the Treasury.

Senator Lightner was an enthusiastic curler, golfer and hunter and was generally interested in sports and athletics. He was a member of the Minnesota Club, the St. Paul Curling Club, the Somerset Country Club, and the Informal Club. He was active in the affairs of the Episcopal Church, having served as Senior Warden of



Christ Church and on the Board of Directors of St. Luke's Hospital.

Senator Lightner is survived by his wife Evelyn; a daughter Mrs. John F. Markham of Washington, D.C.; a son, William H. Lightner of San Francisco, California; a sister, Mrs. Harry Frazier, Jr., of Charlottesville, Virginia; and a brother, Drake, of St. Paul.

He was honest, upright, conscientious and ethical in his professional life and in his personal life. His high principles and integrity were renowned. He feared no opponent in politics or in the practice of law. He let no personal interest or ambition influence his sound thinking with respect to governmental affairs. He enjoyed his family, his friends and his profession to the fullest, and always within the strictest standards of personal honesty and morality.

Milton Lightner died after a long illness on March 11, 1967. He is deeply missed by a host of friends in government service in business and among the bar.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. GALVIN, Sr.

MARK H. GEHAN

JOHN L. HANNAFORD



MR. JOHNSON: The committee members who prepared a memorial for Maceo V. Littlejohn, Sr., are Stephen L. Maxwell, James N. Bradford and Charles H. Williams, Jr. Mr. Maxwell will present the memorial.

Mr. Maxwell read the memorial for Mr. Littlejohn.

Maceo Victor Littlejohn, Sr. was born in Clarendon, Arkansas, June 4, 1898. He received elementary and secondary schooling in Arkansas and was graduated from Southland College in 1914.

Employed as a meat inspector in Kansas City, Kansas, he was transferred to South St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1920.

He decided to pursue a career in law and enrolled in the St. Paul College of Law from which he graduated in 1924.

He practiced law here in St. Paul, and worked on the Northern Pacific Railway until shortly before his death.

In 1937 he helped to organize the Dining Car Employees Union Local #416, the third such organization of its kind, and was its general chairman from 1937 to 1947.

He served as Vice President of the Joint Council of Dining Car Employees, on the national level, for many years. During his association with that group he wrote and helped implement many of the basic rules and regulations which would become standard throughout the nation.

His legal training and experience were indispensable to the Dining Car Employees Union locally and nationally.

He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity which was locally organized in his home in 1923.

He was active in the NAACP and the St. Paul Branch of The Urban League.

He died February 17, 1967, leaving his wife Bessie, three sons, five daughters, twenty-seven grandchildren, and a host of friends and associates who will not ever forget the many contributions which he has made to our entire community.

Respectfully submitted by,  
STEPHEN L. MAXWELL  
JAMES N. BRADFORD  
CHARLES H. WILLIAMS, Jr., Chairman

MR. JOHNSON: The members of a committee who have prepared the memorial for Philip J. Mackey are M. David McCloud, Kay Todd and Clayton Parks, Jr. Mr. Parks will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Parks read the memorial for Mr. Mackey.

Philip J. Mackey was born November 20, 1901 in Stillwater, Minnesota, the son of Alex Mackey and Lillian McDermott Mackey. He was a bachelor all of his life and he is survived by his brother, Alex Mackey, of Evanston, Illinois. Both his mother and father came from logging families that worked the St. Croix River Valley. Phil received his elementary education at Lincoln Grade School in Stillwater, and graduated from Stillwater High School. He then went to St. Thomas College in St. Paul for two years, then transferred to the University of Minnesota where he received his BA degree in 1922. While at the University he became a member of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. He then went on to Law School and graduated from the Minnesota College of Law, where he received his LLB degree in 1925.

After being admitted to practice he became associated with the law firm of Denegre, McDermott, Stearns, Stone & Weeks, where he practiced for a number of years. He later associated himself with Clinton W. Redlund. In 1950, he became a member of the law firm of Todd, McCloud & Mackey, and when that firm was dissolved in 1964 he continued to practice alone.

He was a member of the St. Paul Athletic Club for many years. He was also a leader in the Junior Chamber of Commerce of St. Paul. For several years he was Chairman of the Board of Law Examiners of the State of Minnesota. He was Captain of the Laymen's Retreat League, Jesuit Retreat House, Lake deMontreville, Minnesota. For 13 years from 1953 until his death on May 22, 1966 he was a Professor at the St. Paul Seminary.

Phil Mackey made a wonderful contribution to his community in giving his unstinting time and loyalty to Alcoholics Anonymous. He helped dozens of persons in his unassuming and practical way. He inspired their confidence and made a great contribution to them and all of the community by his untiring efforts in this direction. He had an intensive interest in nature and travel. During

the latter part of his life he made many trips to lake and mountain areas and, with enthusiastic spirit, encouraged others to do the same.

He was known by many of his colleagues as a "lawyer's lawyer." He had a particularly outstanding ability to briefly assimilate and concisely put into words and phrases exactly what the parties wanted to express. In addition to that, he had an almost sixth sense in knowing what were the thoughts of persons during any given time. He was a man of great integrity, with a soft touch of humor at all times. He was a credit to his profession and his many friends. He will be missed by all of us and remembered by all with respect and affection.

Respectfully submitted,

M. DAVID McCLOUD, Chairman

KAY TODD

CLAYTON PARKS, Jr.



MR. JOHNSON: A committee composed of Robert B. Hawkins, Bertrand Poritsky and Milton G. Dunham has prepared a memorial for Horace Wheeler Mohn, Jr. Mr. Hawkins will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Hawkins read the memorial for Mr. Mohn.

Horace Wheeler Mohn, Jr., affectionately known as "Skip", came to the practice of law with a great legal heritage. His maternal grandfather, Judge Frederick N. Dickson, after serving for eleven years on the Ramsey County bench became a member of the firm presently known as Oppenheimer, Hodgson, Brown, Wolff and Leach, with which Skip was associated for six years prior to his death on June 12, 1966. Judge Dickson had been an 1885 graduate of Carleton College and "read the law" under the famed General Sanborn here in Saint Paul.

Skip's fraternal grandfather, Thomas Mohn, who also "read the law", was a leading and most respected practitioner for more than fifty years in Red Wing. Skip's father, Horace Wheeler Mohn, also a graduate of Carleton College, completed his legal education at the Saint Paul College of Law, during which time he clerked for the Oppenheimer firm. In 1926 Skip's father and grandfather established the firm of "Mohn and Mohn", which was an important part of Red Wing life from 1926 through 1939, the year in which Skip's father passed away at an early age.

Skip's birth on August 18, 1933, brought him into and made him a part of this rich tradition, which Skip followed and fulfilled well. He received his primary and secondary education in Red Wing, participating fully in school and community activities, as would be expected by those who later were fortunate enough to be exposed to his joy of life. At Red Wing he was on the school paper, played baseball, and sang in the school chorus as well as the Red Wing male chorus and the Christ Church Choir. He continued a similarly full schedule at Carleton College, Mankato State, and the University of Minnesota, where he obtained both his Bachelor of Science Degree and his Bachelor of Law Degree in June of 1960. His education had been interrupted from 1952 through 1954 during which time he served in the U.S. Armored Corps



ending his service with the rank of Corporal. It is known that Skip participated in a number of battles and saw action frequently, but few people, if any, ever heard the details unless it was for the purpose of recounting a humorous event, with a spark in his eye that was so characteristic. Skip received the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the United Nations Certificate of Merit.

In 1956 Skip had the very good fortune of meeting and then marrying Thelma Johnson. For almost four years they worked hard together so that Skip could obtain his law degree. They finally took a delayed honeymoon trip to Europe in the summer and fall of 1960, prior to Skip becoming associated with the Oppenheimer firm. Skip had a real appreciation for things traditional. For instance, he loved to delve into the old English reports and as a result developed a skill of being able to make pronouncements pertinent to current affairs as if they were being made by a white-wigged, nineteenth century Privy Court Judge. No doubt this appreciation of things from the past contributed to the fact that Skip and Thelma attacked Europe with their typical zest, exploring every nook and cranny before coming to rest in the small resort town of Positano, Italy—a place close to Skip's heart from then on.

Skip had enjoyed a distinguished career at the University of Minnesota Law School. He was a member of the Law Review, president of Phi Delta Phi, voted the Outstanding Young Man of 1960 by that fraternity and graduated Cum Laude. He left his imprint on his fellow students, making a host of firm, everlasting friends. Whether it was a heated discussion of the law or a merry social celebration, he was a most welcome person.

Although Skip Mohn did not practice law for a very long period of time measured by calendar months, his years were full. Starting out in the confusion familiar to all of us, he emerged as a versatile, highly capable practitioner. His sympathy and understanding of people continued to be a strong asset and whether it be a client or foe, whomever he was with soon gained respect and admiration for the man and his work.

Skip appeared before the Minnesota Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and before

the Bar of many of the district and municipal courts surrounding Saint Paul. He developed a high degree of expertise in condemnation trials, particularly in reference to outdoor advertising panels, yet he was equally at home with such office matters as taxation of interstate commerce. Skip was a good advocate, using every weapon ethically available to aggressively press his client's case. However, he always remained within the boundaries of courtesy and respect and was able to keep the heat of advocacy from entering into his relationship with opposing counsel, which as we all know is sometimes very hard to do. The tradition in which he was steeped was richly enhanced by his practice. The amount accomplished was great. The potential was greater.

Outside the practice of law Skip maintained his habit of living life fully. He and Thelma, now joined by their son, William Wheeler, settled into a lovely home near Macalester College. His family, including a series of unusual feline friends, was his first interest, but he always found time to participate in community affairs. He was a member of Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, where his final service was conducted, and he participated in many charitable drives. Skip enjoyed music in general and playing the ukelele in particular. The written word, especially a finely turned phrase appealed to him. He had several favorite poems from which he could quote at length, often with humorous overtones. Another favorite pastime was walking through the Macalester College neighborhood, scrutinizing the varieties of architecture and traditions that are on display there. Notwithstanding all of these varieties of interests, sports was probably Skip's favorite form of relaxation, whether it be as a spectator or participant. As a participant he displayed a competitive spirit and obtained an obvious thrill, often vocally expressed, from a driving shot at the net or a long, straight drive down the center of a fairway. A few days prior to entering the hospital for the final time, Skip shot his finest round of golf at Keller, a dramatic illustration of the determination with which he did everything.

Perhaps the true mark of Skip Mohn, and why all those who knew him will remember and treasure the relationship, is exemplified by his conduct during the last



two years of his life. During this time he knew he was fighting a disease which only begrudgingly gives victories; its shadow must have always been behind him, whatever he would do and wherever he would go. He most certainly had private moments of despair and depression. Yet, he continued to grow professionally, and he continued to be a delightful addition to any gathering. This magnificent display of courage would be sufficient enough to make him something special in our memory.

Skip is survived by his wife Thelma and his son William who continue to reside in Saint Paul, by his mother, Marietta, and his brother John, both of whom live in Red Wing. His memory as a warm, determined, professionally competent, friend, husband, son, and brother also survives.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. HAWKINS  
BERTRAND PORITSKY  
MILTON G. DUNHAM



MR. JOHNSON: Alfred R. Sundberg, the Honorable Albin S. Pearson, Worth K. Rice and Linus J. Hammond have prepared a memorial on behalf of Mr. Walter T. Ryan. Mr. Sundberg will present the memorial.

Mr. Sundberg read the memorial for Mr. Ryan.

Walter T. Ryan, was born on September 8, 1889 at Hudson, Wisconsin, the son of James and Julia Ryan. He attended the local schools and was graduated from Hudson High School in June, 1909. Thereafter he attended Superior State College from which he graduated in 1911. He first served as a principal in the Baldwin Public School in Wisconsin, and thence he spent two years as the principal of Hammond High School in Hammond, Wisconsin.

Next he came to St. Thomas College in St. Paul where he was an instructor in mathematics and during which time he attended the St. Paul College of Law from which he graduated on June 20, 1918. In January of 1919 he was admitted to practice law in this state. He joined the United States Navy serving until his honorable discharge as an Ensign on September 30, 1921.

When he returned to St. Paul, he commenced the practice of law with James F. Murphy with offices in the Endicott Building, where he remained through the year 1924.

In 1925, he formed a partnership with John A. Burns, and they practiced on the 16th floor of the Pioneer Building. In 1926, Mr. Ryan moved to the Globe Building where he practiced first individually and then in association with William H. Seward and Charles H. Winter until 1940.

Then he returned to the Pioneer Building in association with Harold C. Kerr. A few months thereafter they were joined in association by Alfred R. Sundberg. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Sundberg continued their association until his retirement on April 1, 1965.

Mr. Ryan was an outstanding lawyer during all of his time in the practice in this community, was extremely conscientious, careful and thorough in all that he did in behalf of his clients. For twelve years he was City attorney for the City of South St. Paul, he served a long and

useful membership on the Charter Commission of the City of St. Paul during a period of time when the demands on that Commission were the heaviest in its history. He conscientiously served for many years as an examiner on the Board of Examiners for Admission to the Bar of the State. He was a member of both the Ramsey County Bar Association and the State Bar Association. Mr. Ryan had also held the position of President of the Ramsey County Bar Association, and also served as a member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar Association.

He was a long time member of the St. Paul Athletic Club, the American Legion, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, Holy Spirit Catholic Church and its Men's Club.

On August 4, 1926, Mr. Ryan was united in marriage to Rosella Early, who survives him. They have one daughter, Maureen (Mrs. Jay) Kelly, and three granddaughters.

Mr. Ryan died on October 3, 1966 in St. Paul. He had been a quiet reserved person, who became firmly endeared to all who knew him well. He was kindly and generous in his dealings with the younger members of the Bar, and proved always willing to contribute of his knowledge and capacity to aid a friend.

Those among us who were close and knew him well feel very keenly his loss, and share with his wife and family in mourning their loss.

Respectfully submitted,

WORTH K. RICE

HONORABLE ALBIN S. PEARSON

LINUS J. HAMMOND

ALFRED R. SUNDBERG



MR. JOHNSON: The members of the committee who have prepared a memorial to Peter M. Scott are John B. Burke, Edward E. Cleary and George M. Desmond. Mr. Burke will read the memorial.

Mr. Burke read the memorial for Mr. Scott.

Peter M. Scott was born on November 24, 1906 at St. Cloud, Minnesota. He died at St. Paul, Minnesota on November 13, 1966. The son of Earl C. and Elizabeth (Zapp) Scott, he attended Stanford University and the University of Michigan. He was awarded a B.A. in 1928 and an L.L.B. in 1931 from the University of Michigan and was a member of Phi Alpha Delta (Law) fraternity. Subsequent to his admission to practice in Minnesota he was associated with the firm of McMeekin and Quinn in St. Paul. In 1935 he joined with his brother, John F. Scott, and John B. Burke in the firm of Scott, Burke & Scott and remained with that firm until 1961 when he left to assume the position of president of the Minneapolis Abstract Company. Subsequent to the sale of his interest in that company in 1964, he was appointed a deputy examiner of titles for Ramsey County, a position which he maintained until his final illness.

Peter was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Navy from February, 1943 until his discharge in the fall of 1945. He served overseas and was last stationed on Guam prior to his return to the mainland. He was discharged as a Lieutenant Commander. Subsequent to his return to civilian life, Peter retained a keen interest in military affairs and actively participated in veteran's organizations among them the American Legion of which he was a member of Post 450, (Business and Professional) and the Military Order of the World Wars.

Peter, at all times, continued a lively interest in sports, having participated as a dashman in track during his college years at Michigan. Later his interest turned principally to baseball, about which he justifiably asserted the expertise of student and prophet. In his alumni years following college he maintained a vigorous loyalty to his alma mater, Michigan, and drew great enjoyment from those events which related to its keen rivalry with the University of Minnesota. He also was active as a member



in the many functions of the Twin Cities' chapter of the Michigan Alumni Association.

A Roman Catholic in his faith, Peter was a parishioner of the Church of St. Luke in St. Paul and a member of the Layman's Retreat League of Jesuit Retreat House at Lake DeMontreville. He is survived by his widow, Karleen S.; four daughters, Mrs. John (Karleen) Knight of Fort Worth, Texas, Mrs. James (Susan) Sampair of Houston, Texas, Mrs. Richard (Ann) Mellin of St. Paul, and Miss Sandra Scott, also of St. Paul; three brothers, John F., Ulric C., and Eugene E. Scott, all of St. Paul. He was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on November 16, 1966.

Peter was singularly blessed with a buoyant and outgoing personality which endeared him to all who knew or associated with him. May his family be comforted with a knowledge of the affection and regard with which he is remembered.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. CLEARY  
GEORGE M. DESMOND  
JOHN B. BURKE, Chairman

MR. JOHNSON: Linn J. Firestone, Fred W. Fisher, Robert W. Johnson and William W. Fink have prepared a memorial for Mayer Shapiro. Mr. Fink will deliver the memorial.

Mr. Fink read the memorial for Mr. Shapiro.

Mayer Shapiro, a practicing attorney in Saint Paul, Minnesota most of his adult life, died in his home city on August 30, 1966. He is survived by his wife, Marian, and his two sons, Charles and Robert.

Mayer was born on December 19, 1900. He attended grade school and high school at New Ulm, Minnesota. He graduated from the Saint Paul College of Law, and was admitted to the Bar of the State of Minnesota in 1924.

He became associated with Milton P. Firestone, and the firm engaged in the practice of law in Saint Paul for many years under the name of Firestone and Shapiro.

During the 41 years, between the date of his admission to the Bar and the date of his death, he practiced law at Saint Paul, Minnesota, except for an absence for a number of years in connection with a business venture in Texas. During the years immediately preceding his death, he was engaged in the practice of law with the law firm of Berryman, Fisher and Johnson.

He was a good athlete and he excelled at Tennis.

He was a member of both the American Bar Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Mayer's interest was not limited to the professional field. He was a member of B'nai B'rith, Sholom Residence, Home for the Aged, and most of the Masonic lodges.

He was a past president of the B'nai B'rith, a past president of the Sholom Residence, and a vice president of the Home for the Aged. He will long be remembered for his assistance to the sick at Sholom Residence, and for his service in behalf of the aged at the Jewish Home. He served these institutions on a daily basis. The work was arduous and unending.

Mayer was energetic, industrious and faithful to all of those who looked to him for guidance and help within his professional duties, and outside of them. He will be remembered because of his skillful aid to those who

came to him for help in the solution of their legal problems, and for his gift of service.

He was truly dedicated to his family and to his profession.

He faced the illness of his last years with courage and determination. He was patient and endured his sufferings without complaints, and with understanding that all men's days are numbered.

He has gone to that bourne from which no man has ever returned, with blessings on the lips of the ill whom he served, and with prayers from the hearts of the aged at the "Old Home."

May the beauty of that portion of his life devoted to service to others abide among all judges and lawyers forever.

He has left the heritage of a good and respected name to his beloved wife Marian, and his two boys, "Chuck" and "Bob."

Therefore, be it resolved that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of these proceedings, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to the members of his family.

Respectfully submitted,

LINN J. FIRESTONE

FRED W. FISHER

ROBERT W. JOHNSON

WILLIAM W. FINK



MR. JOHNSON: The members of the committee who have prepared a memorial for Robert J. Swords are Robert T. White, Richard J. Battis and David W. Nord. Mr. White will deliver the memorial.

Mr. White read the memorial for Mr. Swords.

Robert J. Swords was a native of LaCrosse, Wisconsin and received his early education there. He later moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he completed his primary and secondary education. In 1936 he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin. After teaching briefly in Milwaukee, Bob did work toward a master's degree in education at Columbia University in New York City. In 1943, he received his L. L. B. degree at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D. C. While in Washington, Bob was employed in the Library of Congress and during World War II he was an administrative assistant for the Foreign Funds Control, a branch of the Treasury Department.

Later, Bob moved to Savannah, Georgia, the hometown of his wife, Mary and in 1946 he was admitted to the practice of law in Georgia. He was engaged in the general practice of law in Savannah for five years and later became associated as an attorney in the legal branch of the Corps of Engineers in the Savannah district office. While practicing in Savannah, he was also an instructor of business law and public speaking at the University of Georgia Off-Campus Center for several years.

In 1954 Bob was admitted to practice in Minnesota where he engaged in the general practice of law in St. Paul until 1960. During that period of time, he also taught at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. In August of 1960, Bob was appointed Corporation Counsel for the City of St. Paul, a full time position which he occupied until 1962.

In the fall of 1962, Bob returned to the general practice of law in St. Paul. He continued in the general practice of law until the fall of 1963 when he returned to Rome, Georgia to take up duties as a newly appointed United States Commissioner for the Northern district of Georgia.

In 1965 Bob returned to live in St. Paul and was engaged in the general practice of law in Minneapolis until his untimely death on May 21st, 1966.

He was married on November 16th, 1940 to Mary Gallettin, who survives him, together with his son, Thomas, age nine.

Bob had been admitted to practice in Georgia, Minnesota and Wisconsin and was a member of the Rome, Georgia, Ramsey County and Minnesota Bar Associations. He was a former member of the Optimist Club and had received the honor of being elected Optimist of the Year.

Mr. Swords was an admirable and loyal citizen. He had an instinctive sense of what was right and wrong and always gave his support to what he believed was right. He was a warm, firm and loyal person in his friendships, which were many. He loved his profession and was always careful that he did nothing to injure its reputation. He is sadly missed by his many friends.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. WHITE  
DAVID W. NORD  
RICHARD BATTIS

MR. JOHNSON: Carl R. Peterson, Fred A. Kueppers, Jr. and Charles J. Yarusso have prepared a memorial for Jack Tarbox. Mr. Peterson will present the memorial.

Mr. Peterson read the memorial for Mr. Tarbox.

Jack Tarbox was born February 28, 1897 at Monticello, Minnesota the son of James C. and Kathryn Tarbox both of whom predeceased him. Mr. Tarbox was eleven years old at the time of his father's death. His father was a prominent lawyer and had been a judge of the District Court of his district. One sister, Vivian Tarbox also predeceased him who died in 1958. He is survived by his wife Alma V. Tarbox who resides at the family home at 2029 Wellesley Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. He is also survived by a son, Robert V. Tarbox who resides and is a practicing attorney in Hennepin County and by a daughter, Mary K. Liestman who resides at Tomah, Wisconsin. He is also survived by a brother, James C. Tarbox who is an attorney practicing in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Jack Tarbox graduated from the Monticello High School in three years and was the Valedictorian of his class. He subsequently entered Hamline University and attended that institution for one year transferring the following year to the University of Minnesota from which he graduated with a bachelor degree and was admitted to the Phi Beta Kappa an honorary scholastic fraternity. He taught school at Swanville, Minnesota following graduation and during the year 1918 he became a member of the United States Army where he gained a commission as Second Lieutenant and was an instructor of infantry at the officers training school at Camp Grant, Illinois. On his discharge from the army he matriculated at the St. Paul College of Law from which school he graduated in June 1921 with the degree Bachelor of Laws, Cum Laude and was president of his class and was a member of the Kellogg Club. Mr. Tarbox was a member of the Monticello Chapter of the Masonic Lodge for the rest of his life.

During his law school days and subsequent to his admission to the bar he was employed by the law firm of Orr, Stark and Kidder a St. Paul law firm where he



handled receiverships, became very proficient in trial work and became a trial lawyer of great ability. After a few years he began the practice of law on his own and opened an office in the Globe Building. His brother, James C. Tarbox and Charles J. Yarusso officed with him for several years.

He then moved to the Commerce Building where he officed until the time of his death. James C. Tarbox, his brother and Charles J. Yarusso officed with him there for several years. After they left Carl R. Peterson had an adjoining office with him for the past twenty-two years.

Mr. Tarbox was a thorough, diligent and a serious student of the law and a man of great legal talent. He was dedicated to the law and his clients. He lived very close to his books and the acquisition of knowledge. He was capable, honest and ethical and his word could be depended upon and he never spoke ill of anyone.

Mr. Tarbox had as hobbies, fishing, hunting and gardening. Every year he planted a garden and he loved to see things grow and he enjoyed getting up early in the morning and going to his garden when as he would say "the air was clean and fresh."

Respectfully submitted,

CARL R. PETERSON, Chairman

FRED A. KUEPPERS, Jr.

CHARLES J. YARUSSO

MR. JOHNSON: If the Court please, this concludes the reading of the memorials, and I wish to express, on behalf of the Ramsey County Bar Association and this committee, our gratitude to the members of the bar and bench who have taken time from their duties to come here this afternoon and pay tribute to our friends. At this time I would ask that the clerk be directed to inscribe these memorials upon the permanent records of the court and to send copies to the families of the deceased.

JUDGE GRAFF: The motion is granted. The record may 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 further mark of respect to the departed, no other matters will be taken up, and this Court will now adjourn without day.