

**Special Session:  
Annual Hennepin County  
2022 Bar Memorial**

Convening of the Special Session  
of Hennepin County District Court  
Chief Judge Toddrick S. Barnette  
Presiding

Invocation  
The Honorable Maximillia Utley  
Hennepin County District Court

Introduction of Special Guests

Recognition of Deceased Members  
Landon Ascheman, President-Elect  
Hennepin County Bar Association

Remarks and Introduction of Speaker  
Brandon E. Vaughn, President  
Hennepin County Bar Association

Memorial Address  
The Honorable Kevin S. Burke  
Senior District Court Judge

Musical Selection  
Lumina

Memorials Presented to the Court  
Kathleen M. Murphy  
Chair, Bar Memorial Committee

Presentation Accepted

Court Adjourned

Music by Laurie Leigh Harpist

April 22, 2022



## **ABOUT THE BAR MEMORIAL**

The Hennepin County Bar Association and its Bar Memorial Committee welcome you to this special session of the Hennepin County District Court to honor members of our profession with ties to Hennepin County who passed away.

We have traced the history of our Bar Memorial back to at least 1898, in a courthouse that is long gone, but had a beauty and charm that made it a fitting location for this gathering. We say “at least 1898,” because there is speculation that the practice of offering annual unwritten memorials began in 1857. Regardless of its date of origin, the Bar Memorial is now well into its second century, and it is a tradition that is certain to continue simply because it is right—and it is good.

Buildings come and go, but the Bar Memorial has always found a suitable home, including in the chambers of the Minneapolis City Council, the boardroom of the Hennepin County Commissioners, and in Judge James Rosenbaum’s magnificent courtroom. We thank Thrivent Financial for opening its auditorium for this event over the past several years. Thrivent Financial’s gracious assistance with unending details helped make each session a success. We opened a new chapter by holding this special session virtually in 2020. Because we created a poignant and memorable online experience for everyone, we decided to continue the tradition for 2021 and 2022 as well.

In the early years of the Bar Memorial, authors read aloud their tributes to their family members and colleagues. The modern Bar Memorial dispensed with that practice and instead offers this booklet with its collection of all the memorials. You will admire this group as you learn about them and be able to appreciate their stories presented on the following pages.

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May 1, 2019 . . . . . Retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Christopher Dietzen  
May 2, 2018 . . . . . Dean Mark C. Gordon  
April 27, 2017 . . . . . Susan C. Rhode  
May 4, 2016 . . . . . Former Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Eric J. Magnuson  
April 22, 2015 . . . . . Dean David Wippman  
April 30, 2014 . . . . . Lewis Remele  
April 17, 2013 . . . . . Chief Judge Michael J. Davis  
April 11, 2012 . . . . . Dean Thomas M. Mengler  
April 20, 2011 . . . . . Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea  
April 28, 2010 . . . . . Susan M. Holden  
April 22, 2009 . . . . . B. Todd Jones  
May 7, 2008 . . . . . Former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Sam Hanson  
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April 26, 2006 . . . . . Retired Judge Marianne D. Short  
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April 24, 1996 . . . . . Dean Harry J. Haynsworth  
April 26, 1995 . . . . . Judge Diana E. Murphy



April 27, 1994 . . . . . Bernhard W. LeVander  
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 April 27, 1983 . . . . . Chief Justice Douglas K. Amdahl  
 April 28, 1982 . . . . . Associate Justice Rosalie Wahl  
 April 28, 1981 . . . . . Maynard Pirsig  
 April 30, 1980 . . . . . John M. Palmer  
 April 25, 1979 . . . . . Charles T. Hvass, Sr.  
 Feb. 15, 1978 . . . . . Clyde F. Anderson  
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 Jan. 22, 1976 . . . . . George C. Mastor  
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 May 27, 1971 . . . . . Chief Justice Robert J. Sheran  
 May 26, 1970 . . . . . Henry E. Halladay  
 May 27, 1969 . . . . . Judge C. Donald Peterson  
 May 28, 1968 . . . . . Judge Harry A. Blackmun  
 May 25, 1967 . . . . . Sidney S. Feinberg  
 May 26, 1966 . . . . . Associate Justice George M. Scott

## INVOCATION

Good morning. Please join me in prayer or quiet reflection.

Dear God,

As we gather today, let us offer our thanks to you for this community and the blessing of fellowship around us. Let us strive to be a source of hope for each other, and a source of comfort for those who need it. Let us give gratitude for the opportunity to remember our loved ones, and to be inspired by the lives they led, their accomplishments and their devotion to the practice of law.

Although our lives have changed without the friends and family we honor here today, let us take solace in the love we feel towards them still, the memories of times spent together and the knowledge of the many lives they touched during their time with us. May we celebrate these loved ones today instead of mourning them. And we ask that our remembrance of those we have lost is able to bring peace and contentment.

Let us show our appreciation for not only those we are remembering today but for those who are here today to share their loved ones with us. May we all learn from this memorial how to be the kind of person whose life is celebrated, and also how to honor our loved ones when they are gone.

Finally, let us remember that each day is a gift. Amen.

## MEMORIAL ADDRESS

May it please the court. This is a special occasion for family members and friends of those whose lives we honor. It is fitting we recognize them before a welcome to the judges, members of the bar, and special guests who are also part of this occasion.

My grandparents are all from Ireland and so sharing an Irish saying is a good place to start: those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

For some of us, the shock of unexpectedly losing a loved one is terribly painful. The unexpected death of someone we cared about leaves us with thoughts about what I wanted to say, what I should have done, or things I could have done with the person but put them off for another day that now will never come.

For others, the death of someone we care about was something we knew was imminent. My dad had a series of strokes, and the quality of his life wasn't good when he passed away. You could say his death was a blessing, but the truth is nothing—regardless of the circumstances—really prepares us for a loss so permanent and one which reminds us of our own mortality.

The focus of the Bar Memorial is on lawyers and judges who passed away in the last year. Some of these lawyers and judges were distinguished and well-known, some had clients and others simply shared a common educational degree. But as important as these lawyers and judges were to this community, it is worth noting that for all of them, their life's success was made possible by others.

Legendary basketball coach John Wooden once said that the main ingredient of stardom is the rest of the team. The team of those we pay tribute to are the secretaries, paralegals, and court staff they worked with. We are coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic. As you think back to when the pandemic started, there were a lot of folks who never would have imagined how it would change our lives. Courts were no different than other institutions. How would courts be able to operate? Thousands of people come into our courthouses. They and everyone who works there needed to be safe. Cheryl Wallat was the Hennepin Court Facilities Manager. Cheryl died of cancer a couple months ago and it was her wish to keep her illness private. Precious few knew she was sick until after she died, and she worked literally up to the last few days.

Facilities is such a crucial and yet unrecognized area of the courts. Unrecognized, that is, until there is a mess. The chairs you see everywhere, tables in courtrooms outfitted with plexiglass to make the place safer, private room for nursing mothers, and new editions of law books every year, Cheryl made it happen seamlessly. If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody. That is what brought joy to Cheryl and to the lives of all those who worked to help the judges and lawyers we remember.

And then there is the family of the departed. Lawyers are notoriously idiosyncratic and are not always easy to get along with. Family is the hub and model for all other social relationships. Peace begins in the home because it is where we learn trust and respect. There is no doubt that the departed gave each of you something special, but it is important to acknowledge that each of you made the departed better lawyers, judges and yes, human beings.

Coping with the loss of a close friend or family member may be one of the hardest challenges that many of us face. When we lose a spouse, sibling, or parent, our grief can be particularly intense. In the abstract, loss may be understood as a natural part of life, but we can still be overcome by shock and confusion. Yes, the sadness typically diminishes in intensity as time passes, but grieving is an important process in order to overcome these feelings and continue to embrace the time you had with your loved one.

David Eagleman, the neuroscientist and author, observes that there are three deaths, the first is when the body ceases to function. The second comes when the body is buried. The third comes somewhere down the line when your name is spoken for the last time. It is this last death that we, as the ones left behind, have to work to stave off. So, how might we ensure that the Irish saying, "Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard" really happens?

Frankly, I am better at asking questions than giving answers—you learn that after nearly 37 years on the bench, but here it goes. There is no doubt laughing about the things we did together is a great place to start. A classmate and former partner of mine died of Lewy body dementia. I occasionally would take him to lunch, and I remember when I once picked him up and asked what he had done that morning, he responded he had gotten sheet music and spent the morning singing out loud since Jane, his wife, was at work. I never knew Jim to be a singer and to this day I wonder if he was just pulling my leg (something he and I did often to each other) or if he was serious.

Creating your own unique tradition is important. If your loved one enjoyed playing golf, play golf on their birthday, or on Father's Day or Mother's Day, even if you are not very good. And if you simply can't play golf, jump in a cart and invite some friends. If the loved one enjoyed action movies, occasionally watch the newest one. Did your loved one just savor barbecue or think of themselves as a grand chef perfectly capable of smoking up the neighborhood with their grille or smoker? Set up a barbecue with friends. Or if she enjoyed the perfect gin and tonic, go for it and pour yourself one. Yes, it seems silly, but the possibilities are as unique as your loved one. The simple point is: we continue to walk with those we loved by creating our own traditions.

One of the most stirring moments of President Obama's presidency was when he led the memorial service for the Reverend Clementa Pickney in singing Amazing Grace. President Obama was a remarkably poor singer, but I am even worse so ending with that song as moving as the song is isn't going to happen. I am not particularly religious. But I suspect many of you are, so closing with an Irish prayer is the best I can offer:

Death is nothing at all.  
It does not count.  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
Everything remains as it was.  
The old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched,  
unchanged.  
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.  
Call me by the old familiar name.  
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.  
Put no sorrow in your tone.  
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed  
together.

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN S. BURKE**  
**Senior District Court Judge**



IN MEMORIAM

**AUDREY JEAN BABCOCK**

**AUGUST 18, 1975 — SEPTEMBER 11, 2021**

Audrey Jean Babcock passed away in her sleep the morning of Saturday, September 11, 2021, after a seven-year battle with cancer. She had continued to work and remained active up until the last two weeks of her life. Audrey was a 1993 graduate of Mesabi East High School, a National Merit Scholar, and Member of All-State Band with her clarinet. She graduated from Hamline University with a degree in chemistry; the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with a master's in chemistry; and the University of Minnesota School of Law with a Juris Doctor. She was employed by the Taft Law firm as an intellectual property attorney at the time of her death. She was a member of Palo Congregational Church in Palo, Minnesota, and Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

A very generous, and independent person, she worked her way through both college and life never asking for help or favors. She enjoyed her trips to Europe. First to Paris and Grenoble, France, and then to Munich, Germany; Budapest, Hungary; and Kolozsvár, Romania with her brother, parents, and later sister-in-law and nephews. The high point of the trips for her was dancing at the wedding of Noémi and Earl in Kolozsvár, and the first visits with her two nephews in Munich. She loved her weekly video visits that lasted for hours with Olivér and Máté. Audrey put all of herself into anything she set her mind to. She loved children and her favorite nickname was Auntie Audrey. She was independent until the last two weeks of life. Audrey was 46 years old.

Audrey is survived by parents, Lynn and Beth Babcock of Palo; brother and sister-in-law, Earl Babcock and Noémi Székely and nephews Olivér and Máté of Munich, Germany; uncle, Ralph (Mary) Babcock; cousins, Mick (Bobbie) Kochendorfer and Jeanine (Tim) Faldet, their daughter Kay (Greg) Jordan; aunt, Yvonne; and cousin, Hope Kochendorfer; and several very close friends.

She was preceded in death by uncle, Bob and aunt, Kay Kochendorfer; cousin once removed, Rachel Faldet; grandparents, Lloyd and Lydia Babcock and Earl and Elizabeth Chellew.

**LYNN, BETH, AND EARL BABCOCK**

## IN MEMORIAM

# THE HONORABLE M. MICHAEL BAXTER

DECEMBER 7, 1948 — APRIL 18, 2020

The Honorable M. Michael Baxter passed away peacefully on Saturday afternoon, April 18th, 2020, at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. Judge Baxter was a loving father, grandfather, devoted husband, dedicated attorney, and public servant.

Mike was born December 7th, 1948, and grew up in and around Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was the second child of Judson Baxter and Lillian Baxter (nee Joyce). He attended and played football at Abbot Pennings High School in De Pere, Wisconsin and the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. He graduated magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in 1991.

He returned to law school after establishing a successful career in building material sales to pursue his dream of becoming an attorney. He was a gifted orator and a passionate advocate for his clients and causes. He worked as an associate at the law firm of Robin, Kaplan, Miller & Cirese for several years, prior to moving into solo private practice and eventually working as a partner at the firm of Baxter & Engen.

In the fall of 2008, Mike was selected by Gov. Tim Pawlenty to serve as a Minnesota district court judge. He loved his work as a judge, which he felt was the culmination of his dedication to the legal profession. As a former civil litigator, his opinions and insight were valued by his colleagues. He was a jovial but professional and respectful presence on the Minnesota bench, serving in both La Sueur and Hastings. Judge Baxter retired—as ridiculously required by Minnesota law—the month of his 70th birthday, December 2018.

Mike was a constant presence in all his communities. These included the city of Rosemount, where he served on the city council and many different civil committees. He was active in supporting his children's activities, both as an enthusiastic fan—one who attended an incredible number of football games, debate tournaments, hockey games, awards ceremonies and so on—as well as a hardworking supporter, chairing booster clubs, working concessions stands and advocating with school boards.

No one in Mike's life doubted his commitment to them. He stood for the things and people he loved. He was a lifelong fan of the Green Bay Packers and the game of golf. His presence was enormous, and his absence is a profound loss for all lucky enough to know him.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Paula Barnes; his children, Mike Baxter-Kauf (Kate), Matthew Baxter (Melia), and Erin Baxter; his granddaughter, Kiernan (11); his grandsons, Calvin (4), Walter (2), and Sidney (5 months); and his sisters, Mary White and Bonnie Pauly.

Mike truly loved volunteering at Listening House in St Paul. His culinary talents were put to apt use in his official position of "making toast."

**MIKE BAXTER-KAUF**



## IN MEMORIAM

# LEE BEARMON

FEBRUARY 3, 1933 — MARCH 14, 2021

Lee's classmates already knew that he would dedicate himself to the law, as that was their prophecy written in the Lincoln Life ninth-grade student newspaper.

At age 17, Lee was among the youngest of his high school graduating class, where he excelled on the debate team. He received his BBA with high distinction from the University of Minnesota Business School (now Carlson School of Management). In 1956, Lee received his law degree with honors from the University of Minnesota Law School and was later recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus.

After graduating from law school, Lee served three years in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of captain. Upon completion of his Air Force tenure in 1960 Lee began his professional law career at the firm that would soon bear his name and be his professional home for the next 19 years: Levitt, Palmer, Bowen, Bearmon and Rotman. In 1983, the firm merged with Briggs and Morgan (now Taft, Stettinius Hollister).

In 1979, Lee joined Carlson Companies, Inc. as senior vice president, general counsel and secretary. He served on several board of directors of affiliated companies, as well as the Carlson Companies' Investment, Audit, Benefits and Retirement Committees. He was a mediator and arbitrator on the Minnesota Supreme Court roster. He was a member of numerous professional organizations including American Corporate Counsel Association and the American, Minnesota, and Hennepin County Bar Associations.

After retiring from Carlson Companies, Lee served five years as of counsel at Briggs and Morgan. He continued to offer his services as a pro bono mediator for Community Mediation Services, facilitating the resolution of disputes—always seeking win-win solutions. He shared his legal acumen while serving on boards of several other community nonprofit organizations.

Consistent with his commitment to ethical concerns, he established the Lee Bearmon Award in Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility Fund at the University of Minnesota Law School and the Barbara D. and Lee Bearmon Internship Award in Jewish Ethics and Practices at the University's CLA Department of Jewish Studies.

For many years, Lee and Barbara treasured working with young children as volunteers for the Literacy Program in the Wayzata Elementary School District. They relished time with one another, whether on the tennis court, playing bridge, reading, traveling, enjoying classical music, or taking long walks. They had a commitment to lifelong learning, taking educational classes and attending lectures, either at home or wherever their travels took them.

Lee was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who especially enjoyed sharing family celebrations. He had a playful sense of humor and emphasized the importance of the simple, yet profound directive of "be kind." At times when life presented challenges, or when circumstances were "too good," the wisdom he offered to himself and others was "this too shall pass."

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Aaron and Bertha Bearmon; brother Samuel and sister Norma Karpeles. Lee is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 59 years, Barbara D. Goldish Bearmon; children, Amy (Olivier BenHaim), Paula (Michael Sieger) and Sara Bearmon Mostofsky; grandchildren, Jacob (Amanda) Sieger, Ben and Jennifer Sieger, Amalya and Lior Benhaim; and Gillian, Harrison, and Justin Mostofsky. Lee would have been thrilled to welcome the recent birth of his first great grandchild, Ellie Blake Sieger.

**BARBARA BEARMON AND DAUGHTERS**

## IN MEMORIAM

# DAVID ARTHUR BIEGING

JULY 28, 1949 — SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

David Arthur Bieging was born in Stillwater on July 28, 1949, the youngest of three sons to Kenneth and Ruth (Edstrom) Bieging. His childhood was filled with his close-knit extended family, basketball, football, and the French horn. He graduated from Stillwater High School in 1967 and entered Harvard College, where he graduated in 1971 with a degree in History. After college, Dave served in the Minnesota National Guard and then returned to the Twin Cities, where he began a remarkable career in government and client service.

He first served as a staff member in the Minnesota State Legislature to Majority Leader Irv Anderson while at the same time earning his J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law. When he graduated from law school in 1976, he became a legislative assistant to then-U.S. Senator Walter F. Mondale. Dave relocated to Washington D.C. and served as special assistant to the vice president during Mondale's term in office. It was at this time that Dave met the love of his life, Nancy Willing. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 16.

Dave served as the first chief of staff to U.S. Representative Martin O. Sabo (D-MN), whom he had gotten to know well when Sabo was Speaker of the Minnesota State House. After 14 years in government, Dave began practicing regulatory law, first at Robins Kaplan and then at Dorsey & Whitney. He later started his own private practice in Washington, D.C., retiring in June 2021 following his cancer diagnosis. Dave was passionate about advancing opportunities in Minnesota and remained closely tied to industry and politics in his home state.

Following their wedding, Dave and Nancy moved from Capitol Hill to Alexandria, Virginia, where they raised three daughters. Dave was a loving and engaged father and informal mentor to many young people. He often chaperoned field trips, coached and cheered recreation and school sports, and counseled his daughters and their friends about life and career. Dave was an active member of Christ Church in Alexandria. He enthusiastically served the parish in a number of roles, and grounded himself in faith, fellowship, and music. He was particularly proud of his work as chair of the stewardship committee and helping to found the LGBTQ welcoming committee.

Having never met a stranger, Dave leaves behind a community of friends and family spanning from coast to coast and across the political aisle. Dave took great pride in the accomplishments of his daughters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, friends, and clients, and enjoyed relaying their achievements over backyard dinners or while taking in a Twins or Nationals game.

In addition to his wife, Nancy, he is survived by his brothers, John (Lou Ann) Bieging of Tucson, Arizona, and Jim (Deb) Bieging of St. Paul, Minnesota; daughters, Sarah (Christopher) Johnson of Bedford, Massachusetts, Lindsey (Greg) McConnell of Denver, Colorado, and Laura (Lois) Bieging of Alexandria, Virginia; granddaughters, Lydia Jean (7), Anna Halloran (5), and Ida Mae Brewster (2) Johnson; and grandsons Jack Randall (3) and Henry David (8mos) Bieging; and by nineteen nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, who all brought him great joy.

## THE FAMILY OF DAVE BIEGING

## IN MEMORIAM

# WILLIAM BOYD "BILL" BROWN

JUNE 19, 1939 — NOVEMBER 29, 2021

On November 29, 2021, William B. "Bill" Brown, loving father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, passed away in Excelsior. Bill was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the sixth of seven children. He graduated from Saint Joseph's Cathedral High School in 1957 and the University of South Dakota in 1961, where he was the president of his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Bill proudly served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1961-1963 and was stationed in Washington and Germany. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1966 and obtained his Certified Public Accountant designation before joining Haskins & Sells (now Deloitte) accounting firm as a tax attorney, where he was a partner for 27 years. Bill married Annette McDonald that same year and moved to New York City with Haskins & Sells, where he also earned a master of taxation degree from New York University. Bill and Annette moved back to Minnesota in 1969 and raised three daughters in Minnetonka. Bill moved with Deloitte to Nashville, Tennessee in 1993, and lived there for 23 years, before returning to Minnesota in 2016. His family is grateful they were able to have him closer for the last five years of his life.

Bill retired from practicing law at age 60 and spent his last two decades enjoying all of his favorite activities: alpine skiing, boating, rollerblading, racquetball, tennis, line-dancing and traveling the world. Bill had the gift of music, playing many instruments "by ear." He could often be found entertaining friends and family using his great singing voice while playing the piano or guitar. Bill participated in many sports and musical productions in his earlier life and spent countless hours cheering on his children and grandchildren at numerous sporting events, theater productions and musical performances. Each year, many months were spent in Minnesota and traveling throughout the United States to visit family and friends.

In the early 1990s, Bill travelled to Russia and participated in the first joint international meeting of Soviet Union lawyers and the American Bar Association to discuss U.S. tax law and conduct business in the USSR under new rules of the Gorbachev regime. A few years later, Bill was involved in a similar joint meeting in Vietnam. Bill also taught tax law courses at the University of Minnesota Law School throughout his tenure with Deloitte. During Bill's retirement, he volunteered at AARP, preparing tax returns for seniors, and at the Nashville International Airport for the Flying Aces.

Bill was preceded in death by his former wife, Annette Brown; parents, Leo and Florence Brown; two sisters, one brother, two brothers-in-law, one sister-in-law and four nephews. He is survived by daughters, Brenda (Eric) Boime, Bridget (Brad) Herman and Beth (Matt) Jones; grandchildren, Sam, Leo, and Eddie Boime, Delaney and Avery Herman and Anna, Olivia, Izzy and Henry Jones; sisters, Bernadette Shutts, Beverly (Richard) Crangle; brother, Robert (Liz) Brown; and many nieces and nephews. Bill was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

**THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM BROWN**

IN MEMORIAM  
**JESSICA CLAY**  
JUNE 14, 1977 — JULY 12, 2021

Jessica Clay, a talented attorney, advocate, and artist, died on July 12, 2021, at home in St. Paul. She was 44. The cause was brain cancer, which she valiantly fought for nine years.

Born on June 14, 1977, to Cynthia and DeWell “Butch” Clay, Jessica grew up in Wausau, Wisconsin. She was an avid swimmer, dancer, and runner. A skilled writer, Jessica graduated from UW-Madison, double majoring in English and Women’s Studies, and the U of M Law School, receiving her J.D. magna cum laude in 2001.

For several years, Jessica practiced employment law at Nichols Kaster. She devoted herself to her clients and argued many motions and appeals in state and federal court. Before and after working as a litigator, Jessica clerked for three federal judges: the Hon. Franklin Noel, the Hon. Susan Richard Nelson, and the Hon. Steven Rau. Jessica was invaluable to all three, but especially to Judge Rau, who was newly appointed at the time. Judge Rau’s former staff recall that Jessica’s experience and calm presence helped the chamber establish its footing. Fellow law clerks remember Jessica as a loyal friend, ever willing to lend a hand, a supportive ear, or a Diet Coke, depending on the need.

Jessica married Andrew Urbanski in 2003. A “foodie,” Jessica enjoyed cooking and dining out with Andrew, as well as traveling and caring for their pets. Along with Andrew, she is survived by her parents; her sister, Melissa Clay Reissmann (Josh); her in-laws; beloved nieces and nephews; and her dear cats. Jessica’s steadfast love for her family was self-evident. In June 2017, she triumphantly celebrated her milestone 40th birthday at Como Park, surrounded by loved ones, serving three types of cake from her favorite Wausau bakery, along with cookies bearing her image.

A talented artist, when Jessica was no longer able to work as an attorney, she channeled her creativity into making precious-metal clay jewelry and selling it through her online shop “Clay by Clay” and at art fairs.

When others received cancer diagnoses, Jessica offered encouragement, and, in Judge Rau’s case, a touch of sass. Upon learning of his illness, Jessica left a voicemail message in which she colorfully admonished him for using his black robe to cut in front of her in the mortality line. He roared with laughter. Sadly, they both reached the front of the line far too soon.

Through her years of cancer treatments, Jessica regularly posted candid, thoughtful, and witty online updates. Recalling them, Judge Noel said, “It is often supposed that law clerks are to learn from the judges they serve. But in the case of Jessica Clay, I learned far more from her than I ever taught her. As she confronted death, Jessica’s insight into people, together with her sometimes dark humor and innate writing skill, enabled her to teach the rest of us what life is really all about. The profession has too soon lost a truly remarkable soul.”

**MARILYN CONKLIN**

## IN MEMORIAM

# PETER CORCORAN

JANUARY 1, 1932 — OCTOBER 21, 2021

Peter Corcoran died on October 21, 2021, at the age of 89 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Thankfully, he had moments of lucidity until the end.

Peter was born in Saginaw, Michigan, January 1, 1932. Peter attended Georgetown Prep, graduating first in his class in 1949 and was a football All-City Halfback in Washington, D.C. He majored in philosophy and economics at Georgetown University, then earned an MBA in finance from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, followed by a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. Peter served proudly as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy. Peter worked as a tax attorney at General Motors, Dow Chemical, Dayton-Hudson (now Target), and DeBartolo Realty (now Simon DeBartolo Group.)

More important than Peter's esteemed career was his devotion to his family and friends. He loved reading, sailing, biking, skiing, canoeing, camping, trips to Disneyworld and other travels with his children and grandchildren, and volunteering. The fond memories are endless. Peter biked 20 miles per day into his 80s, year-round, conditions permitting. He especially loved his summer home at Tawas Beach Club in East Tawas, Michigan on Lake Huron. The cottage, and his many friends there, hail back to 1937 when his dad, Charlie, became a member. Peter was also a lifelong member of the Saginaw Club in Saginaw, MI.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 41 years, Irene (Etheridge); parents, Martha (Nester) and Charles Corcoran; a sister, Rosemary Howley; and a son-in-law, James Weinberger. He is survived by four children, Elizabeth Weinberger; Charles (Lisa) Corcoran and their children, Peter, Eric and Christine; Katherine (David) Weinberger and their children Eileen (Jared) Novotny and their children, Gavin and Grayden; David (Stephanie) Weinberger, Bobby Weinberger, Olivia (Jeremy) DeVries and Christopher Weinberger; Christine (Charlie) Stibitz and their children, Irene Stibitz, Lisa (Marco Zamudio) Stibitz, Charlie (Kristina) Stibitz and John (Kaitlynn) Stibitz. Peter is also survived by a sister, Martha Ann Joseph, and many nieces and nephews.

**CHARLES CORCORAN AND CHRISTINE CORCORAN STIBITZ**

IN MEMORIAM

**JOHN C. DEMOSS**

**FEBRUARY 24, 1924 — JANUARY 14, 2021**

John C. DeMoss was born in Minot, North Dakota on February 24, 1924, and he passed away on January 14, 2021, in Edina, having been predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Mary, in 2016. John is survived by his four daughters, Christine DeMoss (Peter Moe), Dr. Catherine DeMoss, Diane (Jon) Powers, Joanne (David) LaValle; six grandchildren; and three brothers. In 1942, John graduated salutatorian of his class at Minneapolis West High School, and was immediately drafted into the U.S. Army, 66th Infantry (Black Panther Division) proudly serving in Europe during WWII.

Upon returning from his service, John enrolled at the University of Minnesota on the GI Bill. While studying at the University of Minnesota, John also worked at the family-owned Star Valet Dry Cleaners located on Lyndale Avenue in South Minneapolis.

John graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1949 and was admitted to the Minnesota State Bar. John also was licensed to practice law in the federal courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1957, John was admitted to the California State Bar.

John was a member of the Masons, Shriners, Scottish Rite, American Legion, VFW, and AHEPA (American Hellenic Education Progressive Association), among other organizations.

John was a sole practitioner and had many associates throughout his career: Leslie Erickson, Talbert Erickson, Sidney Schwartzfield, Morris Holmberg, Arthur Hallgrain, and Frank Clinite, among others.

In addition, John worked with his brother Michael, along with his daughters Christine, Diane, and Joanne.

John always rooted for and made a point to represent the underdog and the underprivileged. Throughout his career, he maintained a general law practice, handling a variety of types of cases. John represented many clients pro bono. In addition, John represented many individuals of Greek descent, and his fluency in the Greek language was an asset to him and to his clients, who frequently had correspondence and interactions in Greek.

John was very proud to be a lawyer, believing it was a noble profession, and he always strived to uphold that ideal. He always went above and beyond for his clients, friends, and family.

John loved the law, and he never retired.

**CHRISTINE C. DEMOSS**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**ROBERT THOMAS "BOB" DOLAN**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 1947 — NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

Bob was an outstanding attorney. He was a trial attorney. He loved to go to trial. Bob's intelligence, compassion, empathy, and his sense of humor faired him well. He identified with the jury and they in turn identified with him. He gave every client 100 percent of himself. Bob's greatest quality was his integrity. He never ever compromised his integrity.

Bob was so much more than being an outstanding attorney. His first love was his family. He was involved in coaching the kids' teams. He made it fun. He was present at every game if he was in town. He was a resource they could bounce ideas off of as they grew. He was involved in every aspect of their lives.

Following our daughter Meghan's death, who was a quadriplegic following an accident, he became involved in Camp Courage. He lived there every summer doing whatever needed to be done. He did personal cares, feeding those who couldn't feed themselves, driving a boat so they could enjoy tubing. He was their rock when zip lining thru the air. Bob loved them and they loved him. Bob had a special kind of humor that made them laugh. He lived for Camp Courage.

He served meals at Sharing & Caring Hands, he volunteered to coach wheelchair basketball, and there he was at the Para-Olympics tryouts.

In addition to his volunteering, he was on the boxing commission which also oversaw Mixed Martial Arts. He wanted to make sure things were as safe as possible.

Bob did all these things with such love. He did things in a quiet way. He never bragged about what he did. To put a smile on your face was enough for Bob. If you had the honor to meet Bob, you knew he was special. He made everyone feel they had value.

My last words are "Heaven Needed a Hero" and they got Bob, a true hero to mankind.

**JEANNE DOLAN**

## IN MEMORIAM

# PETER DORSEY

AUGUST 22, 1922 — SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Peter Dorsey, a lawyer of exceptional character and accomplishment, died peacefully at his home on September 12, 2021, at the age of 99. Peter was born in 1922, the fourth of five children of James and Mary (Toomey) Dorsey. He graduated from Blake in 1940 and headed to Harvard. World War II interrupted his undergraduate education when in 1942, he enlisted in the U. S. Army. After airborne training, he was assigned as a lieutenant in the 77th Infantry Division and sent into combat on Okinawa. Following the Japanese surrender, he served in the Army of Occupation in the city of Sapporo until his discharge in 1946. Peter then returned to Harvard to finish his undergraduate degree, after which he entered Harvard Law School. He graduated in 1949 and returned to Minneapolis to begin practicing law with his father's law firm, now known as Dorsey & Whitney.

Peter retired from Dorsey & Whitney in 1994. During his 45-year career, Peter built a reputation as a skilled and successful trial lawyer who was respected by both judges and adversaries. But it was the high regard in which his clients held him that really set Peter apart. They were uncommonly loyal to him. The appreciation and gratitude they felt for him could easily be attributed to his keen intellect, quick wit, and genuine concern. But Peter would say the key to his close relationships with his clients was simply that he liked them, and he let them know he did.

Peter also played a key role in local legal services organizations. He served as president of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, and he represented defendants in Sen. Joe McCarthy's anti-communist witch-hunt hearings. In addition, he was instrumental in the formation of the Legal Rights Center, which serves indigent clients, particularly Native Americans, in the Twin Cities. Peter was a generous and giving person who watched out for those who needed help. He was also a great lawyer, a bon vivant, and an irreverent, funny, straight-talking, and warm friend to countless people.

Throughout his long life, Peter remained a caring and supportive father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was also the favorite uncle and great-uncle to his extended family. In retirement, he loved nothing more than getting in the car with his wife Patti and their dog and heading west to his sacred spot: La Jolla, California. Along the way, they always stopped to visit his many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who live in Oregon. When the long road trips became too arduous, he settled in for good at his and Patti's home in Minneapolis. There, his greatest pleasure was to sit in his old reading chair, surrounded by his beloved books, and visit with the many friends and family members who stopped by to see him.

Peter was survived by his wife, Patricia Elfstrand; his children, Sheila, Cynthia, Justin (Colleen), and Sage (Lynne); his stepdaughter, Amy (Marcelo); 10 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

**COLLEAGUES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF PETER DORSEY**



IN MEMORIAM  
**MARK EARL DOUGLASS**  
FEBRUARY 9, 1951 — JUNE 21, 2021

Mark was born in Minneapolis in 1951. He attended West High School and then Harvard University, where he graduated cum laude in history in 1974. Mark studied law at Hamline University School of Law from which he earned his Juris Doctorate in 1979. He practiced law in Minnesota primarily as a transactional real estate and probate attorney.

As a survivor of childhood sexual abuse, he was the first adult in the nation to overcome the statute of limitations in such cases, in 1984. Four years later, a Hennepin County civil jury awarded him \$1.27 million against his molester. After his 15 minutes of fame in the media spotlight, Mark advocated legislative changes in the Minnesota statute of limitations in such cases. He retired from law practice in 2004. He later became a career coach and consultant for lawyers.

In March 2004, while traveling in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, with his then twelve-year-old daughter, they narrowly escaped death when stumbling into the middle of a narcotics-related gangland kidnapping. This incident left Mark struggling with depression and PTSD. During the course of therapy, Mark wrote his memoir, *Flashbacks of Abuse: How a Machine Gun Toting Sociopath Freed Me From the Chains of My Childhood* (Expert Publishing, Inc., 2007) in which he described how facing death, and surviving, led him to resolve emotional and psychological issues arising from the incident, and from his being sexually abused as a child by a family friend.

For his 40 year class reunion from Harvard, he wrote:

“I was a bright, bookish, introverted boy who grew into a brave, well-spoken advocate, teacher, husband and father. I endured, survived, vanquished, and forgave my childhood molester and oppressor. I overcame my own struggles with depression and PTSD to achieve a measure of peace and grace. Through my writing and speaking, I led others like myself in their own search for freedom. I was able to accomplish these things with the ever present love and support of my beloved wife, Ann, to whom, and for whom, I am deeply grateful and thankful.”

Mark enjoyed reading, writing, speaking, attending movies and theater, teaching English to new immigrants, training and hunting with his English Setter, paddling his antique 1915 B.N. Morris wood-canvas canoe, and tending his backyard apple orchard. Mark is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ann L. Norrlander, D.D.S.; and their adult children, James and Sarah.

**MARK DOUGLASS (SELF)**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**JOHN ELLSWORTH**  
**APRIL 2, 1968 — JULY 27, 2021**

John Ellsworth, husband and father of three sons. He was a great attorney and family man and took pride in both his work and family. He left us unexpectedly and is missed dearly.

Certifications: Licensed attorney and member of Minnesota State Bar. Licensed attorney and member of South Carolina State Bar. Organizations: American Bar Association, Association of Corporate Counsel, Association of Corporate Governance Professionals. Education: University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., corporate law, 1999. University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A., political science, and communication.

Even though John was a native of Minnesota, he was a loyal Wisconsin Badgers fan. John's favorite role was being a dad to his three sons, Jack, Conrad, and Jameson. Every weekend was a boys' weekend. With his three sons, there was always something to do, and something they had broken.

**THE ELLSWORTH FAMILY**

IN MEMORIAM  
**JEANETTE FREDERICKSON**

JUNE 22, 1945 — APRIL 22, 2021

Jeanette lived life to its fullest, and everyone who was lucky enough to be her friend was along for the ride. She made every moment a time filled with food, laughter, and adventure. She loved music, art, theater, backyard parties, every holiday, and beautiful clothes. Most of all, she loved her daughter, Mandy. They had a rare and beautiful bond, forged in many challenges and a deep, abiding love.

Jeanette grew up in Milwaukee, and attended Alverno College, the University of Minnesota, and William Mitchell College of Law. She started her career as an art teacher, moved to Minneapolis to obtain a master's in deaf education, and then attended law school. She had a long career in family law, eventually starting her own firm: Frederickson and Associates. She was always an entrepreneur, by buying and selling real estate over the years.

She made art and authored books: *Life After Deaf: Impact of Deafness on a Family*, *The Minnesota Divorce Revolution*, and the second edition of *The Minnesota Divorce Revolution*. She served for PACER (Parental Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights) in various roles and terms as a member of the board and as president of the board of directors beginning from 1987 to 2020. Jeanette was a voracious reader, joining two book clubs. She was a world traveler, with tales of venturesome trips including voyages around the Cape, Antarctica, Russia in the winter, cave diving in Mexico, and many others. She was the ultimate hostess, putting everyone at ease, always making us all laugh. She was a true friend, always there in times of joy and sorrow. Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Frank Koch, and sister, Carol Koch.

She is survived by daughter, Madelaine "Mandy" Frederickson; her sister, Elaine Fantin; nephews, Phillip and Joseph Fantin; former brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mark and Suzanne Frederickson; and nephews, Gordon and Steve Frederickson; and many other loving family and friends.

**MANDY FREDERICKSON**

IN MEMORIAM

**THOMAS P. GALLAGHER**

OCTOBER 5, 1934 — JANUARY 2, 2021

Tom grew up in the Kenwood neighborhood of Minneapolis with his late siblings Sharon, Michael, and Bobby, and parents the late Honorable Thomas F. Gallagher and Betty Gallagher. He attended Blake School and graduated from St. Thomas Academy. He earned his undergraduate degree and his law degree at the University of Minnesota, graduating cum laude in 1958 at just 23 years old. He was Note Editor at the Minnesota Law Review where he honed his incisive writing skills that became the hallmark of his legal career. While in school, he met his wife Barbara, who was sitting alone in a booth at a bar near campus because her date had gotten up to play a game of pool. Tom saw the poised, beautiful young woman with thick chestnut hair and knew immediately he had to sit down and introduce himself. They married 18 months later, in 1958.

Tom worked with Walter Mondale at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office and entered into private practice. He began working as an arbitrator in the early 1970s and made it his full-time specialty around 1980. His fairness, analytical skills, and ability to bring an impartial intellect to public and private sector cases in many industries made him a highly respected arbitrator. Tom was a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators and was on Minnesota's Bureau of Mediation Services arbitration roster. He heard nearly 2,000 cases and influenced the development of arbitration practice in Minnesota. He had a full career but it was just part of his life.

Tom and Barbara had many happy days together. He enjoyed sailing with his children on Lake Minnetonka, cooking and eating with his buddies at Amateur Chef's Club meetings, and running and walking many miles around the lakes in Minneapolis. There were downhill ski trips to Northern Michigan and Jackson Hole, kite flying, tennis and biking with the family and many great times and travel with dear friends. In recent years, Tom lived in Edina and greatly appreciated the care and friendship of his sister-in-law Ann Gallagher.

In his final weeks, Gallagher told family members his proudest moment was when Frank Elkouri, a former professor at the University of Oklahoma who was a leading expert on labor arbitration, told him at a conference he was one of the best arbitrators in the country.

Tom passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on January 2, 2021. He spent his final week after a progressive illness on home hospice, surrounded by his children and grandchildren, reminiscing, feeling their love, and listening as they sang and played music. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his fine legal mind, loyalty to loved ones, sharp skills at the Bridge table and Backgammon board, and ability to communicate with few words, but just the right words.

**CONALL P. GALLAGHER**

IN MEMORIAM  
**LINDA GALLANT**  
JUNE 6, 1946 — JUNE 12, 2021

Student activist, activist lawyer, law school professor, and Hennepin County District Court Referee Linda Gallant died on June 13, 2021, only four months after being diagnosed with lymphoma, and just one week after celebrating her 75th birthday at her home with her many friends.

Linda was born and raised near Boston, Massachusetts, with her older sister and two younger brothers. After graduating high school, Linda attended Pembroke College (part of Brown University) in Providence, Rhode Island, where she became active in the anti-war and civil rights movements. Linda helped organize the Brown University contingent of the 1967 Pentagon sit-in, in protest of the Vietnam War, where she was among the many protestors arrested. In 1968, in the aftermath of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination, Linda helped organize a sit-in at the Rhode Island State House in support of fair housing legislation.

In 1968, after graduating from Brown, Linda moved to Minneapolis, where she taught at City, Inc. in North Minneapolis. In 1973, after the American Indian Movement occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, Linda volunteered to do legal support work on the criminal cases arising from the occupation. The following year, 1974, Linda enrolled at William Mitchell College of Law. While in law school, Linda worked as a law clerk for the Legal Rights Center in South Minneapolis.

Upon graduating law school in 1977, Linda opened her own law practice, serving largely poor and working-class clients. Her social activism continued, representing tenants on rent strike seeking better housing conditions and peace and justice activists protesting a local company's manufacturing of "cluster" bombs.

In 1986, Linda left private practice to serve as a clinical professor, both at William Mitchell and in New York City. In 1993, Linda was chosen to serve as a Hennepin County District Court Referee, a position she held until her retirement in 2012.

In her retirement Linda became an active adventurer, hiker, bicyclist, canoeist, and kayaker. She travelled the world: China (biking), Mongolia, Russia, Cambodia, France, Thailand,

Hong Kong, Singapore, Machu Picchu (hiking), Cuba (biking), Vietnam, Croatia (biking), Jordan (biking to Petra), Nepal, Turkey, Greece, Morocco, and her favorite, Italy. Her travels included hiking the arduous Great Wall of China, as well as biking Prince Edward Island in search of Gallant ancestors.

Linda is survived by her three siblings; her aunt; and her many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

To many, Linda may be most remembered as a community builder; the one who would gather neighbors and longtime community activists to her backyard to celebrate the coming of spring: Gallant's "margarita opener."

**MARK WERNICK**

IN MEMORIAM  
**MICHAEL DAVID GOLDNER**  
DECEMBER 1, 1942 — JUNE 19, 2021

Michael David Goldner passed on June 19th, 2021, at age 78. He is survived by his beloved and very patient and loving wife of 55 years, Barbara; his son, Daniel (Deborah Cohen), daughter, Emily (Michael Humphries); and four remarkable and adored grandchildren. He was fortunate to have a kind and energetic sister, Linda Goldenberg (Jack) and her delightful family. He was very proud of them all.

Mike had suffered from some of the typical health issues afflicting people of his age, and liked to say, simply, that the warranties had all expired. He believed that his life was fully lived, and he was sanguine about the end of it, whenever that should occur.

While Mike was pleased with his legal practice, and then the business successes he and his partners had, he was prouder of the small part he played in the life of the various community nonprofit organizations with which he was affiliated over the years. These included Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, the ACLU of Minnesota, the Guthrie Theater, the Minneapolis Club and the Saint Paul Port Authority, among others. He liked nothing better than to be a clear voice of reason and experience in an organization facing challenges.

Mike's love of clarity and his willingness to endure and often to create stress in these organizations clearly was derived from his father, a plain spoken and gifted surgeon, and from Mike's years as an infantry officer in the U. S. Marine Corps, including his service in the Republic of Vietnam in 1967.

Tact, which he valued in others, was not a characteristic that he wore easily. But the people who knew him and with whom he worked and supported, as well as those he opposed, always knew where he stood and where they stood with him.

Mike believed that a person was to be judged by their family, their friends, their role in the community, and on how they responded to their responsibilities to those people. He hoped that on those scores he will be remembered fondly.

Semper Fidelis

**MICHAEL GOLDNER (SELF)**

IN MEMORIAM

**R. BERTRAM "BERT" GREENER**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 1940 — MARCH 23, 2021**

Bert Greener was born in Rahway, New Jersey in 1940, spending his junior high and high school years in Peoria, Illinois. He received his B.A. from Wheaton College where he met his wife of 57 years, Jean. Bert served for three years as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps before attending Duke University Law School, where he was on the editorial board of the law journal.

He joined Fredrikson & Byron Law Firm in 1969, practicing there for 40 years. In 1993 he was the recipient of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Award for Professional Excellence. Bert was legal counsel for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, a founding member of Minnesota Lawyers Mutual, served as president of Minneapolis Rotary in 2002-2003, and sat on the board of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

Bert was an avid sports fan; aside from attending (and coaching) his children's and grandchildren's events, he was a season ticket holder for the University of Minnesota basketball team for more than 30 years. Known for knowing all sorts of things about almost anything, he could name the school mascot of nearly every university in the country, and the capital city of nearly every country in the world. Bert loved his books, had a sharp sense of humor. He often said he was born to practice law and could not imagine spending his career any other way. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and colleagues.

**NICK GREENER**

## IN MEMORIAM

# TIMOTHY MICHAEL HEANEY

JUNE 25, 1946 — DECEMBER 31, 2020

Timothy “Tim” Michael Heaney was born in Anoka, Minnesota, on June 25, 1946, and passed away on December 31, 2020. Tim spent most of his childhood in Washington, D.C. As a child, Tim explored Capitol Hill after school, often watching the senators debate from the Senate’s galley. Those early experiences instilled a lifelong interest in law, politics, and public policy.

After graduating from Archbishop John Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., Tim attended Saint John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota, where he earned a B.A. degree in 1968. Following college, Tim attended the University of Minnesota Law School, where he served as a member and editor of the Minnesota Law Review (1971-1972). Tim graduated with a J.D. cum laude in 1972.

Tim was a partner and chair of the securities department at Fredrikson & Byron, where he practiced law for 27 years. Tim represented issuers and broker-dealers in public and private financings and general corporate work. Tim was a trusted colleague and advisor. As one of Tim’s friends and former partners reminisced, “Tim was an outstanding lawyer, bringing a mix of business acumen and legal expertise to every client in a manner that became a model for many other business/corporate lawyers. He also brought a keen eye to management matters, where he showed thoughtfulness, passion, and intensity. With just the right mix of wisdom, experience, expertise—and sometimes most importantly—humor, Tim encouraged his friends, partners and colleagues to pursue their goals and work.” During the final years of his professional career, Tim served as vice president and general counsel for Bio-Techné Corp., a global biotechnology company.

Tim was a lifelong learner and student of history, politics, philosophy and the world. His unending curiosity and love of travel took him around the globe to seldom visited places in Iran, India, China, Chile, Russia and parts of Africa. His 1990 backpacking trip to the jungles of New Guinea visiting indigenous tribes was a feature story in the Star Tribune and LA Times, which earned him the nickname, “Jungle Tim.”

Tim’s greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren. “Papa,” as he was known to his grandchildren, enjoyed reading stories, baking, and supervising trips to the zoo, Minnesota State Fair, and the Children’s Theatre. Tim was well known for his sweet tooth, managing to enjoy all the treats, pies, and cookies that so many friends brought to him throughout his final years and days.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta Hunt; sons, Mark (Amy) and Andrew (Ashley); stepdaughters, Jackie (David) Smith and Megan (Ward) Davis; grandchildren, Phina, Gus, Levi, Mack, Ashton, Brooksley, Nolan, Wyatt, and Wren; and his siblings, Paul (Dianne), Larry (Terry), Bill (Ruth), MaryBeth (Tom), and many nieces and nephews. Tim was preceded in death by his mother, Maryanne; father, Richard; and sister, Maureen.

Rest in peace, Dad! We miss you.

**MARK LUTHER HEANEY**



IN MEMORIAM  
**JAY HEFFERN**

Jay Heffern passed away on May 21, 2021, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Jay is survived by his wife, Signe, who helped and supported him throughout the many years of his struggle with the disease. Jay is also survived by his daughters, Alexis (Nick) Ergang and Lindsey (Bernie) Hanson; four grandchildren, Carter, Zoe, Hewitt, and Everly; his brother, Parke (Jennifer) and sister, Kathy (Mario) Ignagni; as well as many family members and friends. Jay was preceded in death by his parents Beulah and Parke Heffern, Sr.

A lifelong Minneapolis resident, Jay graduated from DeLaSalle High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree and Juris Doctor degree from the University of Minnesota. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1972. He was stationed both in the U.S. and overseas in Ankara, Turkey, during the Vietnam era. When he left the Air Force, he turned that life of service to the state of Minnesota and eventually to the city of Minneapolis, his birthplace and the city that held his heart.

After graduation from law school, he joined the Minnesota Attorney General's office where he practiced environmental law. Subsequently, Jay served as deputy executive director (now deputy commissioner) of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and then general counsel for the Metropolitan Council. In 1996, Mayor Sharon Sales-Belton named Jay as the Minneapolis city attorney, a position he held until his retirement. After retirement, Jay worked on restorative justice issues. Jay received many awards and much recognition throughout his career. He was especially proud to be recognized in 2012 by the Minnesota State Bar Association with its Public Attorney of Excellence award and with his induction into the DeLaSalle Hall of Fame.

Jay believed in public service. He believed in fairness, equality, justice, and forgiveness. Led by these values, and a career committed to them, Jay strove to do what was right for the communities he served. He knew for many people equal chance in life was not possible because of circumstance and that wasn't right. He loved his career, he loved giving to and working for the community, he loved bettering the place he lived. Jay was generous with his service to others, and he believed in the future. He knew it would be a better and more prosperous world if we all did our part.

Jay had many interests. He enjoyed live theater, cross-country car trips, Irish music, Golden Gopher football, crossword puzzles, and above all, he loved his family. Of all his many accomplishments, Jay took the most pride in his two daughters. He was very formative in their lives, and they are successful women with good values. Jay's grandchildren were the light and joy of his life. Jay is very missed by his family and friends. He was a man who tried his best and had a powerful impact on so many people.

**THE HEFFERN FAMILY**

## IN MEMORIAM

# DAVID FULTON HERR

JULY 13, 1950 — DECEMBER 22, 2021

When it became public late in 2021 that David was near death, tributes began to pour in, as a kind of living eulogy. We heard from his Maslon family; colleagues at his beloved Mitchell Hamline Law School; lawyers who admired him, whether on his side or the other; judges; Gov. Tim Walz; Mayor Melvin Carter, who proclaimed December 3, 2021 “David F. Herr Day” in the City of Saint Paul; and many dear friends.

We, of course, knew of David’s towering professional life and extraordinary accomplishments. Except for his family, nothing was more important to David than the law. (A gourmet meal and fine glass of wine were a close third and fourth!). We are so grateful for the well-deserved recognition of David’s service to our system of justice, but death came way too early for somebody who loved life like David did. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mary Kay Herr; sons, Alec Herr and Ehrland Truitt; grandsons, Reyes and Novic; siblings, Andrew Fulton Herr, Barbara Herr Harthorn, Susan Herr Hopwood; and countless in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

At Maslon, David was a colleague and dear friend to so many for four decades. He brought honor to the firm’s reputation for superior quality and exemplary client service. He served in management for six years, mentored countless lawyers new to the profession, and was general counsel for over 25 years.

In the broader legal community, the professionals who knew David have remembered him as one of the most highly regarded appellate lawyers and complex case litigators in Minnesota. Outside of the courtroom, he had a profound impact as a prolific author of legal books and treatises. He was devoted to quality legal education that made such a positive impression on the law students whom he taught for many years as a Mitchell Hamline adjunct professor. He was a founder of the Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society, and he was a charter member and president of the Academy of Court Appointed Masters. He was a past-president of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

David made his mark on the world too. He had a passionate commitment to justice, and pro bono and volunteer service. He was generous with his time and resources in his work as a chair and board member of the Innocence Project of Minnesota, a chair of the United Hospital Foundation, and on behalf of so many other worthy causes.

Yes, David was a scholar and practitioner on the big stage, yet it paled in comparison to his dedication to us inside his beloved home. We sorely miss him. But he made a lot of wonderful and cherished memories for us, and they will endure long after his passing.

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF DAVID FULTON HERR

IN MEMORIAM  
**KINGSLEY D. HOLMAN**  
MARCH 13, 1922 — FEBRUARY 20, 2021

Kingsley D. Holman, 98, of Bloomington, died on February 20, 2021. He was born on March 13, 1922, in Chicago, one of four sons of the Rev. Hans J. and Leona (Hookland) Holman. He grew up in Battle Lake, Minnesota, then graduated from High School at Minneapolis Roosevelt. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in Europe in the 13th Armored Division under General Patton. Upon discharge from the service, he worked full time at Sears Roebuck in Minneapolis while attending law school. On October 15, 1949, he married Elaine T. Fischer from Royalton, Minnesota and they celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary a few months before his passing.

Upon graduating from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1949, he opened his law practice in Bloomington, and he was subsequently joined by his son, David L. Holman in 1976. During his long career, he was most proud of representing the Bloomington School District for 60 years, where he was able to give back to the community while making numerous friends. He was very active in Minnesota politics, where he worked for and with many people that he greatly admired. He wrote political satire for a chain of newspapers, as well as hosted a recurring guest interview program on one of the local radio stations. He also served as the Minnesota DFL party treasurer for a time.

He was loved by his family and is remembered as a brilliant individual with a terrific, gentle sense of humor. He rarely took vacations (a deficit largely remedied by his son, much to his consternation) and he almost never missed a day of work while actively practicing until the age of 92. Even after his "retirement," he would come to work every day until a few months before his death, to make certain that things were still running smoothly.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; his three sons, Craig Holman, Dirk Holman (Lori) and David Holman (Barbara Kleist); and his three grandsons, Blake Holman (Paige), Isaac Holman, and Dirk Holman, Jr. His was a life well lived, and well deserved.

**DAVID L. HOLMAN**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**AMY DANIELLE JOYCE**  
**MARCH 20, 1969 — FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

Amy Joyce died at the age of 51 years from colon cancer. Although born in Kansas, Amy grew up in Minnesota. She graduated from Edina High School and then obtained a degree from the University of St. Thomas with honors. She graduated from William Mitchell College of Law, earning her J.D. She then passed both the Minnesota bar exam as well as the Illinois bar exam. She moved to Chicago to be close to her two brothers, sisters-in-laws, and nieces. She soon came back to Minnesota to practice law with her stepfather, Bill Skolnick. The firm became Skolnick & Joyce, where Amy concentrated her practice in family law.

She was a skilled trial lawyer with a well-deserved reputation for intelligence, grace, and persuasive analysis. She had a unique style of being able to challenge lawyers and judges without creating unnecessary friction. The most important quality that she demonstrated was her concern and compassion for her clients that were going through the life-changing experience of divorce. Her clients gained strength by trusting and relying on Amy's advice on navigating the difficult obstacles they were facing. Her clients were relieved to have someone fighting for them that never wavered in seeking the best outcomes.

Amy's beautiful smile was disarming to adversaries, as she would then proceed to destroy her opponents' evidence and credibility. Her law partner referred to her as the velvet hammer, since she appeared soft right before she swung and hit you with the hammer. Amy was an advocate for justice, particularly for those treated unfairly by society. She acted in accordance with her moral compass, often challenging the status quo.

Amy enjoyed many activities including cycling, yoga, and vacationing in Mexico. She was a loyal fan of Aerosmith, attending many of their concerts including in Las Vegas where she celebrated her 50th birthday.

Amy is survived by her mother and stepfather, Fran & Bill Skolnick; her brothers, Toby (Clara) and Tim (Stacie); her father and stepmother, Mark Joyce (Ellen). She loved her two nieces, Jaycee (Mitchell) Ruley and Hadli Joyce, and they loved and admired their very cool Aunt Amy. Amy's many loving friends will miss her strength of character and guidance.

**THE FAMILY OF AMY JOYCE**

## IN MEMORIAM

# IRWIN KETROSER

FEBRUARY 1, 1923 — AUGUST 30, 2021

Irwin Ketrosers was born of Moldavan parents in 1923 and he died on August 30, 2021, at the age of 98. He was the youngest of five children and only he, his sister Sara, and his brother Leo were born in the U.S.

Irwin went to the University of Minnesota for undergraduate school (B.S.L.). In 1943, he started law school at the University of Minnesota, graduating with an L.L.B. During the summer term of 1943, he enrolled in the Navy V-12. He was sent to Ann Arbor for training and, as part of his naval training program, he was allowed to elect law school courses. He was admitted to the Minnesota Bar in 1949 after marrying Grace Latz, the love of his life. Later that year, his first child, a daughter Diane, was born. He later had three more children, David, Robert, and Heidi.

In all the years he practiced, Irwin's offices were in Minneapolis and the surrounding vicinity. When he first began the general practice of law on August 1, 1949, he did some divorce and family law but did not enjoy it. Business law was more to his liking and became his specialty.

When Irwin first got out of the Navy and began to practice law, he, Grace, and Diane lived very frugally in a Minneapolis apartment. Times were tough, and Irwin's parents would bring over groceries from time to time.

Irwin went to work every weekday and had a strong moral value of supporting his family. There were occasional weekends where he would bring work home and do it on the kitchen table.

Over the many years he practiced law, Irwin did an admirable job of providing financially for his family. On the weekends during football season, he and Grace were faithful fans in the stands of the University of Minnesota Gophers on Saturdays and the Minnesota Vikings on Sundays.

I don't remember him worrying about whether or not he would have enough clients. Maybe he did worry and just didn't want to talk about it. I think many men in World War II just didn't like to talk about some things. We never could get our dad to talk to us about his experiences in the Navy on the ship in the Philippine waters.

Irwin had great will power. When he decided to do something, or to stop doing something, e.g., quit smoking, he just did it. He made it look easy. It was just a part of his personality.

He was a lawyer who knew his own mind and he preferred having his own practice. He had many clients who came to him for years and years for their various legal needs. Irwin retired from his law practice when he was in his 80s and spent his time enjoying his children, his grandchildren, watching sports, exercising, and playing golf with his friends or his son Bob. He was able to live on his own in his own apartment until he died.

**DIANE THURLOW**

## IN MEMORIAM

# LESLIE JAY "LES" KRAUS

SEPTEMBER 6, 1943 — AUGUST 27, 2021

Les was born in Brooklyn, New York and grew up on Long Island. Mischievous in his youth, he grew into a kind, generous and caring man with a zest for life and was deeply committed to making the world a better place. He lived according to a quote he had painted on the wall of his home office: Living is my job and my art. (Montaigne 1533-1592).

Les dreamed of becoming a labor lawyer. He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial relations from Northeastern University in 1966, and his Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School in 1969. To put himself through school, Les drove a taxi and played poker.

Les's first job as an attorney was for the Internal Revenue Service. While not passionate about tax law, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) had a hiring freeze, and the IRS was his way into federal service. His opportunity came in 1971, when the NLRB offered him a position in Minneapolis. Having never been west of Pittsburgh, he took a leap of faith and moved to the Midwest. While he loved the greenery and the lakes, he missed the great food of the east-coast cities. To remedy this situation, Les invested in two iconic Minneapolis restaurants: The Malt Shop and Zorka & Ollie's. As the city's restaurants improved, Les took great pride in Minneapolis's culinary scene and was quick, and insistent, with his recommendations.

In 1982, Les turned to private practice and started his own firm, Leslie J. Kraus & Associates, to represent management in all aspects of employee relations. One of the reasons he was hired to represent his clients with employee relations was because he was not a "suit." Les always attempted to be fair to both sides, looking for win-win outcomes.

Les was an avid reader from a young age, often staying up to read into the early hours of the morning. He loved reading with his daughter, and then with his grandchildren. He was a passionate volunteer for the Friends of the Edina Library, including helping to organize book sales and serving as the group's president.

For many years, Les volunteered as a court-appointed guardian ad litem, advocating for the welfare of children in need of protection. Les would give books to the children he advocated for, giving them the gift of his help, and sharing his love of reading. He was also an active member and volunteer of the Lake Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists.

Described by his friends as a force of life and an unforgettable character with a striking resemblance to Albert Einstein, Les loved to entertain, travel and play games. Les was More.

He is survived by his partner, Helen Strand; daughter and son-in-law, Erica and Jeff Pyatt; grandchildren, Elliana and Max Pyatt; sister, Marlene (Steve) Morris; nephews, Gary (Laura and children Nolan and Veronica) and David (Melinda) Morris; ex-wife, Susan Rosenthal; and many friends.

**THE FAMILY OF LESLIE KRAUS**

## IN MEMORIAM

# THE HONORABLE RICHARD H. KYLE

APRIL 30, 1937 — JUNE 22, 2021

Richard H. “Sarge” Kyle was born in St. Paul on April 30, 1937. After attending St. Paul Academy and Williams College, he earned his B.A. with honors from the University of Minnesota and his L.L.B. from the University of Minnesota Law School, where he served as president of the Minnesota Law Review and was a member of the Order of the Coif.

After law school, he served as law clerk to his mentor, the late Hon. Edward J. Devitt on the U. S. District Court. He subsequently joined the St. Paul law firm of Briggs and Morgan where, except for a two-year stint as Minnesota Solicitor General, he practiced continuously until 1992, when he was nominated by President George H.W. Bush for, and confirmed as, Minnesota’s 27th United States District Judge. He assumed senior status in 2005 and continued to carry a full caseload until he retired from active service in 2017.

After his appointment in 1992, he made an immediate impression on his new colleagues with his early morning work habits. During a ceremony marking the occasion of his taking senior status in 2005, then Chief Judge James Rosenbaum noted that Judge Kyle was a person who took Benjamin Franklin’s aphorism “early to bed, early to rise” to the extreme. Chief Judge Rosenbaum recounted, “On his first day as a judge, he reached the courthouse at his accustomed 4:15 a.m., only to find the building completely locked. To accommodate our new colleague’s insomniac habits, the Court immediately granted him a pass key, allowing him to maintain his early arising behaviors.”

He was a master of judicial administration. His hearings started on time, his cases moved swiftly, and his orders were issued within 30 days of oral argument—no fail. He presided over many trials during his nearly 30 years on the bench. He mentored dozens of law clerks and enjoyed walking the halls of the federal courthouse and downtown skyway system greeting colleagues, lawyers, and friends when court was not in session.

Off the bench, he was a member of the Committee on Model Jury Instructions for the Eighth Circuit and a former member of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure. He also oversaw the district’s remodeling of the Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in St. Paul, and proudly kept a yellow construction hard hat in chambers as proof.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jane Foley Kyle; and five children: the Hon. Richard H. (Elizabeth Wittenberg) Kyle Jr., Michael F. (Sara) Kyle, D’Arcy Kyle, Patrick G. (Susannah) Kyle, and the Rev. Kathleen (Paul) Brusco. He was blessed with ten grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**RICHARD H. KYLE JR.**

## IN MEMORIAM

# THADDEUS "THAD" LIGHTFOOT

MAY 17, 1960 — DECEMBER 14, 2020

Thaddeus "Thad" Lightfoot passed away unexpectedly, and far too soon, on December 14, 2020. Thad was a widely respected practitioner of environmental law, a bar leader and an educator of other attorneys. More important, he was a beloved husband, father and friend and a mentor to many younger lawyers.

A Hennepin Lawyer profile reported, "Lightfoot's friends and colleagues describe him as having 'the personal touch,' with great people skills and a wry sense of humor." He was "highly regarded as a relationship-builder known for generating cooperation and promoting dialogue, especially in challenging situations." Thad was a voracious reader, amazing friends and students with his vast knowledge of world and U.S. history. He was also well known for his quick wit and his booming voice, which he used to great advantage in his practice, and as the public address announcer for boys' basketball and lacrosse at his sons' alma mater, Robbinsdale Armstrong High School.

In college at Gonzaga University, Thad was on the debate team and earned a degree in political science and history. He was also an intern for Congressman Thomas S. Foley, continuing to serve on the congressman's staff after college through law school, helping to draft the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986. At the Georgetown University Law Center, he also served as an editor of the Georgetown Law Journal and graduated near the top of his class.

After law school, Thad joined Weil, Gotshal, then worked for the Environmental Enforcement Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he was lead trial counsel in numerous civil actions, winning two achievement awards from DOJ. He moved to Minnesota and practiced with Popham Haik, Oppenheimer, the Environmental Law Group, which he co-founded, and Dorsey & Whitney, which he joined in 2012. During Thad's career, he represented clients in numerous environmental litigation matters and governmental enforcement actions and advised clients regarding legal compliance. One of his proudest achievements was representing the Metropolitan Airports Commission in complex aircraft noise litigation under the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act in the mid-2000s.

He was committed to leadership and improvement of the bar, serving as president of the Hennepin County Bar Association from 2017 to 2018. He also served on the boards of the Hennepin County Bar Foundation and Minnesota CLE (which he chaired from 2013-2016), and at various times he chaired the Minnesota State Bar Association Legislative Committee, the MSBA Environmental, Natural Resources and Energy Law Section, and the American Bar Association Environmental Law Section's Select Committee on Technology. He received the MSBA President's Award in recognition of his outstanding volunteer service. As a testament to Thad's lasting impact on environmental law, the MSBA environmental law section posthumously awarded Thad its Eldon G. Kaul Distinguished Service Award.

Thad was equally committed to educating new generations of lawyers, serving as adjunct professor for many years at Mitchell Hamline and University of Minnesota Law Schools. He also taught many CLEs and informally mentored countless young attorneys.

Thad, your friends, family and colleagues miss you greatly.

**MARTIN ROSENBAUM**



IN MEMORIAM

**CHARLES R. "CHARLIE" LLOYD**

**AUGUST 9, 1932 — NOVEMBER 12, 2021**

Charles "Charlie" R. Lloyd died peacefully, surrounded by family on Friday, November 12, 2021, at the age of 89.

Charlie was born on August 9, 1932, in Mitchell, South Dakota to J. Harold and Esther (Johnson) Lloyd. He received his undergraduate degree in business from Northwestern University in Chicago in 1955, and his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1962. Charlie practiced trust law and financial consulting in Minneapolis for 60 years. Charlie was a veteran of the U.S. Army, 1955-1957. On June 25, 1955, he married Janice Ripley Biggert. They raised five children: Sue, Mike, Judy, Stephanie, and Katy. Through the ups and downs of life, Charlie had an unshakeable devotion to his family, and he was admired by family, friends and many others for the example he set.

Charlie had a passion for living. Known for his perseverance, strength, curiosity, humor, and storytelling, Charlie immersed himself in sports, service work, church, and most importantly, family. At various times in life Charlie was involved with car racing, skiing, running (15 marathons), triathlons (3x Hawaii Ironman), cycling, tennis, and golf. Charlie was active in a 12-Step recovery program for lawyers, and he did pro bono work in the courts defending those suffering mental illness. He freely gave of his time to others, and he was always there for a friend in need. A longtime member, deacon, and one-time moderator at Plymouth Congregational Church, Charlie was a dedicated lay leader who helped the church through many big and small decisions over the years, as well as volunteering at the Plymouth soup kitchen. As a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Charlie prioritized spending time with family; laughing, telling jokes and stories, playing games, traveling world-wide, taking walks along the Minnehaha Parkway or around the lakes, and enjoying one another. He liked to say, "We don't just love each other; we actually like each other!"

Charlie was preceded in death by his father, Harold; his mother, Esther; brother, John; and sister, Barbara. He is survived by his wife, Jan; his five children and their spouses: Sue and Scott, Mike and Dani, Judy and Derek, Stephanie and Dean, and Katy and Carl; grandchildren, Christa, Chandra, Katelyn, Drew, Michael, Dylan, Anika, Gabriella, Mariah, Isaac, Adeline, Ben, and Greta; and great-grandchildren, Rylan, Nolan, Brynn, Everly, Gavin, and Eliza.

**MICHAEL LLOYD**

IN MEMORIAM

**GREER EDWIN LOCKHART**

FEBRUARY 4, 1929 — JANUARY 29, 2021

Greer Edwin Lockhart, of Minneapolis, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2021, just short of his 92nd birthday. Greer will be remembered as a faithful husband, a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and an excellent trial lawyer.

Greer graduated from Southwest High School in 1947, where he quarterbacked the football team. His father Anthony, grandfather George, and great-grandfather Samuel were all firemen in the Minneapolis Fire Department. Greer was the first in his family to obtain a college degree, graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1951. He then went on to get his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1953. Later, Greer was an adjunct professor of trial practice at the Law School and was active in fundraising and other rolls as an alumnus.

After a short stint in the military, Greer went to work for the law firm then named Richards, Montgomery, Cobb and Bassford (now known as Bassford Remele). He led the firm for many years as its President when it was called Bassford, Lockhart, Truesdell and Briggs. Greer was a very accomplished trial lawyer. He tried hundreds of cases in state and federal courts; in most he defended claims of medical malpractice and products liability. Greer was recognized for his work as a trial lawyer with admission to the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He worked tirelessly to improve his profession, serving on the Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board, and serving many roles in the Minnesota, Hennepin County, and American Bar Associations. At his law firm, Greer is remembered for mentoring many excellent trial lawyers who succeeded him. In a 2007 publication of *Minnesota Law & Politics Magazine*, Greer was named one of Minnesota's one hundred most influential lawyers of all time.

Two of Greer's most influential accomplishments as an advocate occurred outside of the state and federal courts. In the mid-1960s, Greer co-chaired a committee of the Citizens League of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, which proposed the creation of a regional government body to guide development in the region. That study and later advocacy before the Minnesota Legislature led to the creation of the Metropolitan Council. In the 1970s, when the Rev. Dr. Jeanette Piccard became one of the first women ordained as an Episcopal priest, Greer successfully defended her in an Ecclesiastical Court against charges her ordination defied church law. As a result, the Rev. Piccard's ordination was later recognized by the church and the priesthood was opened to other women.

None of Greer's success would have been possible without his "partner" of 70 years, Mary Lou Lockhart. The two traveled the world, played thousands of rounds of golf together and were a dedicated team to their church and community. Greer's two favorite places on earth were Bay Lake, Minnesota and Mazatlan, Mexico, where he was most thrilled to entertain his children and grandchildren. In addition to being a golfer with multiple holes-in-one, Greer was an avid skier and tennis player.

**JAMES M. LOCKHART**

## IN MEMORIAM

# RICHARD PATRICK "DICK" MAHONEY

AUGUST 1, 1929 — NOVEMBER 25, 2021

Richard "Dick" Mahoney passed away on November 25, 2021, at the age of 92. Dick grew up in St. Paul, graduated from St Thomas Military Academy in 1947, obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1952, a B.S.L. degree from the Minneapolis Minnesota College of Law in 1954 and his L.L.B. Cum Laude from William Mitchell College of Law in 1957. He was admitted to practice in 1957, joined his father and brother at what would become the Mahoney, Dougherty and Mahoney law firm (and later the Mahoney Law Firm), and continued to practice until well into his 80s.

Dick loved the practice of law and was a well-respected member and active participant in many legal and insurance related associations and groups. He was a noted litigator, writer, speaker and recipient of multiple awards and recognitions. In addition to his very busy litigation practice, Dick was significantly involved and supportive of many aspects of local, national, and international law and insurance-related organizations, serving for many years as a member on various boards, committees, and task forces. He was one of the founders of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association (MDLA) and served as its president and secretary. In 1988, he was awarded MDLA's first President's Award in recognition of his significant contributions to that organization and in 2012 the MDLA presented him with their first Founders Award.

He was an active and supportive alumnus of William Mitchell College of Law, serving as a member of its alumni association for many years and receiving the First Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 1992 and the Honorable Ronald E. Hachey Outstanding Alumni/ae Award in 2003.

Dick married his wife, Helen, in 1953, and they raised six children together. Dick and Helen spent the majority of their married lives living in Edina in a home just down the street from their church where Dick was active as an extraordinary minister and head usher for many years. They loved to travel. In the early years that often involved packing the entire family in a station wagon for a cross country "adventure" to wherever the annual ABA convention was being held. And in later years, more genteel trips around the US, as well as internationally.

In addition to his passion for the law and love of his family, Dick was proud of his Irish heritage and was a die-hard Minnesota Vikings fan. He had a lifelong love of all things aviation having been a captain and legal officer in the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean War and the 1961 Berlin Crisis.

## THE MAHONEY FAMILY

## IN MEMORIAM

# GALE R. MELLUM

JULY 5, 1942 — SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

Gale was born in Duluth, Minnesota and graduated from Morgan Park High School in 1960 as valedictorian of his class and an accomplished athlete. He received his undergraduate (B.S. 1964, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and law (J.D. 1968, magna cum laude) degrees from the University of Minnesota and was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Cornell University from 1964 to 1965.

Following law school in June 1968, Gale joined Faegre Benson and spent his entire 38-year career in Faegre's corporate practice. He particularly enjoyed working with developing companies and helping them grow their businesses. He developed close personal relationships with the founders of many corporate clients and frequently served as a member of their boards of directors. While experienced in both public offerings and private placements of debt and securities, Gale was first and foremost a corporate counselor, recruiting others in the firm to provide required documentation, specialized advice and litigation services. He was also an able delegator, trusting the lawyers with whom he worked and enabling them to develop their own relationships with his clients. The clients with whom Gale worked were invariably reliant on his advice, and when he retired at the end of 2006, many had been the beneficiaries of his counsel for more than 30 years.

Gale was immensely likable, and his leadership skills were readily apparent. He served as chair of Faegre's corporate practice and served on Faegre's management committee for 12 years. In these capacities he actively sought to grow Faegre's corporate practice and encouraged the group's lawyers to be entrepreneurial and promotional, believing that clients did not automatically gravitate to good firms. He believed they needed to be attracted by the express promise of good service. Recognizing early that legal advice on international matters was becoming important even to smaller domestic businesses, Gale was instrumental in developing Faegre's initial foreign offices, starting with its London office in 1982.

In 2002 he established a scholarship fund in his name at the University of Minnesota Law School that to date has made 18 awards.

He loved family activities with his children and later with his grandchildren, particularly skiing in Colorado, lake activities at their cabin in Wisconsin, and beach time in Florida. When he retired from Faegre Benson in 2006, he went into law practice with his daughter, Wendy, as Mellum & Welsh LLP, where he stayed active until his death. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Julie; son, Eric Mellum (Jennifer); and daughter, Wendy Welsh (Craig); and grandchildren, Otto and Kaysa Welsh.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

## IN MEMORIAM

# ROBERT D. "BOB" MILLER

OCTOBER 15, 1950 — OCTOBER 28, 2021

Robert D. "Bob" Miller was born and raised in Pine River, Minnesota—a place he remembered fondly. His early days included wrestling for the varsity high school team and countless adventures, such as 'borrowing' the family car at 12 for a road trip and jumping trains from town to town. His magnetic and big-hearted personality was seen early on, and many escapades led to lifelong friendships.

After graduating from Mankato State University, Bob pursued his first passion: politics. He ran for multiple offices, including races for the Minnesota House of Representatives and mayor of Minneapolis.

Bob graduated from William Mitchell College of Law, attending at night, while working full-time in district sales for West Publishing Co. In his first year of practice, Bob won an acquittal for a first-degree murder case which launched a long and respected career as a criminal defense attorney. Deeply committed to justice, Bob consistently fought for the underdog—much of his work pro bono.

Bob tried more than 150 state and federal cases and took on some of Minnesota's most high-profile and complex cases. And he accomplished all of this as a solo practitioner. Bob was remarkable to witness in the courtroom. He could just as easily establish a connection with the jury as he could erupt the courtroom in laughter.

Bob was the definition of authenticity. What you saw is what you got. Although routinely recognized, Bob treated everyone with the same respect, which earned him even more admiration.

Throughout his life, Bob loved riding his motorcycles, and could be seen headed to court with his suit hanging from the back of his Harley. Bob was an avid reader and writer and maintained a website analyzing current events. He very much enjoyed relaxing up north and on the beaches of Florida.

To his children, Bob was larger than life. Dad instilled in them a keen sense of loyalty, a ferocity for fairness, and the ability to find a bit of humor in everything. While their upbringing was anything but traditional, they wouldn't have it any other way. They've lost their biggest champion and best friend, and their hearts are broken.

Bob passed away in complete peace, embraced by his children, October 28 in Burnsville. Bob is survived by his daughters, Nicole Miller, Sara (Levi) Davidson, Chelsea, Ashlee, and Kaylee; son, Charles Miller; grandchildren, Axel, Vaeda, and Madelyn Davidson; and Easton and Savannah Bailey; and many loving family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alton and Paulette Miller; and Robin Miller (mother of youngest four children.)

Always the maverick, Bob led an extraordinary life. He leaves a legacy of stories and adventures that seem too big to be true. One of a kind, he impacted everyone he met. From those he just met to his closest friends, Bob's genuine and affable nature made him approachable to all. His sense of humor was legendary, and his quick wit brought joy to every room.

## THE CHILDREN OF BOB MILLER

IN MEMORIAM

**FORMER VICE PRESIDENT**

**WALTER MONDALE**

JANUARY 5, 1928 — APRIL 19, 2021

Today we celebrate the life of Walter “Fritz” Mondale, Minnesota’s best-known lawyer. A “preacher’s kid,” he grew up in the southwest farming towns of Ceylon, Heron Lake, and Elmore. After graduating from Macalester, and with aid of the GI Bill, Fritz Mondale received his law degree from the University of Minnesota.

After clerking for the Minnesota Supreme Court, Mondale and his classmate and best man, Harry MacLaughlin, became associates at the legendary firm of Larson, Loevinger, Freeman, Fraser & Lindquist. Then they hung up their own shingle to give Mondale freedom to pursue high office. It was a quick rise; he became attorney general at age 32. A signature accomplishment was organizing many other states to support the right to counsel in felony cases. See *Gideon v. Wainwright*, 372 U.S. 335 (1963).

The rise continued in 1964 when Mondale succeeded his mentor, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, to the U.S. Senate. A strong advocate for civil rights and reform of the filibuster, Mondale played central roles in the enactment of the Fair Housing and Voting Rights Acts. His leadership on the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act reflected his lifelong passion for fishing up north. And his moral commitment to honest government showed in committee work that exposed illegal CIA and FBI conduct.

In 1976, presidential nominee Governor Jimmy Carter looked north for a running mate. But Mondale accepted only after securing a promise that, officing just down the hall from the Oval Office, he could be the best-informed and most-influential vice president ever.

He was, and the modern vice presidency was born. For four years, Walter Mondale did what he always did: told the truth, obeyed the law, and worked for peace. Becoming an international statesman, he played important parts in the Camp David accords and the rescue of the Vietnamese “boat people.”

It seemed logical to many that his record would make him an excellent president. But that was not to be. In 1984, Mondale’s brand of truth-telling realism, lawyerly policy proposals, and Scandinavian reserve didn’t resonate. The incumbent’s optimistic message won every state save the North Star State.

For a while, Mondale was set back; but then he and wife Joan bounced back by returning home. They were energized by their kids and their kids, by old friends, by Fritz’s practice at Dorsey & Whitney, by work on nonprofit boards, and by their daily walks around Lake of the Isles. Interrupted only by service as ambassador to Japan, Mondale taught for years at his beloved University of Minnesota and was a beloved mentor to the state’s next leaders. He was always gracious and generous when his time and wisdom were sought.

Intellectually curious, Mondale stayed up to speed on every major foreign and domestic issue, almost to the end. In private, he had a quick, contextual wit and a droll gift for mimicry, always with a twinkle in his eye.

Although his law practice was only part of an extraordinary life, Walter Mondale had an extraordinary legal mind. He was proud to be a Minnesota lawyer. He was proud that his sons went to law schools here and stayed here. He was proud of his alma mater, now housed in Mondale Hall. He was proud of the Minnesota bench and bar. And we will always be proud that he was one of us.

**FORMER JUSTICE DAVID L. LILLEHAUG**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JOEL A. MONTPETIT

OCTOBER 26, 1943 — OCTOBER 13, 2021

Joel passed away peacefully after navigating Parkinson's Disease for 16 years. With his wife Judy's dedicated care and support, and his faith in God's plan, he lived comfortably at home and without complaint in the final years of his life. He was born in St. Paul to Warren and Elizabeth Montpetit. He graduated from Cretin High School in 1961, received his B.A. from Saint John's University in 1965, and earned his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 1969.

Joel loved the law and understood the practice to be a true honor and privilege. He was the founding partner of his firm in South St. Paul (Montpetit, Freiling & Kranz) and served clients with distinction. For much of his career he focused on plaintiffs' personal injury cases. He also served as general counsel for Chris Craft Boat Company and Donzi Marine (Sarasota, Florida). At his core, he was a relationship builder and a connector. He generously shared his talents and invested in people. Civility, kindness and humor were non-negotiable aspects of his engagement with others, and he found the greatest return on his life energy knowing he made a difference for someone else.

He was a leader in the community, coaching youth hockey for over a decade and serving as two-time president of the Woodbury Athletic Association, and president and lead fundraiser for the Hill-Murray Booster Club. He also promoted professional boxing, an endeavor that earned him a spot in the Mancini's Sports Hall of Fame. He was a behind-the-scenes influencer for numerous other organizations, events, and programs.

Joel had no shortage of hobbies and boating on the St. Croix River was at the top of the list. In 1988, he was a lead founder of the Bayport Marina Association, and in 2000 he served as the association's Commodore. The marina was a place he loved and home to his Chris-Craft 410 Commander (the Sorceress). He thoroughly enjoyed hosting guests on his boat (usually legal professionals), and he entertained with his quick wit and one-liners. He also enjoyed history, skiing, Harleys, good music, travel, filling bird feeders, and quiet evenings on his porch. He was a diehard Saint John's fan and rarely missed a football game. In 1984, he worked with Coach Gagliardi and Don Riley (longtime Pioneer Press sports columnist) to publish the book *Gagliardi: The Coach, The Man, The Legend*.

Joel took tremendous pride in his family, especially his children and grandchildren. He was the family (and extended family) trusted advisor and the selfless supporter. Judy and Joel celebrated 56 years of marriage before his passing. Together they had four children: Lisa Brabbit (Robert), Todd (Susan), Jeff (Karen) and Aimee Topp (Jeff). He adored his nine grandchildren: Emily, Alley, Isabelle, Anna, Lucas, Olivia, Logan, Carson and Ella. His extensive and diverse social circles brought him endless joy and positive energy, and he leaves behind a considerable legacy to the thousands of lives he touched.

**LISA MONTPETIT BRABBIT**

## IN MEMORIAM

# MARK MYHRA

APRIL 4, 1961 — DECEMBER 18, 2021

On February 17, 2022, Mark Myhra was recognized as Minnesota Lawyers' "Attorney of the Year for Outstanding Contributions to the Profession." The award was presented posthumously, two months after Mark had passed away, at age 60, following a courageous six-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

The square shoulders, erect posture, and trademark flat-top haircut readily suggested that law was not Mark Myhra's first career.

Indeed. After attending Notre Dame on a Navy ROTC scholarship, Mark served as an infantry captain in the U.S. Marines. Mark would model the "semper fi" values he learned as a Marine throughout his life: honor, respect, integrity and "esprit de corps."

Also at Notre Dame, Mark embraced Catholicism, inspiring him to live a life of faith. Mark was a regular at downtown mass at St. Olaf's, often serving as a lector. He was a pillar in his parish church throughout his life, participating in men's silent retreats, among other church programs. In fact, five priests co-officiated at Mark's memorial service, prompting one priest to remark to the congregants, "This is an honor typically accorded only at the passing of another priest."

And it was at Notre Dame that Mark met the love of his life, Lynn (Rukavina), with whom he would raise five beloved children and later be delighted by their grandchildren (as "Papa" to Lynn's "Mimi").

Post-Marines, Mark started his "second career" at a prominent Chicago firm, focusing on big cases: class actions, mass torts, and bet-the-company lawsuits. While Mark enjoyed doing cutting edge work on national litigation teams, the combination of work and commuting hours prompted a career reassessment. Lynn had relatives in Minnesota. Mark had formed friendships with Minnesota lawyers on a national litigation team. So, Mark and Lynn moved to Minnesota. Mark joined Popham Haik as a litigation associate. Several years later, Mark co-founded Greene Espel, a litigation boutique aspiring to be a different kind of law firm. Mark urged his colleagues to think of their new firm as a community not just a business, and to adopt an open and collaborative management culture.

Mark participated in national cases throughout his private practice years, especially those involving medical products. He made strong friendships with lawyers around the country who served with him on litigation teams—friendships that survived long after their common case had concluded. When sharing Mark's passing with members of a national lawyers' association, a lawyer from Mississippi wrote:

"In addition to being a smart lawyer with a nimble and imaginative mind, Mark was one of the finest human beings I've ever known. He was kind, compassionate, loyal and honest. If Mark told you he would do something, it was good as done."

Fifteen years ago, Mark made his final career move—to the corporate legal team at Boston Scientific (BCSI), where he ultimately served as senior managing counsel. Mark found this work especially gratifying. He welcomed the daily chance to contribute to BSCI's mission of improving health worldwide.

When supporting Mark for "2022 Attorney of the Year" recognition, folks at BSCI appreciated that, "Mark brings a sense of empathy and family to every interaction he has." A BSCI senior colleague observed, "What sets him apart is that he has been a friend, mentor and sounding board to so many."

A former law partner supporting Mark's nomination said it most succinctly: "Mark's very essence is to care about others."

CLIFFORD M. GREENE



## IN MEMORIAM

# HOLLY JEAN NEWMAN

AUGUST 30, 1971 — NOVEMBER 24, 2020

Holly was taken too soon by the scourge that is cancer. Her family and clients miss her terribly. Ensuring the success of her family and her clients were her priorities. She did this with incredible strength, drive, and dedication. Holly was a true believer and epitome of success coming from hard work. By the time she was 20 and while working full-time, Holly earned two undergraduate degrees, with high distinction, from the University of Minnesota-Morris. She moved on immediately to the William Mitchell College of Law, where she graduated magna cum laude, continued to work full time, and started a family. She graduated from law school while on bed rest with her first son.

Her professional career began shortly thereafter. She worked tirelessly for her clients. Her desire to advocate for her clients brought her admissions to the U.S. Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court (Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin), and State Supreme Courts (Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin). She maintained law licenses in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. While humble in her personal successes, Holly took great pride in working hard and advocating for her clients and family. Some of her biggest smiles came from a simple thank you note from a client. She shed true tears of joy as her sons grew to adulthood.

Her true strength and grace came to light during her battle with cancer. She was diagnosed in October 2017. The cancer had already metastasized. There was no cure. She took the news, set a battle plan, and dug in for a protracted war—I marveled at her stoicism. Her battle plan was underpinned by her desire to provide for her family and advocate for her clients. Their progress was motivation for her. It got her through treatment, surgeries, and dark days. It bought me more time with her. Holly died on November 24, 2020. She is survived by her mother, sister, two sons, and a loving husband. We lost a wonderful family champion. The legal profession lost a brilliant mind and an unparalleled client advocate.

LANCE NEWMAN

## IN MEMORIAM

# SHERILL "SHERRY" OMAN

MARCH 4, 1947 — FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Sherrill "Sherry" Oman passed away on February 10, 2021, at the age of 73. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace and Lorraine (née Okerstrom) Oman, as well as her sister, Marsha. She is survived by her son, David and daughter-in-law, Laura; her grandson, Charles; her sister, Patricia; and by many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces.

Sherry, born in 1947, was a proud Richfield High School graduate prior to completing her B.A. in political studies at the University of Denver in Colorado. There she lived for four years after graduation prior to returning to Minnesota. Her legal career began at Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lundgren (Larkin) where she started as a real estate legal assistant in 1975. With the support of the firm, she pursued the opportunity to attend the University of Minnesota Law School, from which she graduated magna cum laude, Order of the Coif and as a managing editor of Law Review in 1982. Post-graduation, she returned to Larkin as an associate and was made a shareholder and member of the board of directors in 1986. She subsequently practiced in Minneapolis at Doherty Rumble and Butler from 1992 to 1999 and at Fredrikson & Byron from 1999 until her retirement.

Sherry's practice focus was structured finance and real estate, with particular concentration on multifamily housing. She worked with municipalities, lenders, developers and non-profits across acquisition and financing transactions and had substantial experience working with public-private partnerships to facilitate real estate development. She loved helping her clients address myriad challenges and was very fortunate to have professional relationships with both co-workers and clients evolve into lasting personal friendships throughout her career.

In addition to her work, Sherry's life revolved around her son, to whom she was an incredible mother and afforded every opportunity. Sherry very much cherished learning about and helping others, traveling and new experiences. On the former front, she was passionate about enhancing access to affordable housing in the metro area and, on the latter, she particularly enjoyed trips to Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Later trips to Italy and Egypt were fondly remembered, during which she immersed herself in her destinations, getting to know their people and cultures.

Sherry will always be remembered for her love, compassion, quick wit, and indomitable spirit.

**DAVID OMAN**

## IN MEMORIAM

# CURTIS A. "CURT" PEARSON

JULY 31, 1927 — OCTOBER 29, 2021

Curtis A. "Curt" Pearson, born July 31, 1927, and grew up in Dawson and Madison, Minnesota. He was captain of his high school basketball team and, as part of a lifelong passion for golf, he organized a high school league of schools for competitions. As a teenager, he borrowed money to purchase some farmland near Madison and he later inherited the family homestead upon his mother's death, and he retained ownership of and managed that combined land throughout his life. He further remained connected with Madison by organizing the construction of a war memorial in town and making contributions to funds for improvements to the municipal golf course and the local church cemetery.

Curt's older brother and hero was killed in the Pacific in 1944. In 1945, Curt enlisted in the U. S. Navy upon graduation from high school. Curt was granted an honorary discharge in 1946 to return home after his father passed away that year.

He attended St. Olaf College from 1946-1948, and then transferred to the University of Minnesota, where he graduated with a B.S. in history and political science. After graduation, Curt worked in the insurance industry by day and attended the William Mitchell College of Law at night, graduating with honors in 1955.

Curt was married in 1952 to Ramona Peterson, and they purchased a home in St. Louis Park, where Curt served on the city council from 1959-1960. Curt and Ramona had five children who grew up in St. Louis Park.

In his private legal practice Curt represented numerous governmental instrumentalities. Among other engagements, he was the City of Attorney for Brooklyn Park for 37 years and for Mound for 35 years, and he represented the Bassett Creek Water Management Commission before Congress and in connection with a \$35 million flood control project.

In the 1960s, Curt helped establish the Minneapolis Association for Retarded Children and served as its president for many years. He remained an enthusiastic donor throughout his lifetime to Mount Olivet Rolling Acres in Excelsior, which houses, educates, and trains developmentally disabled persons.

In retirement, Curt played golf several times a week—six months a year in Minnesota and six months in Florida—until age 90, and he continued to play bridge multiple times a week until the very end. He was also addicted to the news, which usually filled any spare time on any given day. Curt passed peacefully at age 94 on October 29, 2021.

**TODD PEARSON AND LIZANNE LARSEN**

## IN MEMORIAM

# NORMAN "NORM" PERL

NOVEMBER 7, 1925 — NOVEMBER 29, 2021

Norman "Norm" Perl passed away on November 29, 2021, at the age of 96, after a very happy and fulfilling life. He was a personal injury lawyer, a profession which he loved, but he will be remembered for his infectious smile, keen sense of humor, and above all else, his love of family.

Norm grew up in North Minneapolis under very modest means. He married his wife Addie in 1946 at the age of 20, and they enjoyed a true partnership of 66 years together.

In 1949, Norm graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and began his legal career. Eventually, he developed a personal injury practice, with an expertise in the Federal Employers' Liability Act, representing injured railroad employees around the country. In those cases, he would start every opening statement with the sentence "Take a walk with me down to the rail yard," and then proceeded to deliver a compassionate story on behalf of his injured client. Over the years, he also contributed to many progressive changes in our legal system, through appeals to the Minnesota Supreme Court and testimony before the Minnesota Legislature. For instance, he championed the initiative of a woman's right to recover damages for loss of consortium and was instrumental in raising the cap on wrongful death awards in Minnesota.

To be sure, the accolades followed his accomplishments. Norm was elected to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers, and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He also served as president of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association. Norm loved the practice of law and was incredibly passionate about his work. He loved the fight, he certainly liked to win, and he strongly believed in our jury system.

With his success, Norm and Addie were generous with their time and money, hoping to help those less fortunate in our community. They contributed to the Sholom Foundation, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, and the Mayo Clinic Foundation. Additionally, they established scholarships for children whose families could not afford summer camps.

Beyond his professional resume and philanthropy, Norm maintained a very positive outlook whatever the circumstances, and consistently felt grateful for his lot in life. While he loved the law, his greatest devotion was to his family: his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He is survived by four children, Robbie Perl (Rick Garon), Stacy Sokol, Justin Perl (Lynn), and Lisa Ratner (Mark); seven grandchildren, Joshua Sokol (Kayleen), Amy Erickson (Chris), Alexandra and Phillip Perl, and Laura, Joel, and Jacob Ratner; and six great-grandchildren, Olivia, Audrey, Ellie, and Delilah Sokol, and Evan and Eli Erickson.

Norm worked hard, played hard, and enjoyed life to the fullest. He was tenacious in the courtroom, resilient when he was delivered a setback, and eternally optimistic. We will always remember the twinkle of his blue eyes.

## THE FAMILY OF NORMAN PERL

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**FELIX MAYER PHILLIPS**

**JULY 20, 1933 — APRIL 7, 2021**

Felix Mayer Phillips died peacefully in his home in Minneapolis at age 87 on April 7, 2021. Felix was born July 20, 1933, in Minneapolis, and graduated from Washburn High (1950) and the University of Minnesota Law School (1956) on a six-year combined BA and LLB. He married the former Ann Shanedling of Virginia, Minnesota, in 1958, and they had three children: Diana, Michael, and Arthur, and seven grandchildren.

Felix practiced law in Minneapolis from 1956 to 2013, first for the Maslon firm and then from 1960 in a long and successful partnership with Bert Gross. Their partners and associates over the years included Stanley Shanedling, Allen Aaron, Steven Potach, and Mark Geier.

Felix's legal work covered nearly every element of the law, including arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court, but the majority of his work was in commercial and family law for several clients who were with him for nearly the entirety of his career.

An avid tennis player from childhood, he captained the University of Minnesota team and served as an officer for the United States Tennis Association, including managing Davis Cup rounds in Minneapolis in 1964.

A lover of literature, jazz, history, and truly amateur collegiate athletics, he was a gifted writer and contributor to Minnesota periodicals of all sorts.

He was a lawyer to his bones, and though he joked that he went into the law because it was the only school at the U of M accepting new students the day he walked past it, the truth was that the law suited him perfectly. His professional success was a testament to his skill as a debater, a listener, and an advisor.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ann Shanedling Phillips; children Diana, Michael, and Arthur; grandchildren Zsuzsa, Felix, Eva, Tashi, Livia, Oscar, and Alice; son-in-law, Peter Magyar; daughters-in-law, Julia Bucknall and Barbara Muschietti; niece and nephew Stephanie and Jon Maslansky.

**DIANA, MICHAEL, AND ARTHUR PHILLIPS**

## IN MEMORIAM

# WILLIAM M. "BILL" PILGRAM

OCTOBER 16, 1917 — DECEMBER 22, 2020

Bill tried to enlist in the Marines soon after Pearl Harbor, but they would not take him because he wore glasses. The family has always felt fortunate about that. He had already married his beloved Caroline in 1940 and then waited to get drafted with a high draft number. In the meantime, he walked into the offices of New York Life Insurance Company the day they fired someone. He already had some investigative experience and was hired as an insurance investigator. When he did get drafted in late 1943, his experience as an investigator brought him to the military police and then to the Army Counter Intelligence Corps. Bill had a distinguished career helping to catch a German spy, and being part of a security team on part of the Manhattan Project. When the war was over, he returned to Minneapolis, and for a year took depositions from returning prisoners of war for the war crimes trials until his discharge in August of 1946.

Bill's father had been a lawyer and these investigative experiences led him to study law. Bill went to night school for many years, graduated from William Mitchell Law School and passed the bar in 1951. He practiced law part-time at first because he continued to be an insurance investigator. In 1961, Bill began practicing as an associate of longtime friends Ben and Betty Drake with their father's law firm, Drake & Drake. Bill mainly practiced probate and real estate law. He retired in 1991 at age 74. Many of his clients were relatives, friends, or became lifelong friends. They trusted Dad because of his character, responsibility, and honesty.

Bill had a close connection to the lawyers and staff he worked with. They regularly socialized together and always had lunch at Murray's when it was someone's birthday. There were also many weekend excursions to people's cabins, and Bill loved to fish. He loved to take people out to dinner, especially to the Cattle Company or Red Lobster, his favorites.

Bill's life was all about service. To his family, friends, church, country, and community. He was active in the Republican party for many years, but Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church was where he served faithfully for over 80 years. He was on many committees, boards, and loved being an usher on Sundays. He continued to usher at 102, right up until the coronavirus pandemic shut down in-person worship. He also was on the committee that invited the Black Border Church in Minneapolis to join Hennepin in 1957 when their building was taken for a highway, making it one of the first integrated churches in the country. Bill loved working around the church building and volunteered thousands of hours in retirement to the 'Recyclers' group.

Bill's children will always remember his character, honesty, and devotion to his beloved Caroline. They were married for almost 77 years and he took amazing care of her during her last decade on earth. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

**MICHAEL L. PILGRAM**

## IN MEMORIAM

# LOUIS M. "LOU" REIDENBERG

DECEMBER 1, 1939 — MAY 1, 2021

Lou Reidenberg, 81, died from COVID-19 in Florida on May 1, 2021. Survived by sons, Daniel and Jeffrey (Kristi); granddaughter, Taylor; companion, Pam; and his dog. Born in Philadelphia, his family moved to Florida when Lou was in high school. He graduated from the University of Miami and moved to Minnesota for law school. He clerked at the MN Supreme Court followed by an illustrious private practice for 45+ years specializing in divorce and custody litigation.

Lou was an author, lecturer and litigator recognized in Best Lawyers in America, Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who among Outstanding Americans, and in 2020 was recognized by his peers and judges as being in the "Top 5% of Lawyers in America." Many stories about his self-made style of practicing law and taking depositions are legendary. One of the most recounted occurred in 1984 and has been portrayed on television of a time when an opposing client began having a heart attack as Lou deposed him. Lou did have his secretary call 911, but he continued to ask him questions as he was being taken away on a gurney by EMTs. There was also the time an opposing client left a bomb in a garbage can that resulted in the building being evacuated by the bomb squad.

When Reidenberg & Jaycox opened, Lou and Jack received this letter from the chief judge of Family Court in Hennepin County, "Dear Lou and Jack, congratulations on the merger of your firms. God help the other side." Several articles were written about him including "Lou's Law: When the Going Gets Tough, Divorce Lawyer Reidenberg Becomes the Toughest," which referenced the show LA Law and a character based in part on Lou. Minnesota Lawyer featured him as: "The divorce lawyer that family law lawyers love to hate" and Mpls/St. Paul Magazine called him "The toughest divorce lawyer in town." It is little known, but Lou was the first and lead lawyer in the notorious Congdon-Caldwell murder cases. Lou was liked by his clients, feared by other lawyers, despised by opposing parties, and respected by judges. One attorney said to a reporter: "When a client tells you that the other side will be represented by Lou, it's tempting to do one of two things—refuse the case or double your retainer."

The last 20 years Lou trained lawyers for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and assisted lawyers in foster care cases. He recently co-wrote articles on rights of children to have their own representation and proposed legislation to mandate children be represented by their own lawyers. He helped over a dozen Florida organizations for children as a volunteer and was recognized in 2014 by the Legal Aid Society with the Emeritus Award "for his knowledge and passion for protecting those who are most vulnerable." His hobby was working, he always had a dog, and he loved the Miami Hurricane football team. But the most important thing in the world to Lou were his sons that he spoke to every day. In 1970 famed artist Aldo Luongo drew a picture of a father with his son and upon hearing about Lou created a one-of-a-kind version depicting Lou, Dan and Jeff that hung in his office and home where he could always see it every day.

**DR. DAN REIDENBERG**

IN MEMORIAM

**FRED A. REITER**

**FEBRUARY 24, 1939 — DECEMBER 1, 2021**

Fred Reiter of Golden Valley died peacefully on December 1, 2021. He was preceded in death by his mother, Nora; dad, Fred; son, Chris; and sister, Marcia. He is survived by son, Patrick; daughter-in-law, Lisa; and grandchildren, Macy and Jack.

Fred graduated from Alma Wisconsin High School and St. Olaf College. He received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1964. He practiced law in Appleton and Green Bay, Wisconsin, coming to Minneapolis in 1974 to join the law firm of Thomson Wylde Nordby Friedberg and Rappaport.

While practicing in Green Bay he was asked to assist in preserving the Sylvania Wilderness Area near Watersmeet, Michigan, where the Navy wanted to build a communication system called "Sanguine" over 3000 square miles that would destroy this 19,000-acre old growth forest and lake wilderness. Fred took up the cause pro bono and succeeded in stopping Sanguine from being built.

Fred loved to fish in Northern Minnesota and along the Mississippi River and taught his sons the art of fishing. He had a great respect for the 200-year-old oak tree that grew in the family front yard.

Fred was a member of the National Association of Criminal Lawyers and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association. He was licensed to practice law in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. He was always a defender of the underdog and of the environment until Alzheimer's took his life.

**THE REITER FAMILY**



## IN MEMORIAM

# DAVID GORDON ROSTON

MARCH 30, 1944 — AUGUST 14, 2021

David Gordon Roston was born in St. Louis Park, Minnesota on March 30, 1944 and passed away on August 14, 2021 surrounded by family and close friends. He was a 1969 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School (and claims that he is still waiting for a grade from Professor Cound). David was a seasoned and well-respected criminal defense attorney. In his more than 40-year career with Segal Roston & Berris he was known for his sharp wit, office humor and encyclopedic knowledge of the law. He was a co-author of the Minnesota Criminal Law and Procedure treatise.

More importantly, however, everyone considered him a good guy and a mensch. His humor and (on rare occasions) his arguably inappropriate comments were well known among judges, lawyers, court clerks, and the general public.

David loved and was loved by his wife of more than 50 years Eileen Roston (Karatz); his children, Jodi (Jeff) Danovsky, Todd (Heidi) Roston, and Howard (Paula) Roston; and his grandchildren, Joshua, Sydney, Julia, Alison, Brian, Carly, Isaac, Samantha, and Madison. Despite building and maintaining a busy and successful legal career, he was a father and grandfather first. He rarely missed a sporting event, swim meet, theater show, concert or any other event that involved his family. He was also a fixture on the sandy beaches of Ft. Myers Beach, Florida where he always had the best tan on the beach. He spent endless hours of family chaos on the beach and at the pool with his grandchildren. (As an aside, the Dairy Queen on the beach has reported a sharp decline in the sales of the cherry mister misty since David's passing.)

David enjoyed telling stories to all who would listen—and on most occasions telling the same story repeatedly. Did you ever hear the story about Joe Cocker playing at First Avenue? (If you haven't heard that story, all of his kids and grandkids can tell you.)

According to his longtime law partner, Marc Berris, "There's no doubt that Dave was respected by colleagues, judges, prosecutors, and his clients. What made him special, though, was that he was also genuinely liked. That's what I heard from people when they learned that he was my partner. More than any rule of law, Dave was guided by the Golden Rule, and he always treated people the way he would want to be treated, often using humor to try to alleviate the stress of dealing with very serious matters."

The legal community has lost a true scholar and a good guy. We love you, Papa.

**THE ROSTON FAMILY**

## IN MEMORIAM

# STEPHEN JOHN "STEVE" ROWLEY

JANUARY 8, 1943 — APRIL 25, 2021

Stephen "Steve" Rowley was born in Madison, Wisconsin on January 8, 1943, the second child and first son of Gilbert and Geraldine Rowley. He graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a degree in political science in 1965, followed by a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1968. Then he began his 33-year career as a corporate attorney with the 3M Office of General Counsel, where he was assistant general counsel and assistant secretary. In his final two years at 3M, he served as the general counsel of Dyneon, a subsidiary of 3M. In that position he traveled to China many times, doing something he truly loved—becoming immersed in a country, its people, and its culture.

Serving as a pro bono attorney for parents adopting children from other countries—Korea, Vietnam and India for example—was a true labor of love and his favorite of all his pro bono cases. Using his legal skills to join adoptive parents and children was a source of tremendous joy and satisfaction.

Most of all, Steve cherished his home and family, attending sports and school events, generously and enthusiastically hosting family gatherings, and working on remodeling projects at his home and those of his children. He was proud that his three sons followed him in obtaining legal training and that his daughter established a counseling practice—to balance out and keep the legal minds sane. Steve's love of music, especially played at a thunderous volume while he was working around the house, ran the gamut from rock and roll to classical music of all kinds, and especially opera.

Steve will be remembered for his love of life, his enthusiasm, optimism, his generous spirit, and his sense of humor which never left him even through his declining health.

Steve is survived by his wife, Trish Bohlen Rowley; their three sons, Michael (Sarah) and David (Angela Fritz) of St. Paul, and Christopher (Christina Baelum) of Vejle, Denmark; daughter, Sarah Barrett (Jason) of Mendota Heights; and their seven grandchildren, Nathan and Carolyn Rowley, Christian, Thomas and Benjamin Rowley Baelum, and Joseph and Lizzy Barrett.

**THE ROWLEY FAMILY**

IN MEMORIAM  
**CHARLES "CHUCK" RUBENSTEIN**  
SEPTEMBER 25, 1921 — JULY 9, 2021

Charles "Chuck" Rubenstein was a great and longtime friend and supporter of the University of Minnesota Law School. This was primarily how we were connected to him, and it is fitting that we have the honor and privilege to offer this tribute to him at the 2022 Hennepin County Bar Memorial.

His start in life was not unlike many others who had to overcome early struggles and travel a path to appreciation for American citizenship, success, kindness, and generosity. Chuck was born into a poor family of Russian Jewish immigrants. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Chuck's route to law school was through hard work and dedication. He was a 1955 graduate, having found his way to legal education a bit later than many of his classmates. His legal career as a solo attorney featured service to clients in various areas of practice. At the time of his death, Chuck was one of our oldest living alumni.

We count Chuck in our leadership lifetime giving program. He was a member of the 1988 Society, which recognizes individuals who have created a lasting legacy by including the law school in their estate or financial plans. Through his estate, Chuck created a lecture series to highlight the impact of Jewish contributions to the United State legal system. His estate also made provisions for supporting the Judge Harry H. MacLaughlin Memorial Scholarship Fund and the C. Blaine Harstad Scholarship Fund. Chuck became friends with both men during his time at the law school, and he remained in close contact with them during their careers.

Chuck died shortly before he would have turned one hundred years of age. His funeral was private. A friend posted this remembrance: "I enjoyed many delightful conversations with Chuck over several years. He was always funny, candid, sharp-witted, and deeply kind despite enjoying cultivating a crusty exterior. I'll never forget him." Perhaps consistent with his friend's recall, Chuck left behind a simple message: "No regrets." Well said for a long life well-lived.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**WAYNE "BUTCH" SALITA**  
**NOVEMBER 16, 1937 — MAY 2, 2021**

Wayne Salita, fondly known as "Butch," passed away on May 2, 2021, from a lingering illness. He was a practicing attorney for over 50 years, being the last of a generation of solo practitioners. He was known for his amazing storytelling, sense of humor, zest for life, and for being a bright, ethical attorney. He was a family man, a friend and all around, and one of a kind person. He had a special presence. Wayne spent most of his career in private practice. He believed in doing all that he could for his clients. Whether his cases were personal, jury, criminal, adoption, or cases from his general practice, he fought for his clients.

He was a loving husband, grandfather, and family man who didn't miss his kids' hockey games, soccer games, baseball games, family events, children's performances at school, and he was always home for family dinners. He loved fishing, especially muskie fishing even in the coldest temperatures. He and his wife traveled to many places in the world, took his children on family trips, and spent many winters in Florida when he retired. He always remarked how blessed he was to be able to do all these things after coming from humble beginnings. He felt his practice of law allowed him to work on behalf of people, and also to have his family time. He said at the end, "I've won the race," and he felt that way.

**FAMILY OF WAYNE SALITA**

IN MEMORIAM

**ALFRED "AL" SEDGWICK**

**FEBRUARY 17, 1927 — APRIL 27, 2021**

Alfred "Al" Sedgwick was born on February 17, 1927, in Charleston, South Carolina, and spent his early childhood in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Then the family moved to St. Paul where Al attended St. Paul Academy (SPA). SPA had a lifelong impact on his life and Al spoke often of his time at there. He valued the education he received, but valued the lifelong friendships even more. After graduating from SPA, Al served in the U.S. Navy as a radio man until the war ended. He then attended Yale University and the University of Minnesota Law School.

While in law school, his dentist's wife set him up on a blind date with Susanne Carroll, (the Hon. Susanne C. Sedgwick) who was a law student at William Mitchell School of Law. Soon they were married and had four children: Ann Savage, Richard Sedgwick, Elizabeth Sedgwick and Sara Sedgwick. With four children and two practicing lawyers, life was busy, but never too busy for family fun! Swimming, skiing, canoeing on the St. Croix River, and travel were always on the docket.

Al began his legal practice in the Trust Department of Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, where he was vice president in both the Personal Trust and Employee Benefit Divisions. (When we were young, he told us he worked the Weatherball.) After 21 years at the bank, Al joined Rider, Bennett, Eagan and Arundel where he practiced for 17 years before retiring.

Al's involvement in community affairs included service as a founding director and executive Committee member of both the Guthrie Theater Foundation and the Children's Theater Company. He was vice chairman of Hazelden Foundation, advisory board member of the United Negro College Fund, and board member of the Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis. He also served on the board of the University of Minnesota's Weisman Art Museum.

Al loved outdoor activities. He was a lifelong golfer. He played golf into his 93rd year. He was an avid Nordic skier, participating in the American Birkebeiner until the age of 79. He enjoyed his bicycle and rollerblades. He also had a passion for the arts and music. He collected modern art. He played the guitar and harmonica.

Al passed away on April 27, 2021. He maintained his young mind and sense of humor until the end. He is survived by his four children and six grandchildren.

**RICHARD D. SEDGWICK**

IN MEMORIAM  
**HAROLD HAAKON SHEFF**  
JULY 23, 1946 — MAY 26, 2021

Harold Haakon Sheff passed away May 26, 2021, of complications related to heart surgery. He is survived by his wife, Virginia "Virgie" Sheff; sons, Harry (Mira) and Morgan (Amy) Sheff; grandchildren, Nora, Reidun, Sam, and Harry Jr.; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and a wide circle of friends and colleagues.

Harold graduated from Spring Lake Park High School in 1964, where his father Harry was principal. Both of Harold's parents were teachers with degrees in physical education, so it was only natural that Harold developed an interest in athletics, excelling not only in his studies as a student there, but also as a star athlete on the football team. Harold then went on to attend the University of Minnesota, where he majored in ancient history, receiving his Bachelor of Arts in June 1968. As part of his ancient history program Harold spent the summer in Split, Croatia, working on an archeological dig. Upon receiving his undergraduate degree, Harold attended the University of Minnesota School of Public Affairs and the University of Minnesota Law School. Harold earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1973.

Harold began his law career in 1973 as an assistant county attorney for Anoka County where he acted as legal advisor to numerous county departments and handled litigation regarding eminent domain, real estate tax appeals and labor issues. In 1980, Harold moved into private practice at Olson, Gunn & Seran, where he continued his work specializing in eminent domain and real estate tax appeals. In 1990, Harold joined the law firm now known as Smith Gendler, becoming a partner and highly respected lawyer in the practice of property tax law. During his 31 years with Smith Gendler, Harold was a fierce advocate for his clients, successfully representing owners of nearly every property type in his practice of property tax litigation. Although he worked on many types of property ranging from large downtown and suburban office buildings to grain elevators and contaminated properties, he had a special interest in the "texture" that complex valuation cases offered. He was careful and methodical in his case preparation, lining up his arguments like a master. In negotiation, his delivery was nuanced, and his pitch finely tuned to the atmosphere of the room. He often weaved seamlessly between numbers and stories about his classic car outings with the BMW Car Club or his downhill ski trips at Alta in Utah, creating an aura of credulity. The Pied Piper with a wry smirk.

As part of Harold's commitment to public service, he also served for many years on the governing board of the nonprofit Central Center for Family Resources and represented the interests of various watershed districts in the metropolitan area.

Although Harold thoroughly loved his work and the camaraderie of his partners and co-workers, he above all treasured his family. He was a loving husband and father, always available and openly proud of his sons and four grandchildren, his face lighting up whenever one of his grandkids called him at the office to chat.

Harold's sharp intellect, wry sense of humor, and gregarious and optimistic approach to life and work will be greatly missed.

**THE SMITH GENDLER LAW FIRM**

## IN MEMORIAM

# ROBERT L. "BOB" SHUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 1947 — SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

Robert L. "Bob" Shutes passed away September 9, 2021, at age 74. He was a talented athlete throughout his school years, playing football, baseball, and basketball for Washburn High School, graduating in 1965. He received undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Minnesota.

He began practicing law in 1972 with Johnson & Sands. Bob spent the last 11 years with Sprenger, Olson & Shutes in Minneapolis. His practice concentrated in the areas of antitrust and employment discrimination litigation. Practicing law, Bob garnered the respect of all he encountered. He was the real deal. Not every lawyer is inspiring, but he was. He walked the walk every day modeling his values of hard work and integrity.

In 1989, he changed careers, becoming a financial advisor. He was designated a Five Star Wealth Manager by Mpls.St. Paul Magazine and Twin Cities Business on numerous occasions and recognized by Law & Politics as a trusted financial advisor to lawyers. Bob retired in 2013 from RBC Wealth Management.

In 1998, he received a new heart after a two-year wait. Post-transplant, Bob spent many years volunteering for LifeSource, helping to raise funds for education and awareness about organ, tissue, and eye donation.

Bob cherished his best friend and wife of 28 years, Shelley. After the transplant they spent winters in Florida and traveled in the U.S. and Europe. Also, after the transplant, Bob found a new passion in pickleball, playing almost daily and participating in numerous tournaments.

Bob retained friends throughout his life. He could talk to anyone and get others to talk about themselves. People trusted Bob. He was a true friend to everyone and cared deeply for others, known by many as "my best friend." He loved dogs and always had time to greet a pup and talk to its owner.

Bob felt incredibly lucky to wake up each day, thankful for his second heart and with a positive spirit. He was a fighter to the end. He lived almost twice as long as his prognosis—a testament to his strength and unbelievable tenacity.

We mourn his death, but celebrate his life.

**DENIS E. GRANDE**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JANE ELLEN ELSE SMITH

Jane Ellen Else Smith passed away peacefully at home on May 1, 2021, surrounded by her loving family after a brief battle with colon cancer that was discovered only weeks prior.

Jane, who always exuded a natural curiosity and a passion for learning, attended Macalester College (B.A. in English and Spanish, 1967). The highlight of Jane's college career was her year spent abroad in Madrid, Spain through New York University. Afterwards, Jane married her college boyfriend and taught Spanish and English as a second language. She then moved to Dallas, Texas, where she worked at Highland Park United Methodist Church and attended the University of North Texas, where she received a master's degree in Education and Spanish. Jane went on to teach high school English and Spanish until she had her daughter, Jessica, in 1975.

In the mid-1980s Jane and her family relocated to Buckinghamshire, England, where she got to do her much beloved cross-cultural consulting work through Wilson Learning, earn her pilot's license at Wycombe Air Force Base, and attend postgraduate studies in theology at Oxford University.

Upon returning to the states in 1987, she attended law school at William Mitchell College of Law. Her continued curiosity and passion for learning earned her the respect and friendship of her colleagues and professors. After graduating, Jane worked at West Publishing Group where she was able to tie together her fluency in Spanish with her passion for law and cross-cultural work by leading the teams that helped publish the laws for Puerto Rico and Mexico. This experience spurred Jane to launch her own consulting business, LiSimba Consulting Services, focused on navigating cross-cultural issues in business. Jane greatly enjoyed this work and became very successful and was sought after nationally to assist many companies manage their cross-cultural issues. A frequent lecturer on cross-cultural competency and concerns, she presented at numerous CLEs, workshops, and trainings globally. She was qualified to appear before the U.S. Supreme Court, attended the hearings of war criminal Slobodan Milosevic hearings in The Hague, and wrote the chapter titled, "Best Practices in Managing Cross-Cultural Concerns" for the ABA Section of its treatise on international law. A prolific writer on the subject of cross-cultural concerns, Jane contributed to many bar association publications, specialty journals, and treatises. Most meaningful to her was the work she got to do later in her career when she worked one on one with executives relocating from other cultures to the United States.

In addition to her many professional roles, Jane held numerous volunteer leadership roles in numerous organizations over the years, including the Women's Club of Minneapolis, Women's Association Minnesota Orchestra, and Macalester College Alumni Association.

Jane is survived by her daughter, Jessica; son-in-law, Amitabh Handa; and grandchildren, Bodhi and Lily; as well as John Hendrickson, her life partner of 23 years; as well as a whole host of friends and neighbors who became like family over the years.

**JESSICA SMITH**



## IN MEMORIAM

# PHILLIP HARDEN SMITH

FEBRUARY 13, 1936 — DECEMBER 11, 2021

Born and raised in Hartford City, Indiana, Phil skipped the fifth grade, played the clarinet in the high school band, and earned a scholarship to Purdue University, where he earned his B.S. in engineering in three years, and then graduated from Indiana University Law School at the age of 23.

Phil joined the Merchant & Gould patent and trademark law firm as its third attorney in 1959, which later became Merchant, Gould, Smith & Edell. He decided to concentrate on trademark law and grew the firm's highly successful practice in this area. Highlights of his work included the registration of Softsoap and the round Honeywell thermostat as trademarks, and protection of the Munsingwear penguin. Phil combined many interests and relationships when he wrote the patent registration for the Honeycrisp apple. He authored a leading text, *Intent to Use Trademark Practice*, in 1992 and was a leader in the U.S. Trademark Association. On his passing, his former law partners praised Phil for his generosity in mentoring younger attorneys and sharing clients. One partner said Phil was "unquestionably the most successful trademark lawyer Minnesota has ever known." Another partner observed that Phil "had the respect of the most sophisticated clients around, and was very well known throughout the country and beyond. He often shared with me how important his family was to him and how to budget and spend time with family, his outside interests and passions."

Phil made sure he was home every night for dinner with his family, and he had many interests beyond the law. An avid gardener since childhood, Phil was a founder and the first president of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and an active leader in the Men's Garden Club of Minneapolis and the Royal Delphinium Society of England. Phil was also a talented woodworker, sculptor, and painter.

While he frequented international meetings of intellectual property attorneys and rubbed elbows with high society in Britain, Phil was most at home in diners with construction workers for early morning breakfast conversation about carpentry and masonry.

Phil is survived by his angel partner, Helen Smoyer; his sons, Louis (Nadia Najarro) Smith and P. Brett Smith (Jody McCormick); daughter, Lisa Smith (Kraig Bruer); and grandchildren, Parker, Rheo, Keegan and Shea Bruer.

**LOUIS N. SMITH**

## IN MEMORIAM

# PETER JAMES STIEHM

MARCH 27, 1948 — OCTOBER 2, 2021

Peter James Stiehm was born on March 27th, 1948, in Minneapolis, one of four children born to Stanley and Noreen Stiehm. Peter was efficient and effective in everything he tackled. He graduated from De La Salle High School in Minneapolis. During high school, Peter became the youngest person to ever earn the rank of Eagle Scout in Minneapolis. After high school, Peter went to the University of St. Thomas. After college he earned his Juris Doctorate from the William Mitchell College of Law. Peter joined the Hennepin County Attorney's Office in 1974, beginning a career where he would enjoy a variety of different meaningful legal experiences that spanned over 34 years. His assignments included working in the Civil Division Torts Section, Juvenile Prosecution, Child Support, and Mental Health. During his tenure with Hennepin County, Peter got to work with two of his siblings who are also attorneys: Ann and Pat.

Peter had a wonderful way of seeing the world. His laid-back demeanor, kind heart, and wicked sense of humor were reflected everywhere in his life. Peter's colleagues said he was a delight to work with and his humor, even while in commitment court, was welcomed by all. Peter loved to get a rise out of people and transformed his office to the "Rush Room" over lunch hours, with tongue and cheek commentary.

Even more than Peter loved law, he loved his family. Peter married his wife Kathleen in 1969 and was happily married until her passing in 2018. Peter and Kathleen raised three children together: Andrew, Matthew, and Molly. Although dedicated to work, Peter never missed an important event for his children. He was always there for words of wisdom, support, and showing love. His dedication to his loved ones carried over into his being a meaningful and loving presence in his grandchildren's lives. In Peter's free time, he loved cards, read voraciously, and debated important life topics, such as the merits of pineapple on pizza, travel, and the Minnesota Vikings.

Peter passed away on October 2, 2021, after a well-fought battle with pancreatic cancer. Peter was preceded in death by his loving wife, Kathy; parents, Stanley and Noreen Stiehm; and grandson, Benjamin Stiehm. Pete is survived by his children, Andrew (Marlene Ovalle) Stiehm, Molly (Shannon) Lindmeyer, and Matthew (Anna Schroer) Stiehm; grandchildren, Natalie, Alex, Connor, Nathan, Owen, Sam, and Gabby; siblings, Patrick (Betty) Stiehm, John (Judy) Stiehm, and Ann (Neil) Ahlstrom; other relatives and friends; and by the hope for a Vikings Super Bowl win and an eternity available to wait for it. Peter will be remembered fondly by all who knew him as a humorous man, dedicated father, and favorite colleague. Rest in Peace.

**MOLLY LINDMEYER**

## IN MEMORIAM

# WILLIAM G. "BILL" SWANSON

JULY 28, 1946 — DECEMBER 16, 2021

William G. "Bill" Swanson was born on July 28, 1946, in Saint Paul, and died on December 16, 2021, while residing at his longtime home in Brooklyn Center. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents Milton and Vivian Swanson.

Bill graduated from North Saint Paul High School, Macalester College, and the University of Minnesota Law School. While in high school and at Macalester, Bill was a varsity hockey player. Hockey was sport he very much loved, and he was good at it. He continued to play competitively and recreationally for much of his life. He had much satisfaction and great fun watching his son Craig and his friends in their athletic endeavors. Bill enjoyed a wide variety of music, with a special liking for rock and roll. He and his wife Barbara would frequently attend classic rock and rhythm and blues concerts.

Bill began his practice of law with the LeVander, Gillen, Miller and Magunson law firm in South St. Paul. He was grateful for the experience he gained there and said it was a good place to get his feet on the ground as a lawyer. He appreciated the opportunity to work with and learn from former Governor, Harold LeVander. Bill soon learned that the commute from Brooklyn Center to South St. Paul was taking too much time away from his family, so he moved his law practice to Brooklyn Center, first as part of an association with another lawyer, and then as a solo practitioner engaging in the general practice of law. Bill loved the general practice of law and dealing with the variety of legal problems his work entailed. He especially enjoyed his clients who sought his advice and the satisfaction that came with solving their problems, which were both legal and at times personal. It gave him much pleasure to know that he made life easier for his clients.

Bill was an attentive and loving husband and father to his wife Barbara and son Craig. Much of his life centered around them and their two grandsons, Jake and Luke. It was one of his great joys to be part of their lives. He and Barbara shared many wonderful times together watching their grandsons play hockey, soccer, and tennis. Bill is remembered fondly with much love and affection. Bill is survived by his wife of 53 years, Barbara; son, Craig and his wife Genny; and two grandsons, Jake and Luke. He is also survived his sister Linda, and her husband Kurt.

Bill leaves a legacy of a life well lived as a lawyer, a friend and an affectionate and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. His presence in the lives of many is very much missed.

**HON. PAUL ANDERSON**

## IN MEMORIAM

# DAVID P. SWENSON

NOVEMBER 16, 1967 — JUNE 28, 2021

David Swenson, 53, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2021, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. David was born in South Bend, Indiana, and graduated from Armstrong High School in Plymouth, Minnesota. He earned a B.A. in computer science from Boston College and went on to complete both his M.S. in environmental studies and his J.D. at the University of Minnesota.

Early in his career, David served as a law clerk to the Hon. Giles Rich and the Hon. Pauline Newman of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He became a partner at major law firms, including Kirkland and Ellis, in Washington D.C.; Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi in Minneapolis; and most recently, Patterson Thuenete.

A business counselor, trial lawyer, and appellate advocate focusing on intellectual property, products liability, contract, employment, and other high stakes disputes, David's trial experience spanned federal district courts nationwide, the Patent Trial & Appeal Board, the International Trade Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, arbitration panels, and state courts. His appellate work comprised victories in the U.S. Supreme Court and the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. From the inception of his career, Swenson crafted significant IP victories, refining the landscape for inventors. Three times in his career he helped to secure outcomes in excess of \$100 million in favor of his clients. He also handled a number of trial-format arbitrations covering myriad technologies from microchips, routers, and Internet browsers to aircraft anti-collision systems, home faucet designs, and unleaded gasoline formulations.

David described himself as a "geek and computer science guy" whose interest in technology began in adolescence. He and a few "nerdy friends" were given unfettered access to the new Commodore PET computers at Sonnesyn Elementary School in exchange for writing educational programs. By the time Swenson was in junior high, his father had started his own software company. Swenson often tagged along to client consults and helped his dad flowchart software concepts.

Absolutely at the forefront of his mind in every firm he joined was David's passion for mentoring young attorneys. He always found a way to make people feel connected and supported.

David was a brilliant attorney, trusted mentor, and engaging conversationalist who never ran out of incisive questions, witty observations, or fitting tall tales. David married the love of his life, Angela Flatgard, in 2013, and the couple was blessed with three beautiful children. They will remember him for his silly daddy jokes and beginning every single day with a kiss on the forehead and the question, "Do you know how much Daddy loves you?" An avid soccer player, recreational skier, and discriminating foodie, David knew how to get the most out of life. But his love for his family and his trust in God were the defining qualities that will continue to inspire all who knew him. David is survived by his devoted wife, Angela Swenson; and their three young children, Hendrick (7), Eliana (5), and Samuel (2).

**ANGELA SWENSON**

## IN MEMORIAM

# ROBERT J. "BOB" TANSEY

MARCH 25, 1943 — APRIL 4, 2021

Robert "Bob" Tansey passed away on April 4, 2021, at the age of 78. Bob grew up in St. Paul, received his law degree from the University of Minnesota, and practiced law in the Twin Cities for his entire career.

Bob was not a litigator; he was a trial lawyer, one of the seemingly dwindling few who actually relished doing battle in the courtroom. Bob enjoyed that stage. He handled complex civil cases in federal and state courtrooms beyond Minnesota, including in California, Colorado, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Missouri. Bob tried cases of all different stripes and colors, including but not limited to claims involving divorce, patent infringement, product liability, minority shareholders, employment discrimination, partnership dissolution, securities fraud, and real property valuation. He was a student throughout his career, and he enjoyed immersing himself in new areas of law to which he could apply his considerable courtroom talents.

Bob was curious. His diverse caseload required the assistance of an array of technical experts, and he took great pleasure in spending time at the elbows of architects, engineers, business valuation consultants, real estate appraisers, forensic accountants, and chemists, learning the sciences and technologies implicated in his clients' cases. Bob was comfortable in that technical world and many of the experts he engaged became career-long friends.

Bob had a keen eye for talent and an appreciation for those with whom he practiced. He surrounded himself with extraordinary lawyers and staff everywhere he worked, from Stacker and Ravich in St. Paul, to Robins, Kaplan, and finally Anthony, Ostlund and Baer in Minneapolis. When looking back on his career, Bob often remarked, "I wasn't always the best player on the team, but I was always on the best team."

Bob's legacy is revealed most clearly in the careers of the younger men and women he trained and mentored. Working for Bob could be intimidating; he did not suffer fools lightly. But he was generous with both his time and in his praise for work well done, and he truly reveled in the successes of the lawyers who worked with him. While he certainly taught the nuts and bolts of trial work—how to craft a question, how to frame an argument, the importance of the rules—more importantly he taught those of us who learned at his knee how to respect clients, opponents, judges, and courthouse staff, how to treat our staff and assistants, how to conduct ourselves in our business endeavors, and how to have fun. We hear a lot these days from the sports world about "coaching trees," the assistants mentored by a particular coach who go on to their own successes. Bob Tansey's "lawyering tree" has a large canopy; the many really good lawyers he taught can be found perched among the highest branches of the most respected law firms in the Twin Cities.

At his passing, Bob was holding the hand of Dinah, the love of his life and his wife of 54 years. He is also survived by his son Will, daughter Ellie, and grandchildren Mason and Maeryn. As told by his family in his obituary, Bob was a self-described "world class athlete," enjoying golf, scuba diving, skiing, and especially fishing with his brother Mark. He was extremely generous and so valued education that/ in addition to his own kids, he assisted numerous children in acquiring their college degrees.

Bob had a big persona. If you mentioned "Bob" to another lawyer, you probably didn't have to add "Tansey." He left a big wake; if he had been there, you usually knew it. He was extremely loyal. If you were lucky enough to have practiced with Bob as a partner, colleague, client, or even adversary, the odds are good that you are better off for it.

DAVID OSLUND

## IN MEMORIAM

# ORLIN DALE TE SLAA

OCTOBER 26, 1957 — MAY 25, 2021

Orlin passed away on May 25, 2021, at the age of 63 after a courageous fight with COVID-19. He was surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy and uphold the strong values he held dear and lived each day of his life.

Born in Hull, Iowa, Orlin graduated from Western Christian School and completed his bachelor's degree at Augustana University, with a degree in accounting. Orlin went on and earned his master's degree in public accountancy and Juris Doctor from the University of South Dakota. After graduating from Law School, he began practicing at Arthur Andersen Co. in Minneapolis.

Orlin was an accomplished U.S. and international estate planning and tax attorney and practiced for over 35 years. He was a founding shareholder in the law firm Walsten & Te Slaa, in Bloomington, and prior to founding Walsten & Te Slaa, he was a shareholder in the trust and estates department of Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett (now Lathrop GPM). Orlin was dedicated to the service of his clients, was a trusted counselor, and took pride in making sure his clients and their loved ones were well taken care of far into the future.

Orlin wrote and presented numerous seminars on estate planning for Minnesota CLE and Wisconsin NBI, was a past author of Drafting Wills and Trust Agreements, a CLE publication for the Minnesota State Bar, and was a published author in the Minnesota Tax Journal. He also served as a board member, general counsel, and treasurer for ARKAT USA, Inc., and was a past board member for St. Francis Health Care Foundation, Christmas in May, and was an advisory board member for Thomson Reuters WestWorks Project.

Orlin met the love of his life and wife of 28 years, Julie, while practicing law at Krass and Monroe. Julie supported Orlin in his professional journey and every other path he journeyed during their time together. His children and grandchildren always held a special place in his heart. He led by example and instilled strong values in his children; he challenged them to be leaders and to be the best they could be. The simplest pleasures in life brought joy to Orlin. He loved to travel with his wife and family, attend sporting events, and support his grandchildren in their lives, adventures, and dreams for their future.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Gerben and Therissa Te Slaa. He is survived by his wife, Julie; children, Ryan (Emily) Ritchie and Brittany (Jesse) Sievers; grandchildren, Hattie, Bentley and Asher Ritchie, and Tanner and Reveille Sievers; siblings, Helen (Irwin) Van Leeuwen, Gaylen (Laura), and Terril (Lori) Te Slaa; nieces; nephews; and other family and friends.

Orlin was a loving, kind, funny and giving man and will be missed more than words could ever express.

**JULIE TE SLAA**

IN MEMORIAM

DAWN CHRISTINE VAN TASSEL

JUNE 28, 1974 — APRIL 7, 2021

Dawn graduated from Augsburg College, where she served as editor of the college newspaper and competed in speech tournaments, winning multiple awards. She continued her post-graduate studies at the University of California, Berkley—School of Law, where she obtained her J.D. At law school, Dawn had some of the best times of her life—making lifelong friends that she would invite to watch Law & Order by singing the theme song, and engaging in the level of intellectual discourse that would become the hallmark of Dawn's legal career. Last you think watching Law & Order was a joke, she watched the show instead of studying for her Criminal Law final and got the highest grade in the class. The fact pattern in that week's Law & Order paralleled the questions in the exam!

Dawn returned to Minneapolis to practice law at Oppenheimer, the Maslon firm, and, eventually, establish her own law firm. Dawn loved the law and loved the intellectual art of the argument. She enjoyed legal writing and sometimes adding a theme or pun to legal arguments. She never backed down from an argument and relentlessly defended those whom she felt were getting the short end of the stick. She volunteered her time to mock trial teams, and supported women-owned small businesses.

Dawn enjoyed being a mother and when possible, looked for opportunities to involve her daughter, Julia, in the legal profession. One of Julia's favorite memories was attending a hearing with her mother when she was 10 or 11 years old. When the hearing was complete, the judge was excited to meet Julia and invited Julia to see the judge's chamber and get a behind-the-scenes look at the legal system. This remains one of Julia's favorite memories about her mom and the legal profession.

Dawn was brilliant, fiercely independent, and incredibly loyal to her family and friends. However, Dawn's greatest adversary was not in the courtroom, and it was one that would take her life. Dawn's success legally unfortunately coincided with her greater and greater use of alcohol. Her drinking became problematic and led to professional and personal setbacks. All those that spoke up to Dawn with concerns for her well-being deserve our thanks and admiration for what could have been. Ultimately, alcoholism took Dawn's talent, passion, and life from us. In the end, there was nothing any of us could do to alter that outcome.

Dawn passed too soon and where logic fails to explain this loss, the words of Mary Oliver from *At the River Clarion* (part 4) offer comfort:

There was someone I loved who grew old and ill  
One by one I watched the fires go out.  
There was nothing I could do

except to remember  
that we receive  
then we give back.

Thank you for practicing with Dawn, for supporting Dawn and for trying to help Dawn. Dawn's legacy lives on in her smart and independent 14-year-old daughter, Julia.

MARK LORENZEN

TINA SMITH

## IN MEMORIAM

# ALAN WILLIAM WEINBLATT

Alan William Weinblatt graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1968. His first appointment was a year clerkship with Judge Phillip Neville. Alan and Judge Neville established a close friendship and Alan was asked to be one of the speakers at Judge Neville's funeral. Alan's first job was with the firm of Altman, Gerrity, Leonard and Mullaly. After one year he went out on his own with Richard Leonard. His first law case was a bankruptcy for which he was paid with a bag of potatoes and onions. That client stayed with Alan—and paid in cash—for the next 45 years.

Alan's main client was the Minnesota DFL. He became famous for the reapportionment of the State of Minnesota 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010. Another strong suit was the recounts for DFL candidates. Judge Ed Devitt once asked Alan if he had the book of MN Election Laws memorized. Alan answered, "In all honesty, yes."

Alan hired new lawyers to help him with cases. He gave the lawyers full responsibility so they could learn under his watch. Many went on to be great lawyers and note they got their start from Alan. Helping others was Alan's goal. He represented Royal Zeno, pro-bono, against the MN Airports Commission. Zeno and his five partners ran the shoeshine business at the airport. The Airport Commission wanted him to leave. Zeno went to his good friend Alan Weinblatt and Alan promised to help. Alan called a radio DJ and asked him to ask his audience to call and email the airports and tell them this is wrong—if those six Black men lost their jobs, they would be on welfare. Result: for three days the commission could not use their phones or computers because of the number of calls and emails coming in. Tom Brokaw, of NBC News, called Alan and came to Minnesota to do a bit on Royal Zeno. They filmed at the Minnesota Airport. People Magazine called and did a full-page story on the Zeno Shoe Shiners. After this media blitz, Alan negotiated a 5-year contract, at a reduced rate and in five locations. Note: the shoe shiners are still there today and are owned by Zeno's daughter, Rosemary.

Loyalty was important to Alan. Kris Ronning Quicksell was Alan's secretary from 1968 to 2021. In 1984, Alan took out an ad in the Ramsey County Bar Association News honoring Kris for her 25 years of service. Kris ran the office so well she deserved a law degree.

Few know that Alan had EZ Mini Storage as a client. To help run the business, Alan wrote the laws for the mini storage industry in the state of Minnesota.

When Alan turned 68 years, he started College Advisors Network, a business that helped students and parents choose, apply to, and pay for college. Those that utilized his services were amazed at Alan's knowledge and suggestions. It was a success and is going strong today with new owners.

Alan took time to travel. In 1980, with wife Gloria, they traveled to the USSR to deliver Israeli citizenship papers to Jewish families so those families could leave Russia for Israel, to become Israeli citizens.

Alan was born in St Paul and was father to four children. He instilled in them a love of travel and knowledge. Melinda, Tanya, Adam, and Shay describe their childhood as one big adventure. The seven grandchildren loved to come to Grandpa's house to spend time. In 2001, Alan learned to swim so he could be in the swimming pool with his grandchildren.

Besides law, Alan loved theater, reading, listening, traveling, and learning. As a kid, he read the Collier's Encyclopedia three times. Alan's mind was a gift and he passed it to others.

**GLORIA WEINBLATT**



## IN MEMORIAM

# PROFESSOR DAVID WEISSBRODT

OCTOBER 13, 1944 — NOVEMBER 11, 2021

Professor David Weissbrodt was a pivotal figure in the success of the international human rights movement. With Minnesota as his base, he had a global impact as a teacher, scholar, and advocate for laws and institutions that promoted human rights.

David joined the University of Minnesota Law School faculty in 1975 where he spent his career teaching and mentoring generations of law students. He founded many organizations, including the Advocates for Human Rights (1983), the Center for Victims of Torture (1985), and the Human Rights Center (1988), solidifying Minnesota's reputation as a global center for human rights law and advocacy. David was also a leader in Amnesty International and he traveled the globe for them to document violations and press for the release of prisoners of conscience.

Professor Weissbrodt carried out path-breaking work on many human rights issues, pushing for U.N. standards regarding torture, enforced disappearances, fair trials, death investigations, the rights of non-citizens, the death penalty, and business and human rights. He was a visionary in his human rights work, putting these issues on the agenda long before others recognized their importance. His work to establish norms on the responsibilities of transnational corporations (2003), for instance, catalyzed the next two decades of critical discussions on the topic.

He helped build critical human rights machinery at the U.N., pushing for progressive enforcement in these institutions for years as a scholar-activist before rising to positions of leadership, including his tenure as the U.S. member of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (1996-2003) and on the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery. He was elected chair of that sub-commission for 2001-02, the first American since Eleanor Roosevelt to chair a UN human rights body.

A prolific scholar, Professor Weissbrodt had more than 250 publications, including the fifth edition of his *Law, Policy and Process* casebook on human rights, completed just months before his death. He pioneered the online Human Rights Library at the University of Minnesota, which archived every major human rights treaty, decision, report, and resolution and, because of its translation into many languages, served as a touchstone for building capacity among aspiring scholars and activists who had no other access to these materials.

As a passionate advocate for his students, Professor Weissbrodt supported decades of internships that led to professional work for so many aspiring human rights advocates. There is no doubt that every major human rights organization in the U.S., and many across the globe, count his students among its top leadership. These mentees are working every day to save lives and protect the dignity of people around the world: a fitting legacy for our human rights champion.

In addition to his professional endeavors, David was a beloved husband, father, and friend. He was an active skier and swimmer, and hiked trails near and far with his wife, Pat Schaffer. David and Pat have many friends across the globe, with whom they shared good meals, wine, and memories.

**BARBARA FREY**

## IN MEMORIAM

# MARGARET "MARG" ZACK

DECEMBER 3, 1943 — OCTOBER 21, 2021

Retired Star Tribune reporter, Margaret "Marg" Zack, died peacefully in her sleep from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

In May of 1995, Marg received an "Advancement of Justice Award" from the Hennepin County Bar Association "for significant contribution toward the understanding of, appreciation for, and availability of the American system of law and justice."

Marg wasn't a religious person, but I have never met another person more deserving of being in heaven. I was married to her for 54 years and loved her dearly, so I am a little biased. The following is what several of her colleagues said about her:

Judge Kevin S. Burke said, "There will be those who don't remember the by-line 'by Margaret Zack' but if you were in the justice system during her tenure covering courts, you will feel a great sense of loss. It may seem trite to describe her as a class act and in a sense, it is because she was a deeply caring and kind person." Marshall Tanick, partner at Meyer, Njus & Tanick said, "Marg set a high standard for how legal affairs should be reported in the media. She was respected and highly regarded by those of us in the legal profession. She was a journalist who set the template for legal affairs reporting in this state and was skillful at explaining sometimes arcane and complex legal issues in a way that was understandable to lay readers."

Neal St. Anthony, Minneapolis Star Tribune columnist said, "As an attorney and longtime elected officer for the Newspaper Guild, she spearheaded a fight that led to a 1990s settlement with Star Tribune management to increase pay for women who were paid less than men for similar reporting and editing work."

Marilyn Hoegemeyer, retired Star Tribune editor said, "Marg was one of the most generous reporters. She would find stories and get tips at the courthouse and often turn them over to other reporters, whether they were about sports, government, city hall or business. That was valuable to the newspaper."

Peg Meier, retired Star Tribune reporter said, "Marg was a kind colleague who always went the extra mile on the job. She mentored young journalists and served as a volunteer union officer. She was reelected several times by fellow employees who respected her commitment and expertise. She threw herself into representing her colleagues in the union. She kindly showed the ropes to new staff members with her sweet personality evident."

Neal Gendler, retired Star Tribune editor said, "Marg and I worked together her entire career. She was perhaps the most unappreciated reporter there, management taking for granted her tremendous productivity and bringing in stories no one else found. I know what esteem she had among court workers. When I occasionally had to fill in for her, all I had to say was 'I'm trying to fill in for Marg' and court people went to great lengths to help me."

**DENI ZACK**

IN MEMORIAM

**LAWRENCE ZELLE**

SEPTEMBER 14, 1934 — MAY 8, 2021

Lawrence Zelle's legal practice and service as a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association began in 1956. He started with the firm of Robins Davis & Lyons, which became Robins Zelle Larson & Kaplan in 1980. He founded Zelle & Larson in 1988 and Zelle LLP continues to be endowed with his name as well as his professional achievements. Since he passed, scores of attorneys have shared deeply personal moments when they were beneficiaries of his advice or counsel, sometimes uninvited, but always thoughtful and authentic. I expect there are hundreds, if not thousands, of lawyers who remember his words.

I followed my father's professional pathway. I adopted his belief that the law and legal systems are the world's most effective means to achieve justice, equity, and a fair resolution of conflict. I learned from my father that every lawyer has an ever-present opportunity to define for themselves what it means to uphold the integrity of the profession. I expect he shared this lesson with many lawyers and that it will be reflected in the courts of Hennepin County and far beyond for years to come. This is the meaning of legacy.

**ANTHONY ZELLE**

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This memorial session is held on an annual basis. Attorneys who have passed away more recently will be honored at the 2023 memorial session.

This Memorial booklet is presented by the Hennepin County Bar Association to the families and friends of the deceased attorneys and members of the bench and bar. The booklet is on file with Hennepin County District Court and in the archives of the Minnesota Historical Society, Minnesota State Law Library, Hennepin County Law Library, and Hennepin History Museum.

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