

**Special Session:
Annual Hennepin County
2021 Bar Memorial**

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

Invocation
The Honorable Martha A. Holton Dimick
Hennepin County District Court

Introduction of Special Guests

Recognition of Deceased Members
Brandon E. Vaughn, President-Elect
Hennepin County Bar Association

Remarks and Introduction of Speaker
Esteban A. Rivera, President
Hennepin County Bar Association

Memorial Address
Justice Natalie E. Hudson
Minnesota Supreme Court

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 30, 2021

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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. This year the plan was to hold this Special Session at the University of St. Thomas School of Law. We have needed increasingly larger venues as our list of remembrances lengthens due to the steady growth of our local legal community. That all abruptly changed due to the pandemic and not being able to hold large gatherings. Hence, we opened a new chapter by holding this Special Session virtually for 2020. Because we created a poignant and memorable online experience for everyone, we will hold this 2021 Special Session virtually as well. We look forward to resuming the tradition of gathering in person when the pandemic stabilizes. Hopefully next year.

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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January 29, 2021 (2020 session) Tom Nelson
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
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April 11, 2012 Dean Thomas M. Mengler
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April 26, 2006 Retired Judge Marianne D. Short
April 20, 2005 Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum
April 21, 2004 Byron E. Starns
April 16, 2003 Judge Joan N. Ericksen
April 17, 2002 Daniel S. Kleinberger
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April 19, 2000 Associate Justice Paul H. Anderson
April 21, 1999 Dean E. Thomas Sullivan
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April 24, 1996 Dean Harry J. Haynsworth
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April 28, 1993 Walter F. Mondale
 April 22, 1992 Dean James F. Hogg
 April 24, 1991 Judge Doris O. Huspeni
 April 25, 1990 Frank Plant, Jr.
 April 26, 1989 Allen I. Saeks
 April 27, 1988 Arthur Whitney
 April 22, 1987 Judge Susanne C. Sedgwick
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 April 24, 1985 Dean Robert A. Stein
 April 25, 1984 Leonard E. Lindquist
 April 27, 1983 Chief Justice Douglas K. Amdahl
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 April 28, 1981 Maynard Pirsig
 April 30, 1980 John M. Palmer
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 Feb. 15, 1978 Clyde F. Anderson
 Feb. 24, 1977 Edward J. Schwartzbauer
 Jan. 22, 1976 George C. Mastor
 May 22, 1975 David R. Brink
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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
 May 27, 1965 William H. DeParcq

INVOCATION

May it please the Court and all who are present:

I'm Martha Holton Dimick and I have been blessed with the honor of delivering this invocation.

Dear Lord Hear Our Pleas,

As we gather this day around your holy name, we call upon you to bring hope and comfort during even the toughest of times – the loss of loved ones. We grieve the passing of attorneys and judges who have devoted their knowledge, experience, and dedication to the practice of law. Life with our loved ones has changed, but it has not ended. Give us the strength to always hold them in the utmost esteem and keep them close in our hearts forever.

Let us be inspired by our colleagues and celebrate their many contributions to their families, our profession, and our communities. We gather to celebrate the lives of the dearly departed. We celebrate lives filled with love, integrity, and grace, lives that are legacies to those left behind. May this not be a day of mourning, but a day of celebration for lives that touched us all in many different ways. We celebrate the memories we will always have. We know that in the days, weeks, months, and years to come, what we will be left with are the fond memories of the times we shared with those we've lost.

Let your presence continue to manifest itself in this venue as we gather here to mourn our beloved love ones. Let the memories we share bring joy and healing to our hearts. We ask for your comfort to descend over our loved ones' families. May your love shine on them and may they know the mercy and grace that only you can give. Bless them with a sense of your goodness and give them peace.

Amen.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Thank you. Good morning and may it please the court. I am humbled by the opportunity to share a few thoughts on this special occasion. But first, I want to extend a special welcome to my fellow judges, to the members of the bar, and especially to the families and friends of those whose lives we have gathered to honor.

Today, we take a moment as a profession to pause, to reflect, and to remember our beloved colleagues who we have lost this past year, including two former justices of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Chief Justice Russell Anderson and Chief Justice Alexander 'Sandy' Keith—both of whom faithfully served this state with honor, authenticity, integrity, and compassion. To those who remain, the death of a loved one or a colleague requires reconciliation to a new reality because the physical, tangible connection is gone. But they live on in our shared memories; and those memories allow us to “let go, without forgetting.” (Charlotte D. Grant-Cobb, *Transition – Solace and Comfort for the Broken Hearted*). Thus, we come together to comfort one another, to share stories, to laugh, to cry—to bear witness to the indelible impact that these amazing individuals had on our lives and our community.

Reflecting on today, I kept returning to one question: what is it that binds us as a profession? What is the throughline connecting all these persons from all different walks of life that ultimately led them to a career in the law? And while I'm sure that the answers vary from person to person; deep down I think each and every member of the bar is drawn to the profession, at least in part, by an innate desire to serve others. Service to others—it is the foundational principle of being a lawyer. It is part of what makes this profession so unique and why I believe that the practice of law is such a noble calling. Author Paul McElroy rightly notes that “What belongs TO us is not as important as to what we belong. There is strength in being identified with some worthy cause and in belonging to some purposeful group. And so, that to which we belong and to which we give our loyalty must represent the highest and the very best that we know.” (McElroy, *Quiet Thoughts*). And at its best, the legal profession to which our colleagues gave their loyalty, is one of service.

First and foremost, lawyers dedicate their professional lives to serving their clients. In doing so, a lawyer acts as a trusted counselor. After many years of practice and many more on the bench, I've discovered that win or lose—most clients are tremendously grateful because what they want most is vindication. For most litigants, criminal and civil, court can feel very dehumanizing as their case gets reduced to legal issues, pleadings and rules of procedure; when what they really want is a means to use the legal system to compel other people (specifically lawyers and judges) to take notice of them; to recognize their rights as being of value; to listen, and to consider their stories. Thus, lawyers give “voice” to their clients’ stories in a language—the language of law—that their clients cannot. The colleagues and loved ones we honor today, spent their careers giving “voice” to their clients; be that in a marital dissolution; criminal charges, immigration matters or multimillion-dollar mergers.

I'm reminded of an oral argument that took place several years ago where an attorney was arguing on behalf of a man who had been terminated from his job. As the oral argument began, the attorney turned around and acknowledged her client, who was in the courtroom accompanied by his wife. As I looked at them, I was struck by how the husband and wife were literally clinging to one another; anxious about the proceeding that was likely foreign to them, and whose result would drastically impact their lives. And it occurred to me that, like most clients, they had pinned all their hopes and dreams on their attorney. They were relying on her to convey their legal position, of course—but they were also relying on her to convey their broader story and thereby acknowledge and affirm their humanity. America is a society based on the rule of law and justice, and as lawyers, our loved ones used their unique skills with every client they served to make that ideal of justice a reality.

But lawyers serve more than just their clients—they serve the community and the interests of justice more broadly. Albert Einstein once said that “those who have the privilege to know, have the duty to act.” Most, if not all, of the attorneys we honor today, used that privilege of knowing to act in favor of the common good. They devoted countless hours to pro bono work, thereby ensuring that high-quality legal representation and access to justice was not limited solely to those of means. Through their pro bono work and leadership positions in nonprofit organizations, these attorneys and judges used their unique skills to affect positive change in their local communities—all the while, exhibiting honesty, integrity, and compassion—they were the very best of our profession and we were lucky to call them colleagues.

And finally, those we honor today are defined by the legacies they left behind in their personal lives. They were loving husbands and wives, devoted partners, fathers and mothers; brothers and sisters; lifelong friends; pillars of their community. Our time with them was precious and we are better for it. (Grant-Cobb, *Transition*). And this memorial would be incomplete without also recognizing the loved ones who supported our fellow colleagues all along the way. It is an unfortunate reality that a lawyer's commitment to serving others at times comes at the expense of those nearest and dearest to them—whether it be a late night at the office, an abbreviated vacation, or an impromptu work call. To that end, on behalf of the entire legal community—thank you for sharing your loved ones with us. May their memory inspire us as a profession to renew our solemn commitment to ensuring fairness and justice for all. So that one day, when we come to the end of our own journeys, we too can look back on our lives and be proud of living a life dedicated to the greatest duty of all: service to others.

Thank you so very much.

JUSTICE NATALIE E. HUDSON
Minnesota Supreme Court

IN MEMORIAM

**THE HONORABLE
RUSSELL A. ANDERSON**

MAY 28, 1942 — SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

The Minnesota justice system lost one of our champions with the passing of Russell Anderson. Russ served in the justice system his entire career, as an attorney, judge, justice, and chief justice. And the system is all the better for it.

Russ's journey began in Bemidji, and he spoke often about his growing-up years, and the life lessons and work ethic he got from his father and mother and his extended family. Russ was a newspaper boy, hired hand on his uncle's farm, and gas-station attendant at his dad's station.

He went on to St. Olaf College, where he majored in history and economics and was student body president. Most importantly, he met the love of his life, Kristin, at St. Olaf and their union on earth lasted more than 53 years. Russ was a devoted husband and proud father of three children.

After St. Olaf, it was on to law school at the University of Minnesota. Then Russ served his country in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, including working as a JAG officer in Japan, which he termed, "the adventure of my life."

Later, his JAG service took Russ to Washington, D.C., where he received a master's degree in international law. But then in 1976, Russ came home to Bemidji and entered private practice until he became Beltrami County Attorney, a position he held until his appointment to the district court bench.

During his 16 years of service on the district court bench in the Ninth Judicial District, Russ developed a reputation as a fair and compassionate judge. He was a leader in the Ninth District, serving as chief judge and on the statewide conference of chief judges.

In 1998, Governor Arne Carlson appointed Russ to the Minnesota Supreme Court. And then in 2006, Governor Tim Pawlenty appointed Russ to be Minnesota's chief justice, the position he held until his retirement in June 2008. During his time on the Supreme Court, Russ authored 176 opinions on a vast array of topics. He fought fiercely for the independence of the judiciary, cautioning that, "We must not let the heavy hand of politics come to rest on the scales of justice."

From newspaper boy in Bemidji to the chief justice of Minnesota—what a remarkable journey. Throughout his career, Russ garnered the respect of all he encountered. His work ethic was legendary and his story-telling hilarious.

Russ Anderson lived a life of humility, and he was, for certain, the least self-important really important person any of us has ever known. It was never about Russ Anderson. It was always and only about the people in the cases he was called to decide, as he would often say, "One human circumstance at a time."

As Governor Pawlenty said about Russ in his letter accepting Russ's retirement, "You exemplify the very best in public servants."

Thank you, Russ, we are eternally in your debt.

CHIEF JUSTICE LORIE S. GILDEA

IN MEMORIAM
JOHN ANGELL
FEBRUARY 7, 1939 — DECEMBER 21, 2020

John Angell was born on February 7, 1939, in Saint Paul, one of four children born to Carroll and Georgianna Angell. He graduated from Cretin Derham Hall High School in Saint Paul, and he then attained his bachelor's degree from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. John then earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Minnesota Law School. He joined the Lasley, Gaughan firm in 1971 with his college friend Bob Stich, which ultimately became the law firm of Stich Angell. He practiced civil defense work with Stich Angell until his retirement in 2013, representing businesses, individuals, and organizations in all areas of civil litigation including products liability, auto accident, premises liability, and sex abuse matters. He enjoyed a reputation as one of the most highly respected trial attorneys in the state.

John was one of those lawyers who came of age when cases were routinely tried, sometimes only a few days after the attorney was handed the file. He developed a knack for trial work, loved it, and became a legend in the courtroom. With his tall physique, white hair, and deep radio-announcer voice, he commanded the attention of jurors, but at the same time was humorous and relatable. While he looked and sounded like Hollywood's version of a "trial lawyer," he was the real deal. He could try a case in his sleep. Upon successfully obtaining a defense verdict for the Boy Scouts of America in the early 2000s, one juror described him as "the BMW of lawyers." His last trial in 2013 was a products liability case in which he represented the manufacturer; at the age of 74 he obtained his final defense verdict—a fitting end to a stellar career in the courtroom.

John's easygoing demeanor, kind heart, and wicked sense of humor were reflected in the way he treated opposing counsel, as well as the attorneys with whom he worked. His stories with John Carey were legendary and will live on in infamy among all who knew both. He always had a joke or two for co-defense counsel, putting everyone at ease. His deep voice sometimes caused him to break into song at firm Christmas parties, which was both surprising and amazing.

The only thing John loved more than the law was his family. He and his wife Eileen were married for 51 years, and despite starting their family late, made up for lost time and raised nine children together, including two sets of twins. John enjoyed discussing his cases with Eileen over dinner and took immense joy in the misadventures a family of nine children can bring.

John was deeply committed to his faith and was a devoted member of the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church and then Holy Family Catholic Church, both in Saint Louis Park. His enduring faith guided him through a successful legal career.

LOUISE A. BEHRENDT

IN MEMORIAM
THOMAS H. BENNIN
JULY 28, 1950 — APRIL 28, 2020

Thomas “Tom” H. Bennin was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on July 28, 1950, and passed away on April 28, 2020. Tom was a 1968 graduate of Sheboygan South High School where he was a varsity debater, editor of the school newspaper, active in drama, and president of his senior class. Tom was also very musical. He delighted in playing rock music on the family piano and served as an organist at church.

Tom attended the University of California – Santa Barbara for his first two years of college, but decided to come home, buckle down and complete his studies at the University of Wisconsin –Madison. He graduated with a degree in political science and spent nearly five years pursuing a doctorate in philosophy. It was a discipline that appealed to his curious, meticulous, and logical mind. In 1980, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

He joined the business litigation group at Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis the same year and became a partner in the firm in 1988. During his years in private practice, Tom specialized in complex financial litigation and represented a wide array of financial institutions in federal and state courts across the country. He was known within the firm as a strategic thinker, a fierce advocate, and a skilled writer. Tom was an early adopter of computer technology and played a key role in bringing Faegre into the computer age in his role on the facilities committee. He was the “Help Desk” for many of his partners before there was a “Help Desk.” Tom was exceptionally bright, a delight to have debates with, and a thoughtful mentor.

Tom was a true Renaissance man. He loved learning and debating all sorts of topics. He was an engaging conversationalist and excelled at putting current events into a useful historical context. He loved Wittgenstein, Nabokov, Sherlock Holmes, U.S. history and constitutional law. He studied chess, dabbled in world cuisine, learned to bake delicious bread and scones, and absolutely relished many varieties of music.

Before settling into their Florida home close to extended family, Tom and his wife, Melanie, lived for a time at their cabin in northern Wisconsin where they enjoyed the peace and beauty of the Northwoods. Tom lived a life of joy, following his interests and living life on his terms. He is sorely missed by his wife of 40 years, Melanie; his family; and his friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Angeline and Harvey Bennin; and his sisters, Jane (Frank) Kremer and Lois Bennin. He is survived by his wife, Melanie; his sister, Mary (Jorge) Cardona; two nieces, Anne (Dean) Strauss, Elizabeth (Tim) Flanigan; and two nephews, Joe (Stephanie Adamany) Kremer, and Oliver Cardona.

God be with you, Tom! We miss you.

MELANIE RETTIE
MARY BENNIN CARDONA

IN MEMORIAM

PETER HOLMES BERGE

JUNE 17, 1956 — FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Peter Holmes Berge, 63, of St. Paul, passed away on February 25, 2020 at home, ending a three-year battle with brain cancer. After a San Diego upbringing, St. Olaf College, and study at William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1983), he was a judicial clerk at the Minnesota Court of Appeals and Minnesota Supreme Court. From 1985-1989, he practiced law at Schwebel, Goetz, and Sieben, leaving Minneapolis to study and teach at Temple University School of Law (LL.M., 1992). Teaching at Georgetown Law Center followed, then visiting professorship at William Mitchell.

In 1994, Peter returned to legal practice at Tewksbury, Kerfeld, Zimmer. As vice president of risk management at Minnesota Lawyers Mutual (1999-2002), he developed training and publications to lessen infractions and liability. After, he was an attorney at Pritzker & Associates (2002-2004) and Altera Law Group (2004-2008), earning “Super Lawyer” designations in 2004 and 2005. But love of teaching led him to become web education director for Minnesota CLE in 2005, building that program from the ground up and leading it until January 2017.

During active practice, Peter primarily represented injured plaintiffs, including numerous appeals, and co-authored *The Practitioner’s Guide to the Minnesota No-Fault Act* (3rd Edition, 1988). In addition, he represented lawyers in cases of ethics and personal responsibility, and expanded in other areas (intellectual property, commercial, corporate, arts/entertainment, copyright/trademark).

With Minnesota, Hennepin County, and Ramsey County Bar Association memberships, he served as member and chair of multiple state-level committees, and on Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board—Fourth District Ethics Committee and Mitchell Hamline’s Alumni Board. The Association for Continuing Legal Education (ACLEA) benefited from his many contributions as a member, including frequent speaking and executive Committee service, where he was president-elect before his illness led to stepping down. Too, during and after studies at the University of Minnesota (MBA, 2016), he presented “business school for CLE” conference sessions, parallel to his often-taught technology classes for ACLEA boot camps.

People knew Peter for his intelligence, humor, hard work, and hospitality. His skills and knowledge cut a wide swath: from consulting, writing, and analysis to computer and political savvy to delicious cooking and grilling. Music was a passion for Peter, as a listener, concert-goer, and performer—particularly the guitar, which he owned many of and played expertly, solo and with others. He also took joy in his dogs, sports (e.g., running, soccer, and biking), travel, photography, art, architecture, fine food and wine, friends, family, and his beloved wife, Debbie Sit, who passed in 2015.

Peter is survived by brothers Mark and Eric (Tammy, with children Kevin, Laura, and Katherine), extended family, and a host of friends. Despite his aggressive form of cancer, he lived almost twice as long as his initial prognosis—a testament to his strength, excellent medical professionals, and a significant circle of caring individuals around him. Admired and treasured, Peter was as his CaringBridge comments described him: “a positive light in so many people’s lives;” “such an inspiration;” “a wonderful person and well respected;” “beloved by many;” “a truly amazing, brilliant, talented man;” and “one of the real good guys in our industry.”

MARK BERGE

IN MEMORIAM

BRUCE WINTHROP BLACKBURN

DECEMBER 16, 1932 — AUGUST 14, 2020

On August 14, 2020, Bruce Winthrop Blackburn, loving husband and father, died at the age of 87. He lived in Deephaven with his wife of 55 years, Judy. His two kids, John (Gail) and Amy (Johan Aasheim), and his three grandchildren, Max, Bo and Celia, lived close by. Bruce retired from the practice of law at age 80 and loved classical music, nature, reading, and playing golf.

Bruce was born in St. Paul to Winthrop and Verna Blackburn. He grew up in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Menomonie, Wisconsin, with his brother, Burge, and sister, Marjorie. They enjoyed summer vacations spent at their cabin on Lake Superior, which remains in the family today.

Bruce received his undergraduate degree from Valparaiso University in 1954. Following graduation, he joined the U.S. Army and served in the Army Security Agency based in Germany. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he was able to leverage the GI Bill and further his education at the University of Minnesota Law School. He graduated in 1959.

Bruce made lifelong friends in law school and gained an education that sustained his exceptional legal career. Bruce's first job out of law school was in the trust department at Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis. From there he entered private practice. In 1986, following a series of mergers and acquisitions, he became a senior partner at Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly. He retired from Oppenheimer with many successes and great working relationships. Bruce was both a scholar and a teacher and was described by many as a true gentleman.

Bruce saw the practice of law as a service and believed a lawyer's job was to help people—and help people he did. He served on the board of the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis for 39 years and contributed his legal skills to many organizations associated with Lake Superior and the environment.

Bruce truly cared about his family, co-workers, and community. He was actively involved and interested in life and the world around him and making it better. He used the education and expertise he had to try to do that.

Bruce Blackburn lived a very good life. He was a kind and decent man, a wonderful husband and father, and we are all very proud of him.

Here are some other organizations he donated his time to: Citizens League, member of Board of Directors; City of Minnetonka Housing and Redevelopment Authority, member and chairman; Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at Northland College, chairman of Advisory Board; All Saints Lutheran Church, church council and president; Hennepin County Bar Foundation, trustee.

THE FAMILY OF BRUCE BLACKBURN

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES 'CRAIG' BOONE

MARCH 31, 1944 — AUGUST 14, 2020

Craig Boone's big heart was evident in his career choice—that of a public defender always fighting for the little guy: the poor, the disadvantaged, and the overlooked of society. He was funny, irreverent, opinionated, smart, adventurous and obsessed with injustice. He was also a proud husband and loving father and was never happier in his later years than when he was with his granddaughters.

Craig was born in Portland, Oregon on March 31, 1944, as the great-great-great-great grandson of Daniel Boone. He grew up moving all over the country as his father set up Chrysler dealerships. They settled in the Twin Cities where Craig graduated from Minnetonka High School. He went on to the University of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota Law School (Class of 1969), where he met his lifelong friends Malcolm Reid and Danny Schermer.

Craig served as an assistant Minneapolis city attorney before taking six months off to backpack around Europe with his bride, Katy. On their return, he began his career in criminal defense at the Legal Rights Center under Doug Hall and made lifelong friends of Mike Davis and Jim Krieger. Along with them he joined the Hennepin County Public Defender's office in 1979.

As a senior attorney and team leader in the public defender's office, Craig mentored many young lawyers, sharing his humor, insight, expertise and love of the law. He was never afraid to go to trial and tried more than 100 jury trials. He retired in 2010 after 30 years as a public defender.

Craig was a loving husband, father, grandpa, uncle, and friend. He loved cars, motorcycles, bicycles, fly fishing, travel, books, movies, dogs, sailboats, sushi, and dressing well.

Craig died at the age of 76 after suffering a stroke. Preceded in death by parents, Harold and Velna Marple Boone; sister, Margaret (Boone) Sloss; brother-in-law, Jim Rees; and longtime friends, Malcolm Reid and Jim Krieger. Survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Katy (Rees) Boone; daughter, Molly; son, Andy (Kisha); granddaughters, Anisha and Janae; golden retriever, Bridget; and many colleagues and friends.

THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CRAIG BOONE

IN MEMORIAM

**THE HONORABLE
ROBERT E. 'BOB' BOWEN**

FEBRUARY 28, 1924 — MAY 15, 2020

Longtime lawyer and retired judge Robert E. "Bob" Bowen died on Friday, May 15, 2020. He was 96 years old. He was predeceased by his wife, Alexandria (Andy), and a daughter, Hilary. He is survived by sons, John Bowen (Vicki Carlson), and James Bowen; daughters, Mary "Missy" Bowen (Camile Baudoin), Anne Bowen LaFianza (Javier LaFianza), and Sarah Bowen; and by grandchildren, Jeffrey Bowen, Gregory Bowen, Mariana LaFianza, and Joshua LaFianza.

Bob was born in Minneapolis in 1924 and spent some of his early years with his grandparents in Aitkin, where he developed an early love of the outdoors and of woodcraft. As a teen he was active in music and scouting and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Bob attended The Blake School, graduating as valedictorian in 1941. His education was interrupted by three years of army service in World War II, including combat duty in Germany with General George Patton's Third Army. After discharge, he went on to the University of Minnesota, where he earned a B.A. in history (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and a law degree (Law Review, Order of the Coif), and clerked for Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Thomas Gallagher.

Bob's 23-year career as a lawyer began with a sole practice and concluded as a partner in the firm known most recently as Gray Plant Mooty (now Lathrop GPM.). In 1973, Bob was appointed to the Hennepin County Municipal Court by Governor Wendell Anderson. He developed a reputation for fairness and knowledge of the law. In 1980, he was appointed to the Minnesota District Court by Governor Al Quie and was subsequently re-elected to the bench. He also taught trial advocacy at William Mitchell College of Law and was twice nominated to the Minnesota Supreme Court. He retired in 1988 and in that year received a WCCO Good Neighbor Award.

Bob spent the next 20 years as a court-appointed special master and as a mediator and arbitrator in civil cases before finally retiring at age 85.

Bob was first and foremost a family man, but in addition to family and career he most enjoyed fishing. He was an accomplished fly fisherman and spent many hours pursuing the wily trout in Wisconsin and the Rocky Mountains, and smallmouth bass on the St. Croix River, where the family has a cabin.

Bob also loved choral singing and sang in church choirs, the University Chorus, and the Bach Society. He was a charter member of the Minnesota Chorale.

Bob traveled extensively with his wife Andy in Europe and the Americas. When not traveling they enjoyed their house in Minneapolis and their St. Croix cabin. In 2013, they moved to the Boutwell's Landing retirement community in Oak Park Heights, where they spent their remaining days in a townhome overlooking a pond and next to a grove of Norway pine.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. BOWEN (SELF)

IN MEMORIAM

CONRAD JAMES CARR

AUGUST 19, 1925 — NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Conrad “Con” Carr bid a final farewell from this life and to his beloved family on November 18, 2020. He was born in 1925 and grew up in Minneapolis as the second of four children born to Irving Carr, Sr. and Zola Carr. He attended Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis as a teenager. Con joined the Army Air Corps on his 18th birthday and embarked on many perilous missions as a bombardier while stationed in Guam during World War II. He rose through the ranks in the Air Force, serving early on as a lieutenant and was later promoted to captain.

After returning from World War II, Con met Verla “Penny” through his sister, Kitty. Con knew he had found the love of his life and they were soon married, launching a wonderful adventure together spanning 72 years until Penny’s death in 2019.

Con enrolled at the University of Minnesota after returning from the war. He later attended the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating on December 21, 1950. As a newlywed and young father, Con faced many daunting challenges during those early years in his quest to become a lawyer. He persevered with grit, determination, and ambition, working as a tax consultant at first to cover living expenses and medical bills from an illness and the hospitalization suffered by his first child. He passed the Minnesota bar on January 5, 1951, and received his certificate from the District of Minnesota, qualifying him as an attorney, on March 9, 1953.

Con established his own law practice in Bloomington and got right to work representing clients in both civil and criminal cases. He later built a beautiful building for his law practice on Nicollet Avenue. As a man of faith and principal, he cared deeply about his clients, staff, fellow attorneys, and the community. He strove to improve the lives for those around him. He was proud to have argued many cases before the Minnesota Supreme Court. After retiring and selling his law practice, Con continued to work as an arbitrator/mediator for several years simply because he enjoyed it.

Outside of his work, Con was a family man of integrity and faith who dedicated time, energy, and money to the endeavors of his family, church, and community. Because their youngest son, Ted, was born with Down Syndrome, Con and Penny were involved in many philanthropic organizations, such as the Special Olympics, Opportunity Partners, and others that benefited people with disabilities. They had many dear friends at church and in the community. Con and Penny loved sailing, travelling, and creating memorable adventures with family.

Con took up running at 40 years of age for his health and soon became an avid and accomplished marathon runner. He completed 24 marathons and was very proud of the all-time record he set at 56 years of age for running a 50k marathon in 3 hours 56 minutes and 15 seconds.

Con preferred to winter in Hawaii with Penny. He treated family members to a trip to Hawaii each year after his retirement to share the wondrous beauty of the Hawaiian Islands with them.

Con is survived by four daughters, Karen, Julie, Colleen and Antonia; and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons, Gregory and Ted, and his wife, Penny. He is, of course, deeply missed.

JESSICA CARR-MAUL

IN MEMORIAM
DEBRA KUIPERS ERICKSON

MAY 4, 1952 — JULY 17, 2020

Debra Kuipers Erickson, age 68, passed away on July 17, 2020, from COVID- 19. Deb was born in Mitchell, South Dakota, and moved to Hopkins with her family in 1968. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Bill and Vesta Kuipers; and brother, Peter. Deb is survived by her husband, Paul Erickson; brother, Michael Kuipers; sister, Laurie Saari; and brother-in-law, David Saari; as well as numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews, and a worldwide circle of friends!

Deb graduated from the University of Minnesota with a dental hygiene degree along with a Bachelor of Science degree in public health. She then went on to law school graduating from William Mitchell School of Law. Deb practiced dental hygiene in Edina, taught at the University of Minnesota and practiced law in Minnetonka prior to moving to Jacksonville, Florida. Her law degree was an asset when she joined her husband Paul to manage their businesses in Florida. Paul and Deb traveled extensively, exploring the far corners of the world. They moved back to Minneapolis in 2017. Her family was grateful she was able to spend the last three years of her life with them. Deb's beautiful smile, outgoing personality and her immense love for family, friends, and all those around her are sincerely missed. Deb was the epitome of positivity, joy, and love! She will be forever in our hearts.

PAUL ERICKSON

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES LEE FETTERLY

APRIL 21, 1936 — OCTOBER 5, 2020

James Lee Fetterly, longtime resident of Minneapolis, passed away October 5, 2020, at the age of 84. Born in 1936 to parents Lloyd and Lenora (Oppedah), Jim grew up in Milwaukee attending Riverside East High School. He attended Lawrence University as an undergraduate and graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Law in 1962. He met his bride of 61 years, Judith Ann Walsh, while in college and earned tuition for law school by selling Fuller Brushes door to door. The couple moved to Minneapolis in 1962 anticipating the birth of their second son as Jim started his life-long career in litigation with the firm Robins, Davis, and Lyons.

Jim built his 58-year law practice focused on civil litigation with an expertise in fire and mass disaster litigation. Jim was a well-respected litigator with a national reputation, both for his legal abilities and his professionalism. Jim was named a Super Lawyer and Best Lawyer several times throughout his career as well as lecturing, teaching, and appearing in the media to discuss his expertise on fire litigation. Jim was a skillful litigation tactician and a consummate negotiator. Jim used to say that he learned everything necessary to be an effective negotiator while selling Fuller Brush products door to door. Jim also practiced with Maslon before starting Fetterly & Purdy and then Fetterly and Gordon, with friend and partner Gary Gordon. Jim returned to Robins Kaplan for his last years of practice, where he advised on litigation strategy and worked with the firm's mentoring program for young lawyers in the litigation practice.

While Jim excelled in his professional life, his personal life was dominated by his love and pride for his family. Jim and Judy raised three children and traveled with them extensively throughout his life. Jim's pride and joy were his children, their spouses, and his grandchildren. Family dinners and holidays were sacred to Jim and nothing made him happier than to be surrounded by family.

He and Judy have been longtime members of Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina where Jim was an ordained deacon and elder. Generous in his philanthropy, he was an active supporter of the Christian Volunteers, World Vision, and was a board member of Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya, as well as a board member for many years at Lawrence University. He was a long-time member of the Minneapolis Club and a past member of the Minikahda Country Club.

Jim is survived by wife, Judy; sons, Peter (Mary Beuchner) and Timothy (Kathryn Bradford); daughter, Karen (Steve Hartwig); seven grandchildren: Brett (Madelyn), Emily (Blake), Sara, Emma, Madeline, Peter, Isabel; and great-grandchild, Emelia Jane Fetterly. In addition to his parents, James was predeceased by his brother, David, and sister, Penny.

Jim is remembered as a wonderful spouse, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He is greatly missed by family, friends, and colleagues.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES LEE FETTERLY

IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT L. FINDORFF
APRIL 15, 1929 — JUNE 7, 2020

Robert L. Findorff of Tampa, Florida, passed away on June 7, 2020, at the age of 91. He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Jocelyn; and sons, Robert and Paul. He is survived by daughters, Jean Findorff, Laura (Doug) Norberg, and Mary (Alan Peterson) Findorff; and sons, Karl (Cindy) Findorff, and John (Nancy) Findorff. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, plus two step-grandchildren and three step-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his cat, Sunshine.

Bob was born in Northeast Minneapolis to Hugo and Elfriede Findorff. He graduated from Edison High School and went into the Army. After the Army, he used his GI benefits to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota, and a Juris Doctor *magna cum laude* from William Mitchell College of Law (1962).

Bob and Jocelyn married in 1953 and raised seven children in Bloomington; Cresco, Iowa; and Edina. He attended law school at William Mitchell College of Law while working full time at Donaldson Company. He often said that he could not have completed that task without his wife, who cared for their very young children while he studied. After law school, he worked for the Oppenheimer firm for four years. While he enjoyed practicing law, Donaldson Company invited him back and he went. He found his law degree useful in his business dealings and appreciated the lawyers with whom he worked.

He worked for Donaldson Company, Inc. for 36 years, retiring in 1994 as senior vice president. His business travel went from primarily Iowa and Missouri to all over the world. He was very active in giving back to the community. He served as a trustee for William Mitchell College of Law and worked with the Twin Cities Opportunity Industrialization Center and Summit Academy. He wanted others to have the opportunities he had to get education and job skills to better their lives and that of their family.

Upon retirement, he and Jocelyn relocated to Tampa, Florida, where they spent many years traveling the world, making new friends, and engaging in lifelong learning. Bob was involved in mentorship through SCORE and a strong supporter of college education and athletics. He was curious and always wanted to learn more about history, so he took many classes through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the University of South Florida, primarily focusing on the Civil War. His travels took him to most of the presidential libraries. He eventually learned so much that he began teaching courses on the Civil War and the presidency. He also served on the OLLI board.

THE FINDORFF FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM
DONALD MACKAY FRASER

FEBRUARY 20, 1924 — JUNE 2, 2019

Don Fraser was not a stereotypical politician. A math major and varsity swimmer at the University of Minnesota, he interrupted his studies to serve as a radar officer on a WWII destroyer. In 1948, he graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School, where his father was the intimidating Dean. That same year, Don met his future wife, Arvonne, when both worked in Hubert Humphrey's first U.S. Senate campaign.

He joined what became known as Larson, Loevinger, Lindquist, Freeman, and Fraser, a law firm devoted to public service. One November day in 1954, three of the five partners were elected governor, state senator, and state representative. (The other two later became a federal judge and Minnesota Supreme Court justice.)

When not trying plaintiffs' personal-injury cases, Don served in the state senate from 1955-1963. He authored the state's first fair-housing legislation. In 1960, he chaired Kennedy's presidential campaign in Minnesota. Two years later, he was elected to Congress, where for 16 years he used his cross-examination skills in committee hearings. Don was one of the first members of Congress to oppose the Vietnam War. He lobbied Attorney General Robert Kennedy to send federal troops to enforce civil rights laws in the south. When a young constituent was arrested during a civil rights protest, Don traveled to Mississippi to get him out of jail. He helped thrust human rights onto the international stage by authoring a bill requiring the State Department to report annually on human rights in nations receiving foreign aid. He also sponsored the legislation protecting the BWCA.

In 1979, he was elected mayor of Minneapolis. Serving for 14 years, he advocated for early childhood education and was a founding director of the Advocates for Human Rights.

After retiring in 1994, he taught classes on human rights, promoted early childhood education, and worked to close the achievement gap in schools.

On the personal side, his Boundary Waters Canoe Area trips began in the 1930s, continued with his honeymoon, and ended 70 years later with three-generation family canoe trips. He enjoyed 94 summers on the St. Croix River, and worked with his kids and grandchildren on electrical projects, from rewiring houses to building remote-controlled planes and boats.

He and Arvonne were a successful team. They produced six children while she managed his campaigns and ran his Congressional office.

A shy person, Don couldn't remember people's names and often relied on his extrovert wife, who became a political force in her own right. A dry wit, he listened more than he talked, thought before he spoke, never said a cross word about anyone, didn't like to talk about himself, and married a good fundraiser. Although he never mentioned it, as a young lawyer in the 1950s, he refused an invitation to join the American Bar Association when the ABA couldn't plausibly explain why it asked for his race on the application form.

He was a decent, caring, principled man.

TOM FRASER

IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT 'BOB' GYURCI
MARCH 27, 1938 — MAY 16, 2020

Bob was born in 1938 to John and Freda Gyurci in Saint Paul. After he was told that he was not "college material," Bob settled on a baking course at a local vocational school. But as fate would have it, Bob had gotten to know the admissions officer for the College of Saint Thomas while working at a neighborhood grocery store, who offered to admit him on a provisional basis when the baking course was not available. As the son of an immigrant father and a first-generation American mother, Bob became the first person in his entire family to graduate from college.

Bob later attended night classes at William Mitchell College of Law while working full time and starting his family. He was not a distinguished law student, but he kept his GPA just above the minimum to stay enrolled, as he once had to remind an administrator who called him in to suggest a different career path. Bob told this story to his children and grandchildren to impart the lessons of persistence and perseverance.

After graduating from law school in 1965, Bob worked in the insurance industry, which led to jobs in Indiana and Ohio. After he and his family returned home to Minnesota, Bob found employment at the Hennepin County Attorney's Office in 1974, beginning a career that would span over 30 years. His assignments included child protection and child support. Bob never took life too seriously but kept the seriousness of the job to himself.

Bob loved to travel and was happy to share his travel tips with anyone who mentioned a trip. He went on over 40 cruises and countless trips to Las Vegas. He also loved cars, especially Lincolns. Bob went to mass every week and was active in his church, St. Edward's in Bloomington. He enjoyed spending time with his family and delighted in the company of his four grandchildren. Bob was a great storyteller of both fact and fiction—sometimes both at the same time. He was a great collector of lifelong friends.

Bob passed away on May 16, 2020, after suffering from a host of health problems. He did not contract COVID-19, but sadly, the restrictions of the pandemic left him alone for the last two weeks of his life. Bob is survived by his wife of 57 years, Judy; his children, Steve, Julie and husband Rob, and John; his grandchildren, Connor, Ryan, Griffin, and Annika; and his sister, Valetta.

Bob took pride in being a lawyer and maintained an active law license until his late 70s, attending CLE seminars and helping friends who needed legal advice. When he died, his attorney registration card was in the center of his wallet, right behind his driver's license.

JULIE GYURCI MEANY

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT E. HARDING

APRIL 28, 1948 — OCTOBER 13, 2020

Robert “Bob” Harding died peacefully at his St. Paul home on October 13, 2020, after a 15-year struggle with muscular dystrophy. His wife, Tina Lund, was with him. He is also survived by her sons, Britton Piehler and Timothy Piehler, and their families.

Robert Eldred Harding, Jr., was born on April 28, 1948, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His father died six weeks later. Bob was raised by his mother, Martha Stevenson Harding. They moved to Minneapolis in 1956. He attended Kenwood Elementary School and Blake School and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard in 1970.

In 1980, Bob entered the University of Minnesota Law School, where he served as an articles’ editor of the *Minnesota Law Review*. After graduating in 1983, he joined the Gray Plant Mooty law firm and practiced there for 36 years. He specialized in representing public and private universities, private colleges, and healthcare systems in connection with major gifts, charitable trusts, and endowment funds. Bob’s motto was “Never take the fun out of what’s not supposed to be fun.” His satires of law firm culture and its work ethic were legendary.

Bob’s great loves, in addition to Tina, her children and her grandchildren, were the outdoors, poetry, and drawing. He was an accomplished rock climber in his twenties. Starting in his mid-thirties, he pursued cross country ski racing with what he described as “more enthusiasm than success.” Tina introduced him to canoeing in the BWCA and the Quetico, where they had many wonderful adventures and a few misadventures. As a draftsman, Bob was largely self-taught; he drew mostly still lifes and portraits. His favorite poets were Wallace Stevens, Elizabeth Bishop, and Shakespeare.

Bob was dedicated to human rights and social justice throughout his life, and was a longtime supporter of Doctors Without Borders, Oxfam, and Human Rights Watch. He tried to make the world a better place.

KRISTINA LUND

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES EVERETT HART

JUNE 14, 1939 — OCTOBER 23, 2020

James Everett Hart died at his home in Minneapolis of complications related to pulmonary fibrosis on October 23. Because of his deep knowledge of music, the visual arts, philosophy, literature and more, one of his students at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute recently called him, "a Renaissance man." His friends and family agree. He was 81.

Jim was born in Perry, Iowa, to Everett and Wadena Hart, graduated from Perry High School and attended Drake University in Des Moines. He moved to Boston in 1959 and studied at Boston University, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. Although he majored in music, especially pipe organ performance, he decided after graduation he didn't want to have a primary job in music. Instead, he preferred to have it as an avocation, and it remained important throughout his life.

From Boston he moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and worked for Xerox, where he received an award for a sales innovation. Also, while there, he was active in Vietnam War protests. He moved to Minneapolis in 1970 and served as music director at the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis for a number of years, where he created several programs, such as an adaptation of Walt Whitman's *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd*, for four readers and music from a Beethoven piano sonata.

When he was 44 years old, he decided to become an attorney and received his law degree from Hamline University. He joined a small law firm working for justice in workers' compensation cases. After retiring from active practice at 58, he continued to consult on legal matters.

In 1979, Jim co-founded The Gilbert and Sullivan Very Light Opera Company in Minneapolis and was its music director for many years. A highlight of the early years was a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" for the Minnesota State Bar Association. They raised the roof.

From 1988 through 1994, Jim played four-hand piano with his sister Nancy. They studied for a week every summer at a "Four-hand Fest" taught by the international piano duo of Weekly and Arganbright in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and later in New Albany, Indiana. Jim and Nancy gave several recitals in Minneapolis and Perry, Iowa.

In recent years, Jim taught classes for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at locations around the Twin Cities on subjects such as Handel's *Messiah*, early music, and Beethoven's music. He had an enthusiastic following of students there and found it personally rewarding.

Jim loved art and music and was happy to travel for them. Trips abroad included multiple stays in Vienna and Florence, where he rented apartments and invited friends and family to join him. His other interests included photography, genealogy, woodworking, gourmet cooking, and reading plays.

Jim was a loving father and is survived by his son, James Charles Hart of Minneapolis; his sister, Nancy Hart Newcomer of Fountain Hills, Arizona; and his loving partner, Brenda Graves of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

NANCY HART NEWCOMER

IN MEMORIAM

MELVIN D. HECKT

APRIL 21, 1924 — FEBRUARY 7, 2020

Melvin D. Heckt, age 95 of Golden Valley, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2020. Melvin was born in Dysart, Iowa, on April 21, 1924. He was preceded in death by parents, Wesley and Ada (Lawyer) Heckt; wife, Dorothy (Simons); and son, Paul. He is survived by children, Janice, Mary, Barbara Kenutis (Robert), William (Jane), and Thomas (Catherine); daughter-in-law, Kathleen; 11 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Melvin graduated from Grundy Center High School and the University of Iowa. He received his law degree from the University of Iowa Law School in 1950. He practiced law for 45 years with the law firm of Bassford, Heckt, Lockhart, Truesdell & Briggs and then with Luther & Heckt well into his late 80s. Mel married his wife, "Dort," in 1948, and together they raised six children in Golden Valley. Mel enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a member of the University of Iowa football team in 1943, and was a passionate Hawkeye sports fan, a lifelong Minnesota Vikings supporter, and an avid reader.

Mel enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps 1st Marine Raider BN, 1st BN 4th Marines, 6th Marine Division and served his country from 1943-1945 during WWII and fought in the battles of Guam and Okinawa. He received the Bronze Star for his bravery on Sugar Loaf Hill during the Battle of Okinawa. He was a life member and past president of the U.S. Marine Raiders Association and a former board member of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. He was a life member of the American Legion and VFW. He served on the board of directors for Mt. Olivet Rolling Acres and Friendship Ventures Foundation for many years and worked tirelessly on behalf of children and adults with disabilities. He did pioneer work in estate planning for parents of disabled children. He was a founder of Camp Friendship in Annandale that many children with disabilities have enjoyed for decades. He served as the president of both the Minnesota and National Association for Retarded Children (now known as The ARC). He also was a key member of the Nixon and Ford President's Committee on Mental Retardation from 1973-1975.

WILLIAM HECKT

IN MEMORIAM

KYLE JASON HEGNA

JANUARY 21, 1963 — JANUARY 18, 2020

Kyle Jason Hegna died tragically on January 18, 2020, at the age of 56, just three days before his 57th birthday. Kyle was born on January 21, 1963, in Mankato, the older of two sons to Wayne and Carolyn Hegna. He graduated from Glencoe High School in 1981 and then from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter in 1985. Kyle always knew he wanted to be a lawyer and received his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 1989. Kyle married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Boesche, on August 1, 1987. Together they built a family and had two amazing daughters, Chandler and Kinsey, whom they raised in Chaska.

Soon after law school Kyle started his own firm. He was a founding partner of the Edina law firm of Wilkerson Hegna, where he practiced law for over 30 years. Kyle provided counsel to individuals, businesses, and corporate clients, ranging from small privately held entities, to large corporations, including banks, builders, developers, and community associations. Kyle represented clients in all aspects of real estate and business litigation. Within his practice, he was a passionate advocate for his clients and a mentor to his colleagues. He built a name for his firm and was known for his dedication to the law community.

Kyle left a legacy of integrity and hard work, but he is better remembered for his zest for life and love of his family. While Kyle's family always came first, he was also an avid outdoorsman always looking for his next adventure. He loved spending time at his family cabin, fishing in Canada, skiing in Colorado, traveling, hunting, biking, rollerblading, water sports, playing cards, and playing bags. There weren't many things that Kyle didn't like to do or didn't want to try.

Kyle also dedicated much of his time to coaching basketball and other youth sports. He spent countless hours volunteering and is known for his commitment to Chaska High School and the city of Chaska.

Kyle was the type of person that was always positive and smiling no matter what the situation. His laugh was contagious, and he brought his love of life to all his friends and family. He was a true friend to everyone and cared deeply for others, known by many as "my best friend."

We mourn his untimely death, but we celebrate his life and his immeasurable contributions to the community.

FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES OF KYLE J. HEGNA

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHANIE M. HELGESEN

OCTOBER 12, 1943 — JANUARY 28, 2020

Stephanie M. Helgeson was born on October 12, 1943, to Francis X. and Cecily K. Helgeson in Minneapolis. She attended the University of Minnesota for her undergraduate studies, and previously went to high school at St. Margaret's Academy, where she made several lifelong cherished friends. She graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1978, and practiced law with her father, Francis X. Helgeson, for a number of years. Their practice was primarily involved in representing labor unions and employees involved in labor disputes. This practice suited her well, as she was always a champion of social justice.

Before attending law school, Ms. Helgeson had previously been actively involved in the civil rights movement, participating in such events as the Selma civil rights march, and working on voter registration drives in the deep south.

Following the death of her father, Stephanie used her writing and computer skills to start a new career as an author and editor of several technical publications and user manuals. This became her primary vocation, and she was employed by a number of companies such as Compellent, Ciprico and Dell Computers. After retiring from Dell, Stephanie decided to reinstate her license to practice law, solely so she could offer pro-bono representation to undocumented refugees, and those in danger of being deported. Stephanie's joie de vivre provided a full and satisfying life outside her employment. She was intrepid and always up for adventure, including an extended stay on the tiny island of Truk in Micronesia, where she became a welcomed part of the local culture. Her enthusiasm for people and new experience worked like a magnet to draw a diverse group of friends into her circle, where their differences were always accepted, and, in fact, celebrated. Stephanie will always be remembered for her warm heart and ready smile. She was a friend to all, especially to the underprivileged and those in need.

She was predeceased by her parents and her elder sister, Barbara (Jerry) Schliep. She is survived by her daughter, Cecily (Joshua) Schwimmer; granddaughter, Scarlett Schwimmer; younger brother, Timothy (Jean) Helgeson (who was also a lawyer); and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and a multitude of friends.

TIMOTHY HELGESEN

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS EARL HOFFMAN

SEPTEMBER 28, 1956 — MAY 25, 2020

Thomas “Tom” Earl Hoffman passed away suddenly on May 25, 2020, at the age of 63. Tom was born in Spokane, Washington, on September 28, 1956. Over the next nine years, Tom’s family moved around Montana from Great Falls to Libby to Kalispell, before moving to Grand Rapids, Minnesota, in 1965. He met his future wife, Cindy Hancock, when they were in 8th grade and they began dating during their senior year in high school. Tom graduated from Grand Rapids High School in 1975. Tom and Cindy were married on December 17, 1977 and have lived in Eagan since 1984.

Tom earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Minnesota in 1979 and earned his J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law in 1983.

Tom was an accomplished attorney in his 36-year career. He worked for 25 years in-house at Wells Fargo & Company. Since 2013, Tom was a partner at Lindquist & Vennum, Fox Rothschild, and Barnes & Thornburg, before retiring in 2019. Tom was valued by clients and colleagues alike and frequently presented at continuing legal education seminars in Minnesota and nationwide. Tom also taught part-time at William Mitchell College of Law and the University of St. Thomas School of Law. Tom had a passion for mentoring the next generation of legal professionals and was frequently recognized for his work by being named one of the top banking and financial services attorneys in the United States.

Tom dearly loved his wife, children, grandsons, siblings, and his many extended family and friends. Tom was outgoing and witty, always with a great story or pun to tell. Everyone he met was instantly a friend. He enjoyed traveling worldwide with his wife, golfing with his friends, touring Major League Baseball stadiums with his son, watching NCAA basketball games with his daughter and son-in-law, and attending his grandsons’ sports games and events. He was actively involved with his parish, St. John Neumann, and the nonprofit he helped found, Outpatient Outfitters.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents, James and JoAnn Hoffman, and sister, Kathy Hoffman. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Cindy Hoffman; children, Christopher (Ashley) Hoffman, and Katie (Josh) Petersen; grandchildren, Nolan Petersen, Blake Petersen, Adam Hoffman, Cameron Hoffman; siblings, Bill (Tracie) Hoffman, and Pat (Gary) Chamberlain; and many other loving relatives and friends.

CINDY HOFFMAN
CHRIST HOFFMAN
KATIE PETERSEN

IN MEMORIAM

**THE HONORABLE
DORIS OHLSEN HUSPENI**

FEBRUARY 19, 1929 — SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Judge Doris Ohlsen Huspeni, age 91, of Lindstrom, formerly of Minneapolis, died peacefully at home on September 11, 2020, surrounded by her beloved and loving family. A member of the Greatest Generation, a child of the Great Depression, devoted wife of over 64 years to U.S. Navy veteran, Joseph; Doris blazed a trail for women attorneys, graduating as the sole female and near the top of her 1970 William Mitchell law school class. Her career spanned a remarkable 44 years, commencing as she served from 1970 to 1973 as an assistant state public defender. She then inspired young minds from 1973 to 1974 as a University of Minnesota associate law professor.

Her profound compassion and insight were called upon as she served as a Hennepin County Family Court Referee from 1974 to 1980. She often remarked how challenging it was to weigh all the considerations in dissolutions of marriages, particularly those involving minor children. She prioritized the importance of safeguarding the best interests of the children amidst the often-acrimonious atmosphere of parental battlegrounds. Her next judicial appointments broadened the scope of legal issues brought before her as she served as a Hennepin County Municipal Court judge from 1980 to 1982, then as a Hennepin County District Court judge from 1982 to 1984. She enjoyed the variety of litigation each new day brought.

In 1984, another call came for her to become one of the founding 12 members of the newly created Minnesota State Court of Appeals. Although she missed the face-to-face courtroom interaction with litigants and their legal counsel, this appointment allowed her to travel routinely throughout the state and collaborate with numerous colleagues on three-judge panels. Following mandatory retirement in late 1998, Doris immediately returned to the Court of Appeals as a retired judge, serving in that capacity until late 2014.

Doris further enriched the legal community through her numerous years of serving on the law school faculty of William Mitchell and Hamline law schools. Doris excelled as a mentor, both professionally and in her personal life. She enjoyed singing, ballroom dance, bridge, gardening, and, above all other talents, being the wise and patient counsellor of and role model for her family.

Doris leaves behind a considerable legacy to the thousands of lives she touched, be it through professional contact, personal relationship, citation of opinions she authored, or through the incredible lifelong example of generosity, conscientiousness, and kindness she embodied.

She had the priceless gift of instilling strong values in her children and grandchildren by living those values each day of her life. She remained gracious and grateful throughout her life. She is greatly missed in all her roles, but most especially in that of devoted and loving mother and grandmother. To the woman who spent decades of her life hearing the words, “Your Honor” directed toward her, we humbly submit that on the contrary—indeed, it was entirely our honor to have known her.

THE FAMILY OF DORIS OHLSEN HUSPENI

IN MEMORIAM

JEROME R. 'JERRY' JALLO

MARCH 14, 1933 — JANUARY 27, 2020

Jerome "Jerry" Jallo, age 86, was born March 14, 1933 in Minneapolis. He graduated from Minneapolis Central High School and was a Korean Warveteran, where he served in the Navy. This began his enormous passion for travel. On January 9, 1960, he married his partner for life, JoAnn. He received his undergrad and law degrees from the University of Minnesota and remained a Gopher fan for life. Soon after, Jerry started a successful 30-year career with the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office. He was involved in much of the litigation to secure the highly successful Metrodome for the city and enjoyed organizing the annual office golf weekend at Maddens Resort.

Jerry was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court and attended the police academy in Virginia. Early retirement at age 57 allowed him to set the lofty goal of visiting every country (196) in the world which he accomplished by age 80. Many have enjoyed long conversations with Jerry about his travels. Some of his favorites included Egypt with all its history, and the beautiful scenery in Norway and Antarctica. A big challenge included the 10-year wait for approval to enter Libya, where a private guide was required and showed him amazingly well-preserved Roman ruins. Jerry became fluent in Spanish after attending schools in Mexico City and Guatemala early in his retirement, and then later in Arizona where he enjoyed small presentations and gatherings with the Spanish club. He also enjoyed many special times with family and friends on the pontoon at their lake home in Amery, Wisconsin, as well as hosting them during many warm winters in Arizona. For most of his adult life, you could see Jerry jogging around Lake Harriet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, even if it was 100 degrees or 10 below. The golf course and tennis courts were also his favorites.

Jerry loved his choice of profession, never letting his license expire and attending the necessary seminars even as his health was failing. The man everyone loved to call for advice and who would always pick up the phone will be proudly remembered. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Jill; son, Jim; brother, Harold; and sister, Arlene. He is survived by loving wife, JoAnn; son, Jay (Stephany); grandchildren, Emma, Julia and Cade; brother, Leon; and many relatives and great friends.

THE JALLO FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM
THOMAS 'TOM' JOHNSON

APRIL 20, 1945 — JUNE 8, 2020

Tom Johnson was the Hennepin County Attorney from 1979 to 1991, and a model of integrity in that post. But that's only a small part of who he really was.

His life was devoted to doing good works, sometimes through public roles but more frequently—in fact, every day of his life—through personal acts of human kindness, which touched and aided thousands of lives. And, as the stone skips across the surface of a lake, the concentric circles of Tom's good deeds spread beyond their target in widening concentric circles, bringing comfort and strength to many who needed that help.

Tom only ran for office to help others. After serving in the Minneapolis City Council (those were the days!), he ran for county attorney in 1978, the nadir year for his party, none of whose candidates was thought electable. But Tom went out and knocked on every door in Hennepin County. Twice! And so, he defied the odds, and won.

Though widely acclaimed in this important job, Tom chose eventually to not seek yet another reelection. He spent a year of study at the London School of Economics, and then began to practice law at Gray Plant Mooty (now Lathrop GPM).

But he never abandoned public service. For 10 years he served as head of the Council on Crime and Justice, a much-respected nonpartisan group devoted to examining our justice system. Tom turned its focus toward racial disparities within that system, and in doing so carefully documented a terrible story until then unproven and publicly almost unknown. The present wide and growing awareness of racial inequity in our justice system had its roots and its credibility in Tom's unflagging diligence.

Tom brought calm excellence to so many causes, including serving as the first ombudsman for victims of clergy abuse. And as a lawyer in private practice, he served every client with the high skill and integrity with which the best attorneys daily strengthen the rule of law.

Though widely known for his public service, Tom was most fundamentally a family man. He and Victoria, his wonderful wife of 37 years, defined what a marriage should be. Victoria now holds the ombudsman role of such critical importance. Tom's love for his children—Jill, Ben, Hunter and Kayla, and for his grandchildren was so abiding, and abundantly returned. Their fine lives and careers reflect Tom's highest values.

Tom Johnson was a completely good man whose life was filled with personal kindnesses to others. When he was mortally ill, he visited and brought comfort to others who were ill. He did good deeds every day of his life. When it came to doing God's work here on earth, Tom knocked on every door twice.

DAVID LEBEDOFF

IN MEMORIAM

SIDNEY 'SID' KAPLAN

MAY 22, 1939 — SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Sidney "Sid" Kaplan, a retired partner of Stinson, died on September 29, 2020. Sid, whose practice began in 1964 and ended in 2018, spent his entire career in Hennepin County. After growing up in Chicago, Sid moved to Minneapolis for the first time in 1957 to enroll as an undergraduate at the University of Minnesota. Following college, Sid attended the University of Chicago Law School. Upon graduating from law school, Sid returned to Minneapolis, where he began his career at Robins Davis & Lyons, after other prominent law firms refused to hire him based on his Jewish faith.

Sid's mentor at Robins, Julius "Julie" Davis, encouraged him to become expert in estate tax planning when the area became an emerging specialty. It turned out to be the right advice. Over the course of his career, Sid built one of the most prominent and well-respected estate planning practices in Minnesota.

In the beginning, Sid's youthful look made people ask how they could trust someone so young. To appear more mature, Julie coached Sid to grow a beard, replace his diplomas with art, drive a clean car and wear nice clothes. Sid took the advice to heart, placing an emphasis on his wardrobe, which he later rounded out with an armful of signature bracelets made by his daughter.

He had a trusting and close relationship with his clients who, as he liked to say, he advised with both "his head and his heart." He had a similar relationship with those on his team. He mentored many attorneys throughout his career, beginning with Parrel Caplan, Stephanie Prem, and Jim Rockwell. In the end, Shane Swanson and Laura Halferty assumed his practice in 2018. He was deeply grateful for the loyalty and support of his team, especially his paralegal of 40 years, Judy Thuftedal, and his longtime legal assistants, Miriam Hermes and Joann Gardner. Most importantly, Sid's wife, Joy, was an integral part of his professional success as well, logging countless "non-billable hours" at social functions with Sid's large client base.

Sid was active in the community, serving on the boards of several organizations, including the Minneapolis Jewish Federation and chairing the University Pediatrics Foundation, now part of the University of Minnesota Foundation. He gave generously to the community that welcomed him and gave him opportunity.

SHANE SWANSON

IN MEMORIAM

THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER MACDONALD 'SANDY' KEITH

NOVEMBER 22, 1928 — OCTOBER 3, 2020

Alexander MacDonald “Sandy” Keith led a remarkable life of public service in both the government and private spheres. He served in all three branches of Minnesota government over his long career: as a state senator, Minnesota’s lieutenant governor, and as an associate justice and then chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Born and raised in his beloved hometown of Rochester, Sandy excelled as a student and as an athlete in football, wrestling, and baseball at Rochester High School. He went on to Amherst College, where he played football and wrestled for four years, graduating with honors in 1950. He earned his law degree from Yale Law School in 1953. Intent on serving his country after law school, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, serving as a first lieutenant. Following his military service, he married Marion Sanford in 1955 in Washington, D.C. The two settled in Rochester, where they raised their two sons, Ian and Douglas. He worked in the legal department of the Mayo Clinic, alongside future Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun.

Active in politics, Sandy was elected to the Minnesota State Senate representing Olmsted County in 1959 and was a delegate to the 1960 Democratic National Convention. Later moving to the executive branch, he was elected lieutenant governor in 1963. In one of the few political setbacks he experienced, he was defeated in 1966 in his bid for the governor’s office.

Following his political career, he returned to Rochester in 1966 to the Dunlap Seeger law firm that he previously helped found. Focusing on family law, he was an outspoken promoter of alternative dispute resolution methods, rather than litigation, as the best way to resolve custody and other thorny family disputes in a manner that best protects the interests of the parties and their children. He was an adept mediator, gaining trust and bringing people together to put acrimony aside and focus on constructive resolution of their disputes.

In 1989, he was appointed by Governor Rudy Perpich as an associate justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. In 1990, he was elevated to chief justice, a position he held until mandatory retirement in 1998 at age 70. He brought to the Court the same passion he showed in private practice for bringing people together to constructively resolve disputes. During his tenure as chief justice, he completed the unification of the trial bench, integrated new technology into courtrooms, and promoted greater diversity on the bench. He spearheaded the Court’s community outreach and engagement efforts, including creating the Court’s traveling oral argument program, which, since its inception, has conducted oral arguments before more than 60,000 students in school venues across Minnesota.

After his judicial career ended, he refocused efforts to serve his hometown community of Rochester. He helped form the Rochester Downtown Alliance and served as its executive director for five years, working to revitalize downtown Rochester and advocating to bring a branch of the University of Minnesota to Rochester.

Sandy Keith has been a leader and a tremendous mentor to many in his community and across the state, including elected officials and his former law clerks. Over his memorable life and career, Sandy brought determination, passion, and a buoyant spirit to his efforts to improve the lives of his clients, his neighbors in Rochester, and the people of Minnesota.

RICK SNYDER

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHEN A. KRUPP

FEBRUARY 20, 1941 — JULY 22, 2020

Stephen “Steve” Krupp grew up in St. Paul. When Steve was just 15, his father died, which left the family in poor financial circumstances. Steve worked as a drugstore clerk, shoe salesman and on road repair crews to put himself through college. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Minnesota, completing both in six years. This education changed his life and provided him and his family with many of the opportunities he lacked growing up.

Steve’s law career began at Robins, Davis & Lyons. The firm grew rapidly and so did Steve’s legal acumen. He was a skilled trial lawyer with a practice focused on insurance litigation. He tried cases throughout the nation, traveling most weeks. His wife never let him forget that he missed the birth of his daughter while trying and winning a case in California.

More than being a lawyer, Steve relished being husband to Faye for 52 years, father to Joellyn and David, and grandfather to Edie, Aidan, and Carly. When the children were young, he found time to coach his son’s first baseball team; in later years he volunteered at the local high school. And he always had time to take a call from his kids, certain that whatever he was working on could wait. Once he learned to text, he did so often, checking in with the kids and grandkids, sending funny quips, commenting on politics and ensuring that all knew he was thinking about them.

In 2016, Faye and Steve moved to Peoria, Arizona, where Steve golfed avidly (though badly), joined a Tuesday afternoon movie group, enjoyed live theater, long walks, dinner parties, bridge games, cheap cigars, and the company of wonderful friends and relatives.

THE KRUPP FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM
BRADLEY D. LANCE
JULY 3, 1960 — AUGUST 6, 2020

Bradley Dean Lance, age 60, died August 6, 2020, at his home in Paradise Valley, Arizona, with his wife and sons at his side.

Brad was born in North Kansas City, Missouri. He grew up in San Diego, where he graduated from Granite Hills High School and surfed South Mission Jetty and Sunset Cliffs. He earned a degree in economics from the University of Denver and his J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law. Brad started his legal career in Chicago before moving with his family to Minnesota in 1992. He practiced insurance defense law at American Family Insurance Company from 1990 until his retirement in 2017.

Brad married Jean Fitterer in 1989. Brad and Jean's three sons meant the world to him, and being their dad was the highlight of his life. He was a loving, engaged and fun husband and dad. His sons will always cherish memories of Brad's humor and the time they spent together on road trips and at sporting events.

Brad is especially remembered for his love of family, adventurous spirit, and generosity. He had a profound impact on his nieces and nephews, many of whom look at him as a second father figure due to his caring and genuine interest in their lives. He was an avid skier, surfer and runner who completed several marathons, running his favorite race in 2018 through the vineyards of Savigny-lès-Beaune, France. He enjoyed sporting events, theater, reading, traveling and experiencing new places, foods and cultures. Brad's life became complete when the University of Denver hockey team won a national title in 2004; his next 16 years (which included two more DU national titles) were icing on the cake.

Brad happily relocated to Arizona in 2014, but he continued to enjoy summertime at his lake home in Southern Minnesota.

Brad is lovingly survived by his wife, Jean; his sons, Joe, Robert, and John; and his father, sisters, and brothers. He will be dearly missed by his beloved nieces, nephews, sisters- and brothers-in-law, cousins, and friends.

JEAN FITTERER LANCE

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD G. 'DICK' LAREAU

JUNE 11, 1928 — FEBRUARY 22, 2020

Dick Lareau passed away at the age of 91 in Fort Myers, Florida. Dick was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and grew up on a dairy farm in Essex near Burlington, Vermont, on the Winooski River. He earned his B.A. from St. Michael's College in 1949 and his J.D. from the University of Minnesota School of Law in 1952. He served in the Air Force from 1952 to 1956 (San Francisco and Tokyo), and in 1956 he joined the law firm of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly in St. Paul (later Minneapolis), becoming partner in 1960. For more than half a century, he helped to build and lead the firm. Dick served in many professional organizations and legal functions and was on numerous boards.

One of the most significant cases of his career was an antitrust action brought by Control Data Corp. against IBM. It was a massive undertaking, ultimately involving 30 attorneys and 125 paralegals, and by the time it reached a multimillion-dollar settlement in 1973, Oppenheimer had become a nationally recognized firm and Lareau and his partners had been dubbed Super Lawyers. "His gradual transition from the firm's backbone to elder statesman was as smooth and gracious as most every other aspect of his presence among us. He could say more with just a twinkle of his eye than most convey in 40 pages," said Rob Reinhart.

In addition to being secretary and board member at Control Data (later Ceridian), the boards on which he served include Merrill Corporation, Ceridian, Avecor, Nash Finch, Bio-Medicus, and Northern Technologies. He was a trustee of Mesabi Trust to 2019, and he served as corporate secretary of several publicly traded companies. "His consistency and competence in every situation were exceptional. Not every attorney is inspiring, but he was. And he did not do it with noise but with intelligence and grace. I never saw him display anger or disparage others. But what gifts of insight into the good, bad, and ugly of clients and life he possessed," wrote Bob Hansen.

Dick lived in St. Paul, West St. Paul, and Deephaven. In 2014, he retired from the Oppenheimer Law Firm (which merged with Fox Rothschild in 2016) and moved to Fort Myers, Florida. He loved fishing and boating (including at his lake home near Rice Lake, Wisconsin), world travel (China, Europe, Egypt, Mongolia, India, New Zealand), table tennis (1949 Vermont State Champion), poker and card games, and reading.

Dick will be missed by colleagues, friends, and family—but not by fish.

ALAN LAREAU

IN MEMORIAM

JUDITH 'JUDY' MARTIN

FEBRUARY 10, 1943 — MARCH 25, 2020

Judy was born Judith Carol Moran on February 10, 1943, the third of four daughters of Larry and Donna Moran. Hers was a happy childhood in a big old house near the campus of the University of Michigan, chosen by her parents with the express purpose that all four girls would attend the university. She was a pretty child whose sunny disposition gathered many friends around her. She attended the Ann Arbor public schools, where she excelled academically while managing a full social life as a popular cheerleader and friend.

Judy proceeded to the University of Michigan, where she majored in world languages, especially Russian. It was a particularly brave choice during the Cold War, but typical of her independent spirit and decisiveness. Toward the end of her university years, she traveled alone to Russia to enrich her understanding of the country's culture and people.

After college, Judy married Michael Martin and began her new life in Minnesota as wife and eventually mother to three children.

In Golden Valley, Judy's days consisted of teaching Laura, Paul, and Lindsay to bike and swim, afternoons at Golden Valley Middle School, North Stars and Viking games, and Dad freezing a rink in the back yard during winter. Being a railroad family, we were soon in Glendive, Montana. A very different world, but Judy adapted famously: hunting, fishing, growing tomatoes, branding, and driving her kids to the moon and back across Montana for swim meets in a Country Squire, windows cracked, 8-track on (John Denver, Cat Stevens, or Linda Ronstadt to name a few). Judy and Mike separated in 1978 and this fiercely independent woman took three kids back to Edina, going to law school at the University of Minnesota (not the true U of M for a Moran daughter hailing from Ann Arbor), but a daunting task while working and raising children. She flourished in her independence, and with very little sleep, graduated, sent three kids off to college, and began a successful practice which she ran in beautiful Judith Martin independent fashion up until the day we lost her so suddenly.

Judy's desire to sacrifice, work hard, and teach her children to do so was her north star. Work was her life. The detriment of that mission was she didn't make enough time for herself, take care of herself, and rest as she long deserved, but telling her to slow down, retire, see a doctor...as most can attest, telling her to do anything was like telling water not to be wet. Judith Martin went through life doing exactly what she wanted.

A kind, curious, incredibly intelligent woman who was taken from us unexpectedly, before she could enjoy that much deserved rest she so earnestly deserved. But while on earth she was beautiful, a sight to behold, and those who knew her were better for it.

Judith is preceded in death by her parents Larry and Donna Moran; sister, Patricia Hopper; and daughter-in-law, Ilka Becker.

Judith is survived by her sisters, Marjorie Mastie and Linda Van Lente; children, Laura Martin of Minneapolis, Paul Martin of Helena, Montana, and Lindsay McGill, of Haleiwa, Hawaii; and grandchildren, Philip and Hannah Martin, and Dax and Finn McGill.

LINDSAY (MARTIN) MCGILL

IN MEMORIAM

PHILLIP H. MARTIN

JANUARY 4, 1940 — DECEMBER 13, 2020

On Sunday December 13, 2020, Phillip H. Martin, loving husband and father of four children, passed away in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the age of 80. Phil was born on January 4, 1940, in Tucson, Arizona. He attended the University of Minnesota for both undergraduate and law school, where he was Order of the Coif and president of the *Minnesota Law Review*. Phillip Martin was an attorney in the Tax, Trusts Estates group at Dorsey Whitney LLP from 1964 through 2011. He was known as a brilliant legal mind, a teacher and mentor to generations, a trusted advisor to an impressive client list, and a kind soul.

Phil's close friend and law partner Bill Berens said, "Phil was one of the finest tax and business succession attorneys I have ever known and an inspiration and mentor to many of us." Phil's leadership in the Dorsey law firm included serving on the management committee and the policy committee, and he was one of the founders of the Dorsey Whitney Trust Company. His practice focused on corporate and individual income, estate and gift taxation tax litigation and tax controversies before the Internal Revenue Service and various courts (including the U.S. Supreme Court), reorganizations and recapitalizations, and business succession planning for closely held businesses. Phil was also an instructor at both the University of Minnesota Law School and the former William Mitchell College of Law.

Phil had a passion for travel, great food and wine. He was an avid and accomplished tennis player and skier—activities he enjoyed sharing with Dorsey colleagues. He was known for his keen intellect, sharp wit, and kind and gentle spirit. He and his beloved wife Erika owned a home in Arroyo Seco, New Mexico, since 1993, and they became full time residents there in 2012. Phil loved his wife Erika, his large family, his close friends, and his cats, Jeoffry and Cooper.

Phil is survived by his wife Erika H. Zetty; his first wife Sandra Chandler Martin; their children Lisa Martin (David) Sarnowski of Springfield, Illinois, Craig (Juli Salmi) Martin of Park City, Utah, Wade (Paula) Martin of Park City, Utah, and Ryan (Tina) Martin of Green Bay, Wisconsin; his grandchildren Carly, Abbey, Grant, Tosh, Elle, Rhys, and Tobin; his brothers Franklin H. Martin and Don Weimer; his sister Patti Blackwell; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents William and Harriet Martin; his brothers Steven H. Martin and Mike Weimer; and his biological parents Warren and Evelyn Weimer.

ERIKA ZETTY

IN MEMORIAM

DENNIS 'MATT' MATHISEN

AUGUST 10, 1939 — JULY 22, 2020

Dennis “Matt” Mathisen—lawyer, banker, entrepreneur, and adventurer—sadly passed away at home on July 22, 2020, surrounded by his loving family at the age of 80. A testament to his unbelievable tenacity, Dennis lived more than 18 years with Waldenstrom’s Macroglobulinemia, after being given only a five-year prognosis. He later succumbed to a rare complication, CNS Lymphoma, but he fought bravely.

Surpassing his prolific and impressive resume was his character. Dennis was a consummate lover of life. His boundless energy was a source of amazement for all his friends. Dennis was an adventurer: heli-skier, horseman, fisherman, sailor, swimmer, soldier, scuba diver, hunter, road biker, golfer, tennis player, entertainer, art collector, traveler, opera lover, and wine enthusiast. His generous and irreverent spirit was imbued in everything he did. It was infectious and swelled to include everyone around him. Dennis’s keen humor and sharp wit were always accompanied by his irresistible smile, contagious laugh, and the twinkle in his bright blue eyes. Optimism fueled his many accomplishments, tempered only by his grace and humility. His tenacity and positivity were impossible to ignore; he never knew a stranger who wasn’t better for having met him.

Dennis enjoyed many awards and accolades through the years, but was most humbled by, and proud of, his Ripple of Hope award in 2011 from the RFK Foundation for his work for human rights. As a mentor and friend, he was generous with his time and knowledge. He was known to be a vivacious and jubilant host.

In addition to the RFK Foundation, Dennis was actively involved in the nonprofit sector throughout his career, serving as trustee of Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts, Minneapolis Art Institute, The Children’s Theatre Company, Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, The Blake Schools, Fairview Southdale Hospital, Minneapolis Medical Foundation, the Minnesota Humanities Commission, The Mayo Clinic Leadership Council, and a member of the Board of Visitors to the University of Minnesota Law School.

Dennis was born August 10, 1939, in Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota, where he received both a B.S. and Juris Doctor degree. He had an enormously successful career spanning diverse fields, starting as tax attorney in the public sector, to corporate law, M&A work, and banking and finance, then onto real estate development.

Dennis is survived by Gail, his beloved wife and partner, his greatest love with whom he celebrated an enviable 57 years of loving, ribbing, laughing, and traveling—a partnership that was their marriage and their legacy.

In addition to Gail (Johnson) Mathisen, Dennis is survived by his two sons, Mark (Maggie) and Peter (Annie); and his three grandchildren, Ethan, Gabriel, and Quinlan. The world is certainly, absurdly, dimmer without his bright light.

ANNIE MATHISEN

IN MEMORIAM

GARY D. MCDOWELL

JULY 25, 1939 — JANUARY 9, 2020

Gary was born in Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1939. He grew up in the Black Hills of South Dakota and graduated from the University of South Dakota with a B.A. in business administration, where he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. After graduation, he was commissioned into the U.S. Navy and served as an aviation intelligence officer. Upon completion of active duty, Gary joined the Naval Reserve Intelligence Program, serving for an additional 27 years and retiring as a captain. During his service, Gary was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal—the highest award given during peace time—for his distinguished naval career. In 1967, he was asked to return to active duty as a naval intelligence officer at NAS Cubi Point in the Philippines during the Vietnam War.

Gary received a law degree from the University of Minnesota and graduated with the distinguished class of 1968. He practiced law in Minneapolis for 44 years, including with Arnold and McDowell, retiring from Lindquist & Vennum in 2012.

During his law career, he was one of the eight original volunteer authors of the legal deskbook, *Drafting Wills and Trust Agreements in Minnesota*. He was also an editor of the Probate and Trust Law Deskbook. Gary was elected by his peers to numerous leadership positions, including chairman of the Probate and Trust Law Section, the Death Tax Reform and Legislation Committee of the Probate and Trust Law Section of the MSBA. He was a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and chair of the Governing Counsel of the MSBA Probate and Trust Law Section. He was also a member and chairman of the Minneapolis Estate Planning Council and chair of the Minneapolis Breakfast Club. Gary was a frequent and popular lecturer at numerous Minnesota CLEs and volunteered at the American Cancer Society, Minnesota Division, Legacy and Planned Giving Committee and the Legal Advice Clinic. He was frequently appointed by probate judges to handle complex matters. During his career, Gary was a mentor to many young attorneys. Gary is remembered by his colleagues as a true gentleman and a humble, trusted, fun-loving and respected attorney.

Gary's greatest joy was spending time with his family at his cabin in Wisconsin. He also enjoyed many family trips to the Black Hills, Hawaii, Florida, and Mexico. He was known by family and friends as a wonderful and witty prankster who could tell a joke with the best of the Irishmen. His family thoroughly enjoyed hours of good discussion and dad stories, which grew in size with a glass of good Scotch whiskey. The proud and loving family that survives Gary includes his loving wife of 57 years, Karen Thompson McDowell; his children, Andrea (Brian) Poehler, Craig R. (Sothira) McDowell, and Karine (Brad) Hernandez; and his grandchildren, Alyssa (Sam), Micaella, Ryan, Alexandra, Garen, Joshua, Landon, Nicholas, Kira, and Adam.

THE FAMILY OF GARY MCDOWELL

IN MEMORIAM

PIERCE ALDRICH MCNALLY

JANUARY 23, 1949 — DECEMBER 16, 2020

Pierce Aldrich McNally died at home in Wayzata on December 16, after a brave year-long battle with cancer. He was 71 years old. Pierce was born in New Richmond, Wisconsin, on January 23, 1949. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Stanford University, and loved both institutions dearly. After college, Pierce served in the Peace Corps in West Africa, studied at Sorbonne Université in Paris, and worked in Saudi Arabia teaching English. He had a great mind for languages and was fluent in French and proficient in many others. Pierce returned to the Midwest and earned his J.D. at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

In his first weeks there, he met Debbie Zack, who would become the love of his life. They had a joyful and devoted marriage for 44 years and were each other's best friends. Pierce clerked for federal District Court Judge Earl Larson and practiced law at Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly and Gray Plant Mooty in Minneapolis. He also served as a board member and elected officer of his family company, Midwest Communications, Inc., the former owner of numerous broadcast properties (including WCCO-TV, WCCO-AM, and WLTE in the Twin Cities), until the company merged with CBS Corporation in 1992.

Outside of business and law, Pierce was an enthusiastic member of the community and deeply committed to the arts. He served on the board of trustees of many local arts organizations, including the Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Orchestral Association, the Minnesota Historical Society, the Minneapolis Athenaeum, the Theatre de la Jeune Lune, the Minnesota Dance Company, the Alliance Francaise of Minneapolis/St. Paul, and the Minnesota ACLU. He served as president of the Minneapolis Club in the year 2000 and was appointed to the board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education by Governor Mark Dayton in 2011.

Pierce was an adventurer, an athlete, a storyteller, a voracious reader of books and smoker of cigars, a brilliant mind, and a true gentleman. His beloved family and his friends of all ages will remember him with the deepest fondness and miss him profoundly. His wonderful smile and singular sense of humor warmed the hearts of so many. He is preceded in death by his parents, William J. and Lois McNally, and his brother, William M. McNally. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Zack McNally; his daughters, Caitlin Hobley (Tony) and Mary Dillow (Jason); his honorary daughter, Ann Lebedoff; his grandchildren, William "Mac", Eloise, and Margaret Dillow, and Zoe and Pierce Hobley; and many, many dear friends.

THE FAMILY OF PIERCE MCNALLY

IN MEMORIAM

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. MCNULTY

DECEMBER 24, 1924 — DECEMBER 18, 2020

John C. McNulty died at home on December 18, 2020, six days before his 96th birthday, as the result of injuries suffered in an accident on December 9. John never looked nor acted his biological age. John loved the Toby Keith song on aging well, *Don't Let the Old Man In*, and especially loved the video in which Clint Eastwood, who inspired the song, acts out the lyrics.

John was a herald of civility in the legal profession, advocating for more civil relationships between lawyers, particularly in the litigation arena. He engaged in such activities from a number of platforms, including, president of the Hennepin County Bar Association; president of the American Judicature Society; chair of the American Bar Association Committee on Professional Discipline; fellow of the American Bar Foundation; and, for a time, as a municipal court judge in St. Louis Park.

John practiced law with the same civility for which he advocated. He was “that guy” who invited opposing counsel out for a drink while the jury deliberated. Many of his former colleagues have recalled him as a “gentleman” and a “mentor” and have referred to the dignity and grace with which he always conducted himself.

John loved attending bar conventions, although he often skipped the CLEs. He was there to network and socialize with colleagues. He was a longtime member of the VE-VJ Day Club, a group of lawyers and judges who meet once a year for a dinner featuring prognostications and (sometimes risqué) humor.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, John practiced law in the Twin Cities for more than 40 years in a variety of settings. The most notable was his more than 20 years as a named partner in the firm that was then known as Maslon Kaplan Edelman Borman Brand & McNulty. John was the last surviving of those named partners. John joined Maslon in the late 1950s as the first lawyer who was not Jewish. As a Catholic, he had suffered from employment discrimination by larger law firms similar to that which had been experienced by Jewish lawyers.

Outside of the law, John was always active, enjoying many physical activities. Until his mid-80s, he kept a 30-foot sailboat on Lake Superior and organized many trips through the Great Lakes with friends and family. These often featured challenging storms. He earned a Coast Guard Master Mariner's License. He also had a private pilot's license. He was an accomplished downhill and cross-country skier who skied the Birkebeiner 34-mile cross country race in his 70s. He loved to golf, having managed a 27-hole golf course before and during law school. He kept golfing until almost 90.

John is survived and sorely missed by his wife of almost 40 years, Marcy Wallace, his sister, his four children, six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace, John, and well done. You never did let the old man in.

MARY WALLACE
ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR C. ROBERT MORRIS

JUNE 29, 1928 — OCTOBER 16, 2020

C. Robert "Bob" Morris was a professor through and through. He was a scholar and an intellectual. He mined "the classics" while still in his teens, confronting questions of humanity, citizenship, rights, and obligations—pursuits that would deepen across decades. Yet appreciating Bob solely as an endless fountain of practical and arcane information disregards much of the story.

Bob had more sides than an octahedron. A gracious host, his conversations with friends and colleagues presented a *bon vivant* with opera analyses to merit a Metropolitan Opera quiz, woven with the Lynx and Gopher football, colorful tales of boyhood in the West told with the marks of an East Coast education, inserting an erudite discourse on Asian Art, which like the academic path began with his father. While his curiosity was boundless, he preferred being home to travelling the globe. Bob was animated about politics, contemporary and historical, parsing and projecting for hours. He deeply loved and was grateful for the care of his wife, Sandy. And he could fix things, although it never seemed safe for him to dismember electrical outlets.

Bob died peacefully on October 16 at home where, fifty years prior, he married Sandy Mueller who survives him. An emeritus professor of the University of Minnesota Law School, Bob taught business organizations, corporations, bankruptcy, torts, real property, and modern real estate from 1964-2000. The classroom, for him, transcended the assigned room at school and his professorial attire. He relished hosting and visiting with students, and especially delighted in resuming conversations years after students were graduated. The one exception to the pleasures of pedagogy was a pronounced irritation in grading blue books.

Born Clarence Robert Morris, Jr. on June 29, 1928, in Denver, Colorado, he inherited a strong sense of community responsibility and commitment that would fuel his voluntarism and advocacy. He earned his B.A. (1948) at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, and his LL.B. (1951) from Yale University. Next came service in the U.S. Air Force as a first lieutenant and later as assistant staff judge advocate. In 1953, he began teaching at Rutgers University Law School in Camden, New Jersey, and moved to the University of Minnesota Law School faculty in 1964.

He was a visiting professor at the University of Texas, Stanford University, and New York University Law Schools. Bob is recognized for his work in corporation law and as a co-author of three editions of *Cases and Materials on Corporations* published by Little, Brown & Co. in 1966, 1977, and 1989. With his father, the late Clarence Morris (University of Pennsylvania Law School faculty), he co-authored the second edition of *Morris on Torts* (Foundation Press, 1980). His active membership in "Gown in Town," a faculty social group, continued a decade after retirement.

Bob's last years were greatly compromised by Parkinson's syndrome and Lewy Body dementia. COVID-19 was not a factor, but sheltering in place seriously impacted his life, keeping him from friends, attending concerts and meals at favorite restaurants.

His was a long life, well lived and fondly remembered.

SANDRA M. MORRIS
IRIS C. FREEMAN

IN MEMORIAM
RUSSELL ALPH 'RUSS' NORUM

NOVEMBER 23, 1938 — AUGUST 29, 2020

Russell Alph “Russ” Norum passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family on August 29, 2020. He battled courageously against cancer until God took him into His gentle hands, where he enjoys everlasting peace. Russ was preceded in death by parents: Alph and Helen (nee Kaspar) Norum; and first wife and mother of his children, Harriet L. Kurtz (nee Ernst, f.k.a.). He is survived by his children: Gale Pearson (Tom), Allison Curtis (Greg), David Norum, Robert Norum, and Patricia Maguire; wife, Terry Nguyen; brothers, Richard “Dick” (Karen), and Raymond (Bonnie). He also left behind eight cherished grandchildren: Christopher, Tom, Angela, Robyn, Heather, Brandon, Molly and Maggie; and five beautiful great-grandchildren, Jazmyne, Mario, Addie, Orion, and Zeke. Russ loved his family and frequently spoke proudly of them to his valued friend since law school, Dale Vitek.

Russ was a 1956 graduate of Orono High School. Here he earned the Academic Achievement Award and was voted “most musical” by his classmates. He was an enthusiastic reader, but he also took time to play hockey, baseball, basketball, and football.

Before law school, Russ did many things. He owned/operated a Texaco. Later, he and his brother, Dick, owned/operated their parents’ business Chaska Auto Parts (NAPA). Russ, with a partner, owned North Shore Union 76 where the first gas pump was installed dockside on Lake Minnetonka. Then he worked sales at Dick’s business Midwest Engine Rebuilders/Motion Incorporated, a foreign motor engine rebuilder. Russ proudly became an attorney in 1983.

His inherent, academic compulsion finally placed him at the Hamline School of Law. There he served as a mock trial judge and was honored when inducted to its Judges Hall of Fame. He provided legal advice as a board member to Employment Action Center, referee for Hennepin County Conciliation Court, and AAA arbitrator.

Our dad, Russ, demonstrated in life his passions for justice and the law. Debates filled many happy hours “up north” around a campfire considering legal topics: standing/cause of action, elements of a contract, chattel/real property, dischargeable in bankruptcy, legal defense? We saw a playfulness as he riddled and trained us to use reason, logic, and critical thinking. Three of his children and one grandchild walk in his path by working in the legal profession.

Dad trained us to look within ourselves and to look compassionately at others. He taught us to ask, “Is it okay/just?” Since the civil unrest of the 1960s, he advocated a zero-tolerance for any discrimination and convinced us every person is equal. He proved oppression exists and has life-altering consequences. We were expected to perceive when and how to initiate change for the betterment of the future. He pushed us to be honest and value integrity above all, “If you don’t have integrity, you have nothing!” Russ’s family and friends will remember the honor, integrity, and thoughtful introspect he modeled. Our love, appreciation, and respect for Russ will live on in our memories and deeds forever.

THE NORUM FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM
BRIAN BORU O'NEILL
JUNE 7, 1947 — MAY 6, 2020

Brian was born in Hancock, Michigan. He attended schools in post-war Japan and Germany. After high school in Fountain, Colorado, he graduated from the U.S. Military at West Point as a cadet captain in 1969. He served in the 5/30th Artillery in Italy and Crete. He attended Michigan Law School and was the managing editor of the law review. He graduated *magna cum laude* and a member of the Order of the Coif in 1974. He attended the U.S. Army JAG Corps, then served three years as assistant to the General Counsel of the Army in Washington D.C.

Brian devoted his legal career and heart to making the world a better place. He was a distinguished and internationally recognized lawyer at the Minneapolis law firm of Faegre & Benson. His door was open to anybody who needed a lawyer. He tried cases about oil spills, intellectual property, securities, antitrust, admiralty, bankruptcy, contracts, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights, constitutional law, product liability, and even bank robbery. Brian represented over 40,000 victims of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. In 1994, he obtained a five-billion-dollar verdict against Exxon, and Trial Lawyers for Public Justice voted him Trial Lawyer of the Year.

He was proudest of his extensive pro bono practice where he protected wilderness areas and wildlife like wolves, grizzly bears, eagles, and trout. He preserved places of solitude including the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Voyageurs National Park, and Yellowstone National Park. Brian's biggest turn-on was "a woman who can carry both a pack and a canoe." His dream came true when he met his third wife and true companion Ruth O'Neill. They had two children (five for Brian) and enjoyed 30 years of backcountry canoeing, golfing, skiing, scuba diving, camping, and fishing. During retirement, they traveled to Micronesia where Brian led delegations of lawyers to promote the rule of law.

Brian believed in justice and doing the right thing. He was listed in *Best Lawyers in America* in eight different categories. Other notable achievements: Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (former regent), International Academy of Trial Lawyers (fellow), American Board of Trial Advocates, (advocate), Sierra Club North Star Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award, Ten Best Trial Lawyers in America, *National Law Journal*, and the Sierra Club William O. Douglas Award. Brian served on the Michigan Law School Dean's Advisory Council, Defenders of Wildlife, and the International Wolf Center, was the president of the Minneapolis Golf Club and was a trustee for the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society. He was a longtime member of the American Legion and the Izaak Walton League.

Brian found spirituality in nature. He delighted in racing down a mountain in Big Sky, Montana, and chipping out of the sand trap for a birdie. The world was his oyster. He loved sharing the earth and food of the earth with others—a beer and a bologna sandwich, or an excellent red wine and barbeque in his backyard. He was a thrilling chef and consummate host. His sense of humor was outrageous; his optimism contagious. The more irreverent a joke, the funnier it had to be. During happy hours he was happy. He relaxed into James Bond movie marathons. He loved a good book. He saw as many movies as possible.

In October 2019, Brian was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). On May 6, he raised his "Parting Glass" (as sung by The High Kings) and said, "I love my wife, I am proud of all my children and I have lived a rich and full life."

RUTH O'NEILL

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES ROBERT 'JIM' PIELEMEIER

APRIL 1, 1949 — FEBRUARY 7, 2020

James Robert “Jim” Pielemeier passed away in his home in St. Paul, Minnesota, on February 7, 2020. A retired professor emeritus of law at Hamline University School of Law, he was born April 1, 1949, and spent his youth in Bloomfield, Indiana. Jim graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, and obtained his J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law. While in law school, he was elected to the Order of the Coif and served as associate editor of the *Indiana Law Journal*.

Prior to joining the Hamline Law School faculty in 1976, Jim was in private practice with Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis, specializing in civil litigation. At Hamline, Jim taught courses in civil procedure, conflict of laws, and mass media law. He was voted “Professor of the Year” by his students. Jim was an innovator in the classroom. He was one of the first to utilize multimedia presentations in class and he also trained Hamline undergraduate theater students to role-play clients for his students to interview, depose, and prepare for trial. His standards were very high; he was careful, thorough, and demanding, but was also known as someone the students could go to for support and a kind word. His students were very fond of him; they appreciated him for his supportive approach and for teaching them so well and preparing them for the bar exam and practice.

Jim was one of the intellectual leaders on the Hamline faculty. He produced very sophisticated scholarship and earned placements in the University of Pennsylvania and UCLA Law Reviews, among others. He also was the “caretaker” of the curriculum. He served many times as chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, and in that role, he guarded the rigor of the curriculum fiercely. He was also an early adopter and leader in using technology in the classroom and played a key role in designing the high-tech moot court room and classrooms at Hamline, which were “cutting edge” at the time. Jim retired from teaching at Hamline Law during the 2012-13 academic year and was named emeritus professor in May 2013.

Jim spent his youth in Bloomfield, Indiana, where he worked in his father’s drug store, delivered evening newspapers on his bicycle, and participated on the high school track team. As an adult, he enjoyed running, swimming, tennis, amateur acting, reading (especially on his Kindle), and he actively supported his aging mother and extended family. A lifelong Democrat, he considered himself a “liberal Christian.” He is survived by a sister, Barbara McCallon of St. Augustine, Florida; a brother, John Pielemeier, of Washington D.C.; many loving nieces and nephews; and grand-nieces and nephews. Jim asked that he be cremated, and his ashes will be placed at a family plot.

THE PIELEMEIER FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN HAROLD RAMSTEAD

APRIL 1, 1927 — FEBRUARY 28, 2020

John passed away surrounded by his loving family on February 28, 2020, in Edina. A Minneapolis native, he graduated from Edison High School ('44) and enlisted to serve as a radio operator in WWII. John returned to Minneapolis and worked during the day and attended William Mitchell College of Law ('56) at night. Truth be told, he would have used the GI Bill to study German, but those classes were closed. As fate would have it, he decided to take a law course and ended up practicing for over 50 years at Borkon, Ramstead, and Mariani as a trial attorney.

John had a profound faith and love for the Catholic Church. He was continually learning more about it through books, lectures, spending time in prayer, and on retreats. John shared that deep well of faith and love with his family and friends and was a calming source of strength and compassion for all who knew him.

Away from the office and courtroom, John could be found in his garden, practicing piano while singing along, or in the company of his beloved wife, Rosalie. He loved to travel, bike, explore, fish, read, and especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. John also celebrated his Norwegian heritage and shared the love for that culture with his family. The wisdom, compassion, and guidance he gave to his clients, family, and friends are missed.

John is preceded in death by his parents, John & Laura, and sister, Jean Sanderson. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Rosalie; sons, Nick Bryant & John (Donna); daughter, Anne-Marie; grandchildren, Annie, Grace, and Lily Sullivan and John, Micheal and Matthew Ramstead; and great-grandson, AJ Ramstead.

ANNE-MARIE SULLIVAN

IN MEMORIAM

LARRY RAPOPORT

DECEMBER 12, 1934 — SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Larry Rapoport was born December 12, 1934 and died September 11, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Betty Rapoport of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; his sister, Barbara Silverman of Rosalyn Heights, New York; his brother, David Rapoport of St. Louis Park; and his granddaughter, Rachael Reese. He is survived by his daughters, Sara Strouts, Michelle Uhden, Mia Rapoport, and Judith Rapoport; his sister, Joanne Levy of Kingwood, Texas; his six grandchildren; and his two great-grandchildren.

Larry had a storied and rich life, starting with his humble beginnings in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as the youngest of four siblings. Larry's mischievous behavior "assisted" him in joining the Marine Corps, an accomplishment he was always proud of and more than willing to talk about and celebrate. Upon completion of his Marine Corps' service, Larry attended the University of Iowa and developed his passion in photography and communications by serving on the school newspaper, working at a local radio station, and eventually attending the University of Iowa Law School.

After law school, Larry joined the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, prosecuting difficult cases and rising to be the position of chief deputy for the late Justice George Scott. Upon leaving the county attorney's office and entering private practice, Larry continued his public service by working tirelessly as a part-time public defender. His expertise in the courtroom, and his timeless knowledge of every judge and nearly all members in the criminal defense bar, made him a formidable adversary, an excellent trial lawyer, a good friend, and a premier criminal defense lawyer over his 55-year career. Despite his active practice, Larry always took time to mentor and support less experienced lawyers, whether prosecutors or budding defense attorneys. One of Larry's most remarkable qualities was his insistence on being available for his clients. He never failed to answer the call or question, no matter what time of day or what else he was doing, even when in the courtroom or on a golf course (as many friends and colleagues will undoubtedly confirm). Larry's devotion to the law, other people, and the activities in his life was apparent to all who were lucky enough to know and work with him.

Larry's skills were not limited to the courtroom. His practice branched out into his representation of the former WWF tag team, the Road Warriors, and other wrestling superstars. He also had several business ventures in Minnesota and Hawaii. He cherished his children, grandchildren, and innumerable friends, and was always there with indispensable advice, support and, if needed, tough love. He was the life of any event or gathering, regaling everyone with unending stories from his extraordinary life. He constantly sought out colleagues and friends to golf, dine, or head to the local establishment to relax, and, of course, to play pull tabs. Larry will be terribly missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. He was truly old school, a one-of-a-kind who had an extraordinary and wonderful life, worthy of celebration.

MIA RAPOPORT AND FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES GROGAN 'JIM' RAY

OCTOBER 15, 1947 — JUNE 4, 2020

James Grogan 'Jim' Ray, age 72 of St. Paul, died on June 4, 2020. Frankly, though, part of Jim died when the Minnesota Gopher Men's Hockey team left the WCHA. He was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on October 15, 1947, the first of three children born to Glenn and Evelyn Ray. As Glenn was a submarine commander in the Navy, Jim and his siblings, Ron and Cassann "Sandy", moved about the U.S. a great deal as children—from Hawaii to Newport, Rhode Island, and a great many places in between. Upon Glenn's retirement, the family settled in Edina, Minnesota, where Jim graduated high school. After graduation, Jim attended Gustavus Adolphus, receiving a joint B.A. in math and physics in 1969.

Upon graduating from Gustavus Adolphus, Jim followed his father's footsteps and joined the Navy. He completed Officer Candidate School and eventually became a Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal diver and instructor. He was especially proud of his work with Navy Seal teams. Under the GI Bill, Jim enrolled in the University of Minnesota Law School in 1973 and graduated *magna cum laude* in 1976.

Jim had excellent taste in his future former wives. In 1971, he married Jane Hess. Their first child, Justin, was born in 1977, weighing in over 10 pounds. Jim loved to recount the nurse getting a glimpse of Justin and remarking in astonishment, "Wow—no wrinkles!" Jim's first daughter, Sarah, was born shortly thereafter in 1981. Jim instilled in them his passionate love for hockey—both played at the collegiate level and continue to play to this day. Jim and Jane separated, later to divorce, in 1985. Jim married another lawyer, Diane Little, in 1988, and their first daughter, Lauren, was born shortly thereafter in 1989. After Allison's birth in 1992, Jim had four kids and often told people he was on his way to ten. Jim and Diane enjoyed living in Miriam Park. Jim often played tennis, took the family camping, and spent evenings tutoring his young daughters (especially in math). His younger daughters also fondly recall him taking them to horseback riding lessons and midnight Harry Potter book releases during these years. Jim and Diane separated in 1996, later to divorce.

Throughout this time, Jim made significant strides in his career as a lawyer. He clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Alsop, worked at Faegre & Benson, was a partner at Briggs & Morgan, and later worked at Wells Fargo.

In 2005, Jim's career was cut short by a coma that robbed him of some of his previous mental faculties. Though unable to continue work, Jim retained many of the qualities that always defined him: his sharp, dry, and dark sense of humor, his keen interest in hockey, his enduring fondness for Bob Dylan, and his steadfast love for his children. In his later years, Jim spent much of his time reading novels and emailing his children—forever providing dad advice and encouragement, and relentlessly reminding them how much he loved them and how proud he was of each of them.

Jim was preceded in death by his sister, Sandy. He is survived by brother, Ron (Lindsay); children, Justin, Sarah (Rebecca), Lauren, and Allison; and grandchildren, Elliott, Milo, and Delia.

THE CHILDREN OF JAMES RAY

IN MEMORIAM
MALCOLM DENNIS REID

FEBRUARY 5, 1943 — MAY 11, 2020

Malcolm possessed incomparable energy, enthusiasm, and an infectious sense of humor. He incorporated a spirit of adventure into every day of his life. He brought his energy, enthusiasm, and adventurous spirit to his work as a lawyer and to his family and friends.

A 1961 graduate of Mound High School, Malcolm received his electrical engineering degree from the University of Minnesota in 1966 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota in 1969. As a patent attorney, he worked in the office of general counsel at 3M, went on to become general counsel of Fabri-Tek Corporation, and then vice president and general counsel of Network Systems Corporation. When Network Systems was acquired by Storage Technology of Boulder, Colorado, Malcolm completed his career at Gray Plant Mooty where he was a principal working in business litigation and patents.

Growing up in Mound, Malcolm developed a passion for nature and Lake Minnetonka. These twin passions led him to public service as a member of the Tonka Bay City Council and later as mayor of Tonka Bay. He was a Hennepin County park commissioner and served as a manager of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. Malcolm loved Lake Minnetonka, loved living on the lake, and loved being in or on the waters of the lake.

Malcolm often said he was always grateful to his lifelong friend and law school classmate, Craig Boone, who introduced Malcolm to his future wife, Kate. Malcolm also greatly appreciated the friendships he had with classmates Dan Schermer, Reg Steer, and Bob Larson.

Malcolm is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Kate Flom; his daughters, Margaret Powe (Anthony) and Emily Oxman (Joel); his sisters, Roberta Allen (Robert), Suzanne Claywell (Richard, dec'd), and Marilyn Reid; his three grandchildren and two nephews.

KATHERINE FLOM

IN MEMORIAM

THE HONORABLE SEAN JEROME RICE

MAY 6, 1952 — DECEMBER 9, 2020

Sean Jerome Rice was born May 6, 1952, to James and Jill Rice, he was one of eight children. He died peacefully on December 9, 2020, following complications from a stroke.

Sean was a kind, compassionate and brilliant man. He was valedictorian of his DeLaSalle High School class, graduated from Harvard University, and received his law degree from Mitchell Hamline School of Law. His law practice was in North Minneapolis, and he served as a Hennepin County District Court Judge from 1987-1995. Sean dealt with bipolar illness most of his life.

He was passionate about his family, politics, the law, helping the poor, history, books and was an avid baseball fan. In 1972, at age 20, he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Sean volunteered in many ways on his beloved northside, including Meals on Wheels, the Urban League, and the Church of St. Bridget for many years.

Sean was preceded in death by his father, James; mother, Jill; sister, Mary; brother, Devin; and nephews, Patrick and Baby James. He was deeply loved by all who knew him, especially his brothers and sisters, Sheila Lawson (Pope), Maura Rice (Joe), Brian Rice (JoAnn), Brenna McShane, and Eamon Rice (Amy); sister-in-law, Katie Connolly; and adopted French brother, Antoine.

One of Sean's legal mentors was Irving Nemerov. Irv was a great trial lawyer and a ferocious advocate. Irv also impressed on Sean that being a lawyer meant you had a special obligation to help people. Sean practiced law at the intersection of Emerson Avenue North and West Broadway at different times with Howard Crabtree, Ed Gearty, and Jim Ronning. Later he practiced with Mark Luther. Like other North Minneapolis residents, Sean had an acute sense of justice. He instinctively knew when a person was being treated unfairly. He knew that those less fortunate and those that struggled with life had a great disadvantage in this world. He brought that perspective to the bench.

He had a deep sense of compassion and empathy. Those were his greatest qualities as a lawyer and even more so when he served as a judge. He would take extreme care to listen to lawyers and their clients in court. If he had a bias, it was in favor of those who needed a person in authority to take time to listen, see and understand them.

That is a rare quality in this world. And it is critically important to have people with compassion and empathy in the judicial system.

Sean did that every day he was a lawyer and everyday he served as a judge. More importantly, he brought that same level of empathy to people he met throughout his life. Wherever he lived, in a communal setting at group homes, assisted living facilities or at a nursing home, Sean was always well liked by fellow residents because he took time to see and understand people.

We will all miss Sean. But the world will miss his compassion and empathy even more.

BRIAN RICE

IN MEMORIAM

LAWRENCE MICHAEL ROCHEFORD

APRIL 29, 1958 — NOVEMBER 27, 2020

Larry Rocheford was the embodiment of the phrase, “Hale fellow well met.” He was a big man, with a big frame, big appetite, a big personality, from a big family, expressing big emotions, with big accomplishments, and a big heart.

Larry was born into a family of five siblings and grew up as a Catholic boy in Edina. He attended Benilde-St. Margaret’s High School and St. John’s University, graduating in 1980. After college, he attended law school at Hamline University, graduating in 1983. His first job out of school was at West Publishing until he landed his dream job as an associate at Jardine Logan & O’Brien in 1985. Larry aspired to be and became a great trial lawyer—and JLO was the perfect place for him to pursue that ambition. He was a partner at JLO for greater than 25 years, and in the year prior to his death, he was with the Lommen Abdo firm.

Larry was an aggressive advocate on behalf of his clients and approached his work with a happy warrior attitude that won over his friends and foes. His most important honor, of course, was the admiration and respect of his professional colleagues. On Larry’s Facebook page, another attorney noted that Larry was, “A good man and a good lawyer, a rare combination.”

While his career was important, nothing was more important than spending time with his family. He married Beth at age 41 and immediately embraced family life with the full gusto that he is known for. His two children, Lauren and David, soon followed, and they became the object of Larry’s love, affection, and support. He was their biggest fan. He supported them in school and taught them the value of hard work. He attended every sporting event without fail. His children never doubted whether they had the approval and support of their father. He spread his affection and support to all the children in his extended family.

He loved all the many family vacations, but his all-time favorite was a trip to Hawaii. He enjoyed fishing almost anywhere: casting a reel with David, deep-sea fishing in Costa Rica, salmon fishing in Alaska, and annual fishing trips to Canada. He even had one mounted, a 42-inch Northern Pike.

Larry was hospitalized with COVID-19 in mid-November, but he improved and was sent home the evening before Thanksgiving. Larry loved good food, and his last supper was a home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Larry and his family then sat down, as was tradition, and watched the 2020 National Dog Show. He died later that evening.

Larry was taken from us far too soon and I will miss my friend. As Larry’s cousin wrote, we sadly say goodbye to, “A big, gentle giant, a man who carried a smile on his face, a joke in his pocket, and lots of love for everyone in his heart.” Larry, your big heart will live forever in our hearts.

**MIKE BLACK
GREGG JOHNSON**

IN MEMORIAM

JERRY F. ROTMAN

NOVEMBER 8, 1933 — DECEMBER 22, 2020

Jerry Rotman passed away on December 22, 2020, at the age of 87. He was preceded in death by his wife and love of his life for over 65 years, Louise. They both hailed from humble beginnings in Iowa. Their children, L.J., Mark, and Laura; their families; and countless friends and colleagues will miss Jerry's zest for life.

Jerry was a consummate traveler, active sports enthusiast, and a lifelong learner. He was a strong believer in community service and access to justice. He was active in the leadership of numerous community organizations, ranging from The Fund for the Legal Aid Society to the St. Louis Park Human Rights Commission to the University of St. Thomas Selim Center for Lifelong Learning. Jerry was deeply patriotic and a proud veteran who served as a Marine in the Korean War.

Upon his return from Korea, Jerry completed his studies at Yale University and enrolled at Harvard Law School. Following graduation, Jerry and Louise moved to Minneapolis where Jerry joined the law practice of Levitt, Palmer, Bowen and Bearmon. Jerry, Matt Levitt (who was Jerry's mentor), and their law partners worked successfully together for years, before merging with Briggs & Morgan (now Taft Stettinius & Hollister), establishing its Minneapolis office. Jerry retired from that firm at the age of 55 to devote his time to community service (and golf and tennis).

Jerry's passion for community service and access to justice was evident in the many roles he embraced. In addition to serving on his firm's pro bono committee, he served for six years on, and chaired, the Minnesota Supreme Court Legal Services Advisory Committee, which is responsible for distributing a portion of state funding for civil legal aid. He served on The Fund for the Legal Aid Society board and executive committee for over 20 years, two of which he served as chair. He was a longtime volunteer with Legal Aid's Active Senior Attorney Project. He was the founder of ASAP's mediation component where he recruited other volunteers and mediated cases for Legal Aid and the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. He and Louise knew the importance of the Legal Aid planned giving program and set a good example for those who followed.

Jerry made a difference in the countless lives of others. He was the true definition of a Renaissance man—intelligent, knowledgeable, artistic, athletic, social, and cool! Throughout his life he remained very humble and was always an attentive listener. His prevailing question of others was, "What can I do for you?"

Thank you to Joe Noack for sharing the introduction he gave during the 2007 Annual Fund for Legal Aid Society Law Day Testimonial Dinner where Jerry was the honoree.

THE FAMILY OF JERRY ROTMAN

IN MEMORIAM

RALPH S. SCHNEIDER

AUGUST 29, 1928 — JULY 10, 2020

Ralph S. Schneider died on July 10, 2020, at the age of 91. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Bertha “Bertie,” and his brother, Dick. He is survived by his children, Rob and Jane, and his nephew, Charley. He grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from St. Thomas Academy in 1946. He subsequently attended the University of Minnesota, earning a B.B.A. degree in 1950. He served four years in the Air Force, including a significant amount of time in Japan. Upon returning home, he (only partially jokingly) vowed never to leave Hennepin County again.

After completing his military service, he entered the University of Minnesota Law School, facing a tough choice of starting law school six weeks late or waiting a year to begin the next fall. He was anxious to begin his career, so he chose to start immediately, even though he would have to begin his first year six weeks behind his classmates. Graduating in 1957, he was first in his class and president of the *Minnesota Law Review*.

He had a long, distinguished, and varied legal career. For the most part, he practiced business law, specializing in tax and real estate. Early in his career, he became a CPA to complement his tax law expertise. He also did appellate work, arguing a number of cases before the Minnesota Supreme Court. In 1960, he was appointed special assistant attorney general by Minnesota Attorney General Walter F. Mondale. Later in his career, he provided legal counsel in connection with several high-profile real estate projects. He also enjoyed volunteering his time to serve as a municipal conciliation/small claims court referee. A lawyer’s lawyer, his peers often sought to “pick his brain.”

As a youngster, he loved spending summers at Camp Horseshoe in Wisconsin, eventually becoming a camp counselor. He also enjoyed fishing and, while quite young, developed an abiding passion for reading newspapers. As an adult, he developed an interest in running, often covering lengthy paths around the Minneapolis chain of lakes. He also enjoyed boating, whether waterskiing behind his speedboat or sailing with friends (he once co-owned a sailboat that was christened “The Partnership”). In retirement, he became an avid and skilled bridge player, eventually reaching the rank of Life Master, and loved going to the Minnesota Opera, where he had season tickets. He also enjoyed light opera—especially the operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Finally, he had a lifelong interest in art. One summer, he audited a humanities class with his college-aged son. The class was studying a painting and the professor asked why one aspect of the painting was considered especially important to its interpretation. As others offered various scholarly opinions, Ralph offered his own analysis: “It’s in the middle.” The professor found the analysis persuasive. Ralph’s son was impressed—and proud.

ROB SCHNEIDER
JANE SCHNEIDER

IN MEMORIAM

CLINTON A. SCHROEDER

NOVEMBER 11, 1930 — MARCH 12, 2020

Clint spent his entire professional life helping others plan and create legacies. Clint's blueprint for his own impactful and joyous life was grounded on five critical pillars: a fabulous 67-year marriage with Carolyn, a loving family, a purpose-driven career, a tremendous commitment to community service, and a deep and abiding faith.

In 1957, Clint joined the Minneapolis law firm Cant Haverstock Beardsley Gray and Plant, which became Gray Plant Mooty Mooty & Bennett. Clint was an exceedingly valuable member of the firm for about 60 years. He held almost every leadership position at the firm. He was beloved and highly regarded by firm members as a lawyer, mentor, and friend.

Clint practiced in the charitable giving, estate planning and tax areas, and he was always included on every "best lawyers" list and was routinely recognized as the "dean" of lawyers in each of his practice areas. He was a highly sought-after national lecturer and seminar leader. Clint was a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Because of his expertise, leadership skills, vision, and ability to collaborate with others and get things accomplished, Clint was enlisted to serve in many leadership positions with bar associations: president of the Minnesota State Bar Association, president of the Hennepin County Bar Association, chair of ABA Planned Giving Committee, member of the ABA House of Delegates, chair of the MSBA Tax Section, and president of the Hennepin County Bar Foundation.

Clint gave back generously to the community in a variety of ways, including being a founder and chair of the Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company; serving for decades as a committee member and two years as chair of the American Council on Gift Annuities; chairing the Minneapolis Foundation; being president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis and its Foundation; co-chairing Leave a Legacy Minnesota; and chairing Fairview Healthcare System and the Southdale YMCA.

While MSBA President, Clint helped create the first mandatory interest on lawyers' trust accounts, wherein interest earned on all lawyer trust accounts in Minnesota goes to fund legal services for low-income Minnesotans. While MSBA president, he helped create the first legislative funding for civil legal services by assessing a filing fee surcharge for every case filed in a Minnesota district or county court. Since the inception of these two programs, approximately \$200 million has been raised to support legal services for low-income Minnesotans.

Clint received numerous prestigious awards and accolades from countless organizations and academic institutions for his outstanding contributions. Clint also helped his clients do an unbelievable amount of good in our world through their charitable gifting. I would not be surprised if the total amount of funds raised for nonprofits and charitable causes for which Clint played a significant role was a billion dollars. His amazing legacy of doing good and helping others do good has profoundly impacted our community and will continue to do so for generations to come.

BRUCE W. MOOTY

IN MEMORIAM
ROGER W. SHERMAN
APRIL 18, 1934 — MAY 17, 2020

Roger W. Sherman, age 86 of Rockford, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2020. Roger grew up in South Minneapolis and graduated in 1952 from Saint Thomas Military Academy. He attended and received his undergraduate degree and law degree from the University of Minnesota.

Roger was a retired tax attorney for the Pillsbury Corporation and went on to private practice and various entrepreneurial pursuits during the years after his retirement. He was a business broker, a real estate investor and developer, a farmer, operated a landscaping company, and managed a prefab home business, among other things.

When he wasn't working, his real interest was the outdoors. His favorite pastimes were travelling and sailing the Great Lakes and the British Virgin Islands with his family and friends. He also loved canoeing and camping in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, biking the trails in the Hennepin County parks, and hiking in the mountains and the Grand Canyon. He loved playing and teaching others to play poker, bridge, and cribbage. He always followed and loved to watch his hometown Vikings, Twins, and Gophers.

He was a kind, caring man and devout Catholic who volunteered many hours at his church and the food shelf. Roger will be remembered for his generosity, dry sense of humor, love of his family, and his ability to nap anywhere.

He is survived by Karen; their four children, Scott, David, Kristen, and Erik; eight grandchildren; and his sister, Marion Fuller, of Denver, Colorado.

SCOTT SHERMAN

IN MEMORIAM

DALE A. SIMONSON, SR.

MARCH 12, 1936 — JULY 7, 2020

Dale Adair Simonson, Sr., 84, a longtime realtor and contributor to civic life in Bloomington, died peacefully of cancer on July 7, 2020, attended by his loving children. Dale's dry wit, generosity toward others, and no-drama approach to life's turbulence will be missed by all.

Dale graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1959 with a B.S.L. and a J.D. In 1960, he joined the U.S. Navy in the Navy Officer Candidate School and Naval School of Justice. He achieved the rank of lieutenant and served in Washington, D.C. and Japan in the early 1960s, where his law degree served him well defending Navy personnel who found themselves in legal trouble while overseas. One favorite story he told was about defending a sailor who, while out drinking, accidentally started a fire that burned down a significant portion of a town due to the wood-and-paper construction of many Japanese homes at the time.

After marrying Sondra Simonson in 1962, Dale left the Navy and Japan in 1964 to settle into a private law practice in downtown Minneapolis and start a family. However, he quickly became sidetracked with politics. He served as the Hennepin County Court Commissioner from 1967 through 1970, with a primary campaign goal of eliminating that position because he felt it was inefficient. He accomplished this goal, thereby legislating himself out of a job. However, his time as court commissioner piqued his interest in mental health issues, and he became involved with the Mental Health Association of Minnesota. From 1971 through 1975, he served as the Director of the Hennepin County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Program Office.

In 1975, his career took yet another turn—as children, we never knew what to say when people asked us, “What does your Dad do for work?”—and he became involved in commercial real estate. Along with his wife Sondra, Dale founded Simonson Realty, Inc., and he finally settled into the industry which would become his lifelong career. While he eventually ceased to practice law, his law degrees served him well throughout his business years.

All through their lives together, Dale and Sondra generously gave their time and talent to the community, including helping lead the effort to build the Japanese Garden at Normandale Community College and hosting its architect, Takao Watanabe. They also both served on the boards of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and YMCA Camp Menogyn.

Dale and Sondra also instilled a great love of the outdoors in their children. Whether it was just “messaging around” alongside Nine Mile Creek below our home in Bloomington, or more glamorous trips to the Boundary Water Canoe Area and sailing in the Bahamas, the outdoors were always where our family spent our happiest times. After Sondra's death in 1995, Dale married Judith Simonson, and the two spent their later years bicycling and sailing in Naples, Florida.

THE SIMONSON CHILDREN

IN MEMORIAM
NORMAN R. SOLAND
OCTOBER 17, 1940 — JULY 2, 2020

Norman R. Soland passed away surrounded by family on July 2, 2020, at the age of 79. Norm was born in Duluth but raised in Minneapolis. He graduated from Patrick Henry High School in 1958. He attended the Air Force Academy for two years before transferring to the University of Minnesota, where he completed his bachelor's degree in international relations. He moved to the Washington, D.C., area to accept a job offer from the CIA. He received his J.D. at the American University Washington College of Law in 1972. He moved back to Minnesota and was accepted by the bar. He worked for Midwest Federal before accepting a position at Nash Finch Company (now known as SpartanNash). He retired from Nash Finch as senior vice president, secretary, and general counsel in 2002 after 23 years of service.

Aside from being an accomplished lawyer, Norm was well read and knowledgeable about many topics. This knowledge and his innate ability to debate could be useful to us kids when we needed help with schoolwork—and intimidating when we got into trouble. His wife of 56 years, Carol, and his family will miss his wealth of knowledge, sense of humor, guidance, and compassion.

His parents and brother preceded Norm in death. He is survived by his wife, four children and seven grandchildren.

KIRK SOLAND

IN MEMORIAM
SUE STINGLEY
MARCH 15, 1947 — MAY 23, 2020

Sue began practicing law in 1980. She was a highly respected employment attorney and mediator.

Sue earned many accolades as an attorney. She was named a Minnesota Super Lawyer many times, and in 2018 she was one of the Attorneys of the Year. One of the great nights of Sue's life was the evening she received the Hennepin County Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section's Leonard Lindquist Distinguished Practice Award. It meant a lot to her. Leonard had mentored her from the beginning of her career when they worked together on the *Rajender v. University of Minnesota* case, a landmark, sex discrimination class action. She said it was a wonderful night, and she was so thankful to everyone who was there.

Sue was a pioneer in the field of mediation. As Sue's law partner, I had the pleasure of mediating cases with Sue for almost 30 years. Sue and I loved working to get cases resolved. I know Sue particularly enjoyed seeing the shift in the practice as more cases were resolved earlier and amicably. I thank Sue for everything she taught me.

As many know, Sue had many health challenges. She confronted them with fearlessness and grace.

Most importantly, Sue was an amazing mother, grandmother, friend, and law partner. She was preceded in death by her loving parents, William (Bill) G. and Virginia (Ginny) L. Baetz, and her brother, W. Timothy Baetz. She is survived by her son, Tom (Dawn) L. Stingley; daughter, Amanda (Jeremy) V. Burns; five grandchildren, Alexander, Abigail, Tanner, Ian, and Carter; sister-in-law, Anne Baetz; and niece, Elizabeth Baetz.

MARTIN B. HO

IN MEMORIAM
MICHAEL ALLAN TRACY
OCTOBER 7, 1958 — MARCH 31, 2020

Mike was raised in Richfield. He graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in special education. He enjoyed teaching junior high math and science in Orange County, California where he was adored by students and staff. Law school had been in the back of his mind for a while, so he eventually decided to attend the University of Minnesota Law School (class of 1988). Mike was hired as a litigation associate at Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro in San Francisco. In 1992, he and his wife and baby moved back to Minneapolis where Mike began a career with West Group, starting as an account rep and becoming regional director. After 10 years, Mike moved on to Kelly Law Registry as a managing director.

Mike was involved in many community activities, including his son's school, church and scouting activities. He also served on boards at his church and the Kenny Neighborhood Association.

Mike loved keeping busy and his passions were gardening, art (especially painting), travel movies and music. He also loved theatre. He was in plays in high school and college, and he headed up a drama department while teaching. (He even auditioned for the Gong Show in the mid-80s!) He was in many musicals at Richfield Lutheran Church and he also painted the sets.

Mike left Kelly Law and was diagnosed with young onset Alzheimer's disease in 2009. The diagnosis at 50 was very difficult, but Mike, wanting to make a difference, got involved with the Alzheimer's Association, serving on the Early Stage Advisory Board. He and his wife participated in related activities: Memory Club, meetups, and a younger-onset support group, which was incredibly helpful and allowed everyone to be themselves, using humor whenever possible—especially Mike, with his great sense of humor!

People were always drawn to Mike. His energy, dynamic personality and sense of humor are dearly missed. He is survived by his wife, Lucy; sons Andrew and Benjamin; and two sisters.

LUCIA RICE

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN P. WEINARD, JR.

JUNE 10, 1939 — DECEMBER 18, 2020

John P. Weinard, Jr., died at home on December 18, 2020, of renal cancer. Born in Minneapolis on June 10, 1939, to John P. Weinard, Sr. and Margaret Vonn Weinard, John lived in Rochester; Chester, Pennsylvania; and Chicago, Illinois, as a child. He returned to his birth city in 1946, and he grew up in St. Louis Park, where he graduated from St. Louis Park High School in 1957. After a brief hiatus, he was drafted into the Army. Turning down chances to enter Officer Candidate School or counterintelligence work, he finished in 1964 after 19 months, enough to become eligible for GI Bill college funds.

John began a career rooted in computer programming and moved into accounting (B.A. Augsburg College, 1968). He branched into law and earned a J.D. in 1973 from William Mitchell College of Law. Like his classmates, he worked full-time and attended school at night, graduating after four years. After 18 months in general practice, he joined Art Seifert's workers' compensation practice in 1975 and continued representing the injured worker until he retired in 1997.

John was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Martha Gisselquist. He leaves an extended family: brother, Bruce (Virginia); sisters, Susan (Fritz Hanus) and Sandy (Wayne Johnson); and numerous nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

John was quiet but engaged with the world, with a special interest in public policy and politics. He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity (via the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Urban Homeworks, Meals on Wheels, Loaves and Fishes) and others. He was a volunteer bike repair guy in his winter home in Destin, Florida, where most of the clients were homeless men whose bike was their only transportation.

John had the qualities that make an exceptional person: loyalty to friends and family, hard work, and compassion for those less fortunate—whether as a lawyer or a volunteer. He lived modestly. He faced the future realistically but philosophically. He leaves family, friends, neighbors, and probably some strangers, with lasting, fond, admiring memories.

MARTHA GISSELQUIST

IN MEMORIAM
GARY ROBERT WOLF
APRIL 2, 1953 — JUNE 20, 2020

Gary Robert Wolf passed away on June 20, 2020, after a six-year battle with kidney cancer. He is survived by the women he loved the most: his daughter, Madeleine; his wife, Jennifer; former spouse, Cissy; and stepdaughter, Emily.

Born in West Point, New York, on April 2, 1953, Gary grew up in Golden Valley. He put himself through college at the University of Minnesota and then attended Hamline Law School, where he graduated first in his class in 1981.

After law school, Gary enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was lead counsel for nineteen nuclear submarines at Pearl Harbor while serving as a Navy JAG Officer. After leaving Hawaii, he continued to serve in the Navy Reserve. His friend and commanding officer in the reserves, the late Judge Thomas Poch of Dakota County District Court, described Gary as, "The finest navy and marine lawyer who ever served under my command."

Over the span of 39 years, he built his own successful criminal defense practice here in Minnesota. Gary chose the legal profession because he wanted to fight injustice and believed that everyone deserved fairness in our legal system. Gary also worked with the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel for 25 years, representing approximately 160 people who could not afford counsel. Gary's dedication earned him numerous accolades and the respect of those he worked with. He felt privileged to work with so many talented lawyers throughout his career. He was known for his thorough preparation, knowledge of the law, and his deference toward those he shared the courtroom with.

Outside of the courtroom, Gary was known for his quick wit, his generosity, and his love of animals. His impressive Hawaiian tattoos testified to his love of Hawaii. Gary was a passionate legal advocate, but as he would say often, his proudest achievement was being a father to his daughter, Madeleine. He thoroughly enjoyed his job as "Dad." He cherished their adventures and travels they were able to share together in Egypt, Ireland, Germany, and France. He was immensely proud of Maddy's academic career, most recently as a PhD student at Harvard.

Gary and Jen were married in 2015 after many years together. Jen had two children of her own, with her youngest, Emily, finishing up middle school. We have such fond memories we were able to share as a family. Gary and Emily became very close throughout Emily's high school years. These two enjoyed spending time together and having fun, often at Jen's expense. We are so grateful Gary was able to share in the pride and joy of seeing Emily's virtual high school graduation in early June and learning of her acceptance to the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

A paragon of dedication to the legal profession and to his loved ones, Gary was one of a kind, and he is greatly missed.

MADELEINE WOLF
JENNIFER WOLF

IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL WILLIAM WRIGHT

JUNE 13, 1938 — JANUARY 27, 2020

Mike valued family, integrity, hard work, education, supporting the community, and the American Dream. A natural leader, Mike had a unique ability to connect with and make people feel special. He lived a life of significant achievement and service, and he did it all with humility and an appreciation for others.

While attending St. Thomas Military Academy, Mike was named an all-state basketball player as a freshman, an All-American in both basketball and football as a senior, and the 1956 Mt. Olivet Minnesota Sportsman of the Year. At the University of Minnesota, Mike lettered in basketball and football, was the captain of the 1959 Gopher football team, and was named an Academic All-American.

In 1960, Mike was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in the NFL Draft, by the Oakland Raiders as a first selection of the inaugural AFL Draft, and by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the CFL. Mike signed with the Blue Bombers to play for a fellow Gopher, Head Coach Bud Grant. In 1961, the Blue Bombers won the Grey Cup Championship and Mike was named All-Pro. Concurrent with playing pro football, Mike attended the University of Minnesota Law School on an ROTC scholarship. In 1963, he graduated with honors, was named Order of the Coif, and served as editor of the *Minnesota Law Review*. After graduation, Mike retired from football and joined the Army as a lieutenant to fulfill his ROTC scholarship and commitment to his country.

Following the Army, Mike joined Dorsey & Whitney where he quickly became a partner. He was then hired by his client, SuperValu, and led the company as its chairman and CEO from 1980 to 2001. He cared deeply about all SuperValu employees and had a personal connection with them regardless of position.

In his spare time, Mike continued his commitment to service and play. He served on many nonprofit, civic, and corporate boards, and loved to play golf. He particularly enjoyed playing with a group of longtime friends that LPGA player Nancy Lopez famously nicknamed "The Buffaloes," and was a founder of the Spring Hill Golf Club.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife, Judy; his first wife, Susan Guzy Wright; their children, Jennifer (Charlie Krupanszky) Wright, Molly Wright (Paul) Reppenhagen, Julie Wright Card, and Adam (Hunter) Wright; stepchildren, Kevin O'Shea, and Kelly (John) Harrington; and grandchildren, Samantha, Michael, Camden, Sophie, John, Ben, Lauren, Chloe, Caroline, A.J., Matthew, Morrison, Winnie, Palmer, Parker, Davis, and Judith.

Mike loved his wife Judy, his large family, close friends, and his dog, Willie Nelson. Mike, Dad, Pops, Papa cared more about his family than any of his professional or athletic accomplishments. He walked the walk every day, modeling his values of hard work, integrity, doing your best, education and caring for others. He was always there for his family—coaching youth sports, pulling kids waterskiing despite his questionable boat operation, hours of patience on the bunny hill, and sharing stories with grandchildren.

JUDY WRIGHT AND FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM

PAUL GREGG ZERBY

OCTOBER 17, 1933 — JANUARY 5, 2020

Paul Gregg Zerby was born October 17, 1933, in Fargo, North Dakota, to Paul Erette Zerby and Gwendolyn Gregg Zerby. He died January 5, 2020, in Minneapolis, from congestive heart failure, after suffering a few years from Parkinson's disease, with his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth Langhorne Zerby, at his bedside at Walker Health Center.

Paul was a lucky and accomplished man. He married well and had a loving family, immediate and extended, had many friends, and was rooted deeply in his community (especially Prospect Park, in Minneapolis, where he lived for more than 45 years).

Paul enjoyed a varied and satisfying legal career. He practiced tax law for more than a decade at what is now Dorsey & Whitney, but went on to spend the bulk of his career at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, taking on all manner of assignments to protect the public, including work on the Reserve Mining case. He also taught at William Mitchell College of Law (tax law) and the University of Minnesota Law School (student clinic). Paul retired from the attorney general's office in 1998, at age 65, but continued to do some pro bono immigration work.

At age 68, Paul came out of retirement to run for and be elected to the Minneapolis City Council, which he served on from 2002 to 2006. On the council, he worked to establish a citizen's review board, a smoking ban, and a living wage ordinance. He loved serving his constituents.

Paul also wrote a novel, *The Grass*, which was published in 2009. It is set in the Korean War and the politics of the 1950s. Of course, there is also a love interest or two.

Paul remarked more than once that he had had the good foresight to have been born when he was. He did have a tendency to make his own luck with hard work and perseverance. It helped that he was smart as hell and personable. Even in illness and decline he retained a gentle sense of humor, charm, and integrity.

Paul went to Cretin High School in St. Paul; graduated from the University of Minnesota, summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, at age 19; served in the Army from 1953 to 1955; then married Elizabeth and entered Harvard Law School in 1955. Paul graduated from Harvard cum laude in 1958; clerked for Judge Peter Woodbury of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; then returned to Minnesota in 1959 to begin practice at Dorsey.

Paul is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; sons, Paul (Ann Browning Zerby), Steven (Joanne Tobey), and Matthew (Diane Dunker); daughter, Anne (Steve Diede); brother, D. Michael (Judith); sister, Susan Zerby Shelby; and grandchildren, Mark Robertson Zerby, Sam Zerby Robertson, Maria Zerby, Amy Saul-Zerby and Nikki Saul-Zerby. He would have been delighted to welcome the recent birth of his great-grandson, Liam Zerby.

PAUL G. ZERBY, JR.

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD 'DICK' ZIEGLER

APRIL 3, 1931 — NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Our irrepressible, one-of-a-kind dad, grandfather, uncle, and husband, Richard "Dick" Ziegler passed away peacefully the afternoon of November 30, 2020, with family at his side, after a brief non-COVID illness. He had bravely lived in solitude for the past nine months since the passing of Karen, his wife of 64 years, in March.

Born April 3, 1931, in St. Paul to Renota (Sanicola) and Samuel Ziegler, Dick was a graduate of St. Paul Central and the University Minnesota Law School. His stories of wayward youth featured several colorful and inadvisable escapades, all conducted with a close group of guys from his neighborhood with whom he would stay close friends all his life.

Dick married Karen Lindholm in 1955 and they moved to Puerto Rico to complete his Army service. They returned to Minneapolis where Dick took a position with Northwestern National Bank. He later joined the law firm of VanValkenburg Moss Flaherty as an estate planning attorney while that firm grew and merged with several others, eventually becoming Moss Barnett. After many years Dick set out to create a new law firm, Erickson & Ziegler. After retiring he served as Guardian ad Litem (advocate) for children whose welfare is a matter of concern for the court, as well as pro bono counsel for several clients who could not afford legal services.

Dick was a lifelong athlete, a city champion high-school swimmer, daily runner, passionate tennis player, and an avid skier. He competed in several Birkebeiner races and ran his first marathon at age 50. Family vacations tended towards backpacking, camping, canoeing and, after the kids had left home, he and Karen bicycled several summers across Europe. In later years he survived several spectacular falls and injuries while determinedly staying active.

Our dad was a lively and outgoing conversationalist, endlessly curious, a man who could talk to anyone and get others to talk about themselves. As kids, it was common to hear our friends remark that dad seemed to be really listening to them, and that they wished more parents were like him. He leaves behind his heartbroken but grateful children, Rick (Jennifer), Ann, Susan (Michael); his adored grandchildren, Leonardo, Everisto (Tucci), and Oona; his loving sister, Teddy Gesell of St. Paul; and his cherished niece and nephews.

SUSAN ZIEGLER

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