

**Special Session:
Annual Hennepin County
2023 Bar Memorial**

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

Musical Selection
The Honorable Ivy Bernhardson (soloist)
The Honorable Laurie Miller (piano)

Invocation
The Honorable Terri Yellowhammer
Hennepin County District Court

Introduction of Special Guests

Recognition of Deceased Members
Brandon Vaughn, Past President
Hennepin County Bar Association

Remarks and Introduction of Speaker
Landon Ascheman, President
Hennepin County Bar Association

Memorial Address
Andrew Luger, U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota

Musical Selection and Photo Slideshow
Lumina

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

Presentation Accepted

Court Adjourned

Music by Laurie Leigh Harpist

May 12, 2023

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in collaboration with the Hennepin County District Court

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, in Judge James Rosenbaum’s magnificent courtroom, and in the auditorium at Thrivent Financial for a number of years. The 2020 - 2022 sessions were all held virtually, so we welcome this return to an in-person gathering at the Hennepin County Government Center.

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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April 22, 2022.....	Judge Kevin S. Burke
April 30, 2021.....	Justice Natalie E. Hudson
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
April 30, 2014.....	Lewis Remele
April 17, 2013.....	Chief Judge Michael J. Davis
April 11, 2012.....	Dean Thomas M. Mengler
April 20, 2011.....	Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea
April 28, 2010.....	Susan M. Holden
April 22, 2009.....	B. Todd Jones
May 7, 2008.....	Former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Sam Hanson
May 2, 2007.....	Dean Jon M. Garon
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
April 18, 2001.....	Sheryl Ramstad Hvass
April 19, 2000.....	Associate Justice Paul H. Anderson
April 21, 1999.....	Dean E. Thomas Sullivan
April 22, 1998.....	Vance K. Opperman
April 23, 1997.....	Chief Judge Edward Toussaint, Jr.
April 24, 1996.....	Dean Harry J. Haynsworth
April 26, 1995.....	Judge Diana E. Murphy

April 27, 1994	Bernhard W. LeVander
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
April 23, 1986	Clinton A. Schroeder
April 24, 1985	Dean Robert A. Stein
April 25, 1984	Leonard E. Lindquist
April 27, 1983	Chief Justice Douglas K. Amdahl
April 28, 1982	Associate Justice Rosalie Wahl
April 28, 1981	Maynard Pirsig
April 30, 1980	John M. Palmer
April 25, 1979	Charles T. Hvass, Sr.
Feb. 15, 1978	Clyde F. Anderson
Feb. 24, 1977	Edward J. Schwartzbauer
Jan. 22, 1976	George C. Mastor
May 22, 1975	David R. Brink
May 22, 1974	Everett A. Drake
May 23, 1973	Robert F. Henson
May 24, 1972	Judge Philip Neville
May 27, 1971	Chief Justice Robert J. Sheran
May 26, 1970	Henry E. Halladay
May 27, 1969	Judge C. Donald Peterson
May 28, 1968	Judge Harry A. Blackmun
May 25, 1967	Sidney S. Feinberg
May 26, 1966	Associate Justice George M. Scott

INVOCATION

Wakan Tanka, Gitchi Manidoo, God.

Today we gather to honor our fellow brothers and sisters who have gone home to you. We gather to remember them, to say their names, to acknowledge them and what they have given in the service of others.

As officers of the Court, Judicial Officers, family members, friends, all of us, we gather today to bear witness to the lives of our brothers and sisters, who they are and their sacrifice in the noble pursuit of justice.

Help us to remember that our relationship with them continues, in our hearts, and together.

In those times when we are downhearted and low in spirit, lift us up and help us to remember to ask for help, because we are all connected and medicine for each other.

Bless our sisters and brothers who have gone home to you, help us to honor them not just in our memory, but through our words and actions, to put into practice the things we so admire in them:

Fairness

Compassion

Clarity

Strength

Humility

Love.

Bless those we honor today: their families, their friends, all who love them and will continue to love them all the days of their lives.

Mii l'iw, Mitakuye Oyasin, Amen.

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION

May it please the Court:

We come together today to remember and honor our friends, family, mentors, and colleagues whom we lost this past year. These attorneys and judges together have worked across every legal area and geographical location, but all share a connection to our Hennepin County legal community.

A law professor was recently asked to present on different legal systems across the world. He is someone who has traveled far and wide, and is still wise beyond his years. Instead of a discussion of procedures, rules, and statutes, he stood up and told us stories of the attorneys, professors, and judges he met. He talked about who they were, their personalities, and what made them who they are. In the end he noted that every legal system in the world is just people. We are the legal system. And so, with the passing of every professor, lawyer, and judge, a small part of our legal system goes with them.

But, while we have lost members of our community, we remember their contributions to our community, and to the foundation of our justice system. We honor how they used the life that they were given, the people they helped, the conflicts they worked to heal, and who they were.

Those that we remember today came from across the nation, including: Wisconsin; Iowa; Texas; Ohio; Washington, D.C.; and of course Minnesota. The paths to their legal practices were as diverse as the individuals themselves, some driven and focused on the legal profession from an early age, going straight from high school to college and on to law school, others turning to law as a second, or even third profession.

Beyond being attorneys, many of those we honor today were also school teachers, and law professors. Many served in the armed forces, some during World War II, or the Korean War. They served in the Marines, Army, Navy, and Air Force, from medics to fighter pilots. Other roles include working as a psychologist, a mechanical engineer, a restaurant owner, a banker, a Wall Street trader, a dance instructor, a pharmacist, and a nun.

As attorneys, they not only served their clients, but they served our communities. They took the time to help those in need through the Legal Aid Society, Tubman, the National Lawyers Guild, the ACLU, SMRLS, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, mock trial, and moot court. One was the president of the University of Iowa, one was a founder of Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, another was a founder for the Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and another served as dean of William Mitchell. They served as judges, referees, and commissioners. They were groundbreakers for equal rights, voting, and providing access to justice.

Outside of their attorney roles, they continued to step forward to make our community better. They volunteered at food shelves, built homes with Habitat for Humanity, mentored and guided children with Big Brothers Big Sisters, and coached numerous sports. One served on their city council, two served in the Minnesota legislature. Many more served on boards and committees.

They also took time to enjoy life. While some enjoyed routine and consistency, delighting in having the same schedule every day, others experienced their joy in a more chaotic lifestyle, with new adventures around every corner. Some enjoyed golf, fishing, skiing, tennis, or even running in subzero temperatures, even one chess grandmaster. Many enjoyed hiking, and simply being around their dogs. It comes as no surprise that many were writers, but also painters, photographers, actors, and musicians of every type. Some would seek more extreme adventures, completing Ironmen, skydiving.

While doctors may be called on to heal the body, we as attorneys are called on to heal conflicts in our society. Those we honor today have met that calling, and the world is a better place for their actions. Let us all commit to emulate the attorneys we remember today, so that we too can say, "Today I was a good lawyer."

LANDON ASCHEMAN
Hennepin County Bar Association President

MEMORIAL ADDRESS

May it please the Court. The women and men of the bar who we honor and remember today were distinguished lawyers, loyal family members and trusted friends. They came from different backgrounds and different life experiences and had personal beliefs and outlooks that spanned the spectrum.

But today I want to focus on what bound them together, the common link between these highly respected lawyers and counselors and what binds them to us. It is a common link that, in years past, we took for granted, because so many of us shared it. That link is an abiding and almost unwritten commitment to the rule of law. A commitment that we all developed as early as our first year in law school—the fundamental belief that we all live under the law, and that no one is above it. That we cherish and revere critical thought, the kind of logic and insight was instilled in us through the Socratic method, and that we honed as lawyers in tough arguments, cases and negotiations with excellent practitioners as our opponents. I practiced with, and against, some of those we honor today. And it did not matter whether I was with them, or against them. I admired these distinguished women and men for their skill, their integrity, and their tenacity. To me, nothing we do is as captivating and fulfilling as arguing in court against a skilled and well-prepared opponent, someone who relishes the practice as much as I do. Nothing is more sacred to me as a lawyer than our commitment to an adversary system that requires us to be at our best before experienced and independent jurists such as those with us today. I live in awe of this system.

Those we honor grew up in and perfected their craft in this simple, but unique approach to justice. And, for them, it became almost second nature. You learned, critiqued, questioned and then presented your case. Win or lose, you did justice and improved our system just by participating in it at the highest levels.

Why is it so important to highlight this today? Because, in these turbulent times, I believe we are in danger of losing sight of the rule of law. Not in our courts, but in our lives. And I think we can best honor our departed colleagues, friends and loved ones by reinforcing, in all walks of life, the centrality of the rule of law and critical thought as we navigate a polarized world. By rejecting simplistic solutions, false narratives and close-minded rushes to judgment, we can stand for the values of our departed colleagues.

As we know, it is well not uncommon to poke fun at lawyers. But I have begun to take issue with this, as I see our social media driven social structure relax the high bar required of those who uphold the rule of law. As we know, Shakespeare once proposed that we should kill all the lawyers, a quote that is unfortunately so misunderstood today. Because Shakespeare, in fact, was actually honoring what lawyers mean to a free society. The quote comes from Henry the VI Part II, as one character plots to overthrow the king with his violent side kick. In the famous colloquy, the two who seek to overthrow the current regime through violence and misinformation realize that their coup cannot succeed in a well-informed society committed to the defense of rights and fairness. Reason, logic and facts are what the lawyers represent, and they must be removed to achieve the authoritarian regime the plotters seek. Lawyers, Shakespeare recognized, are the defenders of freedom and the opponents of evil because they adhere to a system that is above any one person.

Rather than a disparagement of lawyers, the back and forth of these rogues is a testament to what we do and who we are. Supreme Court Justice Stevens so interpreted this quote, writing: "As a careful reading of the text will reveal, Shakespeare insightfully realized that disposing of lawyers is a step in the direction of a totalitarian form of government."

And we must agree. In 2023, we have a job to do. A job far beyond our work in court, and in our offices.

We are as critical to our community as we were in Shakespeare's day. Our current journey toward social disarray can best be addressed by those of us who live in the tradition of the rule of law, importing it into the rest of our lives. Imagine a world in which the values of fairness, factual analysis and critical thinking—actually challenging your own assumptions—continued into the evening after lawyers left their offices. Indeed, the practice of critical thinking should be our calling at dinner parties of like-minded friends and family, where we challenge basis assumptions and require facts, not wishful thinking or conspiracy theories. Gatherings at which one or more of us interrupt groupthink to demand to hear the other side.

Those we honor today were not prone to stagnant and tunnel vision thinking where we only hear what we want to hear. They, like many of us, grew up professionally and personally in a world in which people did not gravitate to one side or the other, forsaking anyone who disagreed. We relished debate, we sought out other opinions, approaches and points of view. We could never imagine a world in which you could pick a channel that would reinforce only one side of any issue. It is anathema to what we do during the day, and should be abhorred by all lawyers when they go home at night.

We owe this to those we have lost, and to those who are just getting started. We owe it to them to spread our joint commitment to the rule of law and what it stands for everywhere. In our social circles, at our institutions of learning, and, yes, online. We honor the memories of these fine practitioners every time we question our own assumptions, when we listen, truly listen, to those with whom we otherwise disagree and engage in reasoned debate. And when we protect everyone's right to say and hear other points of view. The rule of law is alive and well in the Hennepin County courts and in our offices. Let's renew our commitment to bring it to life in our society. If we do, we honor the great memories of those who have passed.

ANDREW LUGER
United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota

IN MEMORIAM
DUANE A. BARTZ
AUGUST 2, 1953 – JULY 29, 2022

Duane Arthur Bartz of Richfield passed away on July 29, after a courageous, one-year battle with Glioblastoma. He was born in Ruthton, Minnesota and following high school, he moved to the Twin Cities and attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota and then William Mitchell College of Law.

In the late 1980s, Duane joined the Carver County Attorney's Office where he worked as an assistant county attorney. He made his way to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office where he worked for many years as an assistant county attorney in the Child Protection Division. Duane did not often talk to his family about his work and the impact he had on countless lives—from the children he advocated for daily; the colleagues he rose through the ranks with and leaned on and provided countless hours of advice about the law and life; to the next generation of attorneys that he befriended and mentored. Since he passed away, many colleagues have shared that Duane was always there for everyone and his colleagues looked to him not only for his judgement and wisdom, but because he had a heart. He retired from the Child Protection Division in September of 2018 and enjoyed a wonderful send-off by his colleagues.

In addition to Duane's career as an attorney in Hennepin County he was also the primary caregiver for his wife following her diagnosis of a rare degenerative brain disease. Shortly after his retirement, he was persuaded to adopt a dog, and one dog soon became two. His dogs were spoiled, enjoyed a strict routine, and were loved deeply. Unfortunately, Duane was not able to enjoy retirement as he had hoped. In June 2021, he was diagnosed with Glioblastoma and courageously fought against the disease for 13 months. Duane is survived by his wife Anna; children, Lisa (Scott) Mendelblatt, Art Bartz, and Christina (Bryan) Wood; grandchildren, Madeline Mendelblatt and Emmett Pollreis; his brother, Charles (Barbara) Bartz; and many beloved friends and colleagues. One longtime friend described Duane as a 'gentlemen's gentleman,' and I hope he will be remembered this way.

Rest in peace Duane. You fought a hard battle to the end, and you are missed.

LISA MENDELBLATT

IN MEMORIAM
MARY ANNA BARTZ

APRIL 22, 1933 – MAY 4, 2018

Mary Anna was born in Wausau, Wisconsin, the oldest of three children. Her family valued education and diligence. She graduated valedictorian from Mosinee High School. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, majoring in American Institutions—Education and graduating with honors. After teaching high school near Madison, she moved with her husband, Richard Otto Bartz, to Arlington, Virginia. There she earned a Master of Arts degree in educational psychology from The George Washington University. After several moves across the country, Mary and Richard settled in Edina, and raised a family of six children.

Ready to continue her career, Mary entered law school at age 44, earning a Juris Doctor degree from Hamline University School of Law in 1979. She was admitted to the Minnesota bar and opened her family law and divorce firm, where she practiced for over 35 years. One of her guiding principles was to create the best outcome possible for the children. She was a leader in successful women-owned businesses and inspired many people to pursue their aspirations. She was an astute business manager, smart, kind, generous, and a positive influence to all.

Mary is survived by her children, Christina (M Chad) Mezera, R. John (Lori), Steven (Susan), Paul (Cynthia), Thomas (Kari), James; sixteen grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She preceded her husband Richard Otto Bartz in death.

THE FAMILY OF MARY ANNA BARTZ

IN MEMORIAM
RICHARD OTTO BARTZ

MAY 29, 1929 – JULY 6, 2022

Richard Otto Bartz was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His father immigrated from Germany and became a U.S. citizen when Richard was in elementary school. Education and productivity were highly valued in his immigrant family. Richard attended the Racine County Ag boarding school and came home to work the farm on weekends. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering in 1951. He was a Korean War veteran serving in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1951 to 1953. He was stationed in Korea. Taking advantage of the G.I. Bill, Richard returned to University of Wisconsin-Madison and received a degree in mechanical engineering in 1955. Richard and his wife Mary Anna Bartz moved to Arlington, Virginia. From 1956 to 1961 Richard was employed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. as a Patent Examiner. He attended the American University Law School while there, which resulted in a Juris Doctor degree in 1961. During his years in law school, Richard worked full time, raised two small children, built a house and attended classes at night.

From 1961 to 2022, Richard practiced patent, trademark and copyright law in Akron, Ohio; Des Moines, Iowa; and Minneapolis. Richard was a partner in Burd, Bartz & Gutenkauf, located in Minneapolis, during a time when very few patent attorneys existed. He practiced and litigated leading-edge patent law involving medical devices, farm equipment, recreation vehicles, fishing lures, and more. He also actively supported the law community serving as treasurer (1977) and president (1981) of the Minnesota Patent and Trademark Law Association.

Richard is survived by his children, Christina Mezera (M Chad), R. John (Lori), Steven (Susan), Thomas (Kari), Paul (Cynthia), and James; sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Richard's wife, Mary Anna, died in 2018. Richard and Mary were true partners: working, traveling, and enjoying their family together. Richard's legacy will live on through his family and friends. He modeled faith, family, education, strong work ethic, and wit.

THE FAMILY OF RICHARD OTTO BARTZ

IN MEMORIAM

ALAIN BAUDRY

NOVEMBER 8, 1960 – OCTOBER 30, 2022

When we were kids, Dad would chase us around the dining room to the overture of *Phantom of the Opera*. When the intense chords turned to opera, we always wanted more pursuits. "Again!" we would shriek. And he would play the track again.

Alain Baudry died after a year battling with cancer. Colleagues knew him as a seasoned litigator, tough mentor, and dear friend. Others have chronicled his brilliance as a lawyer. To us, he was Dad. We cared more about his terrifying monster impersonations; he always let us know that he did too.

Years after retiring his monster act, Dad took us individually on hiking trips to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. The stories of our trips are how we want him to be remembered, as a dad who always made time.

Dad was so excited about his first adult trip, with Marc, in November 2012. Approaching the canyon, he clipped a construction barrier and damaged the rental car. They laughed off that inauspicious beginning, knowing the next three days would be magical.

They hiked down the canyon sharing thoughts of goals, aspirations, and a future enjoyed together. Dad dreamed of trekking Machu Picchu with his boys to relive the experience that he previously had with his closest friends from Maslon. At the bottom, they camped under the stars in incredible silence. An unfulfilled promise of a steak dinner came with assurances that it would happen the next time. The rest of the canyon experience was intended to be short hikes but became longer and more memorable when Dad misread the map.

When it was Eric's turn in 2019, there were no available tickets. Undaunted, Dad employed his superior negotiating skills to persuade a ranger to issue two tickets because this would be the last chance for his younger son to hike the canyon before beginning a demanding career in law.

They drove to the rim from Phoenix. Their icy descent shortly after dawn was bearing many layers of clothing that they cycled through before noon. They were disappointed to not catch a glimpse of a condor, but the rose gold canyon was enough to inspire a lifetime of awe. At the bottom, Dad surprised Eric with one of the many tricks he always seemed to have up his sleeve: There had been a single cancellation for dinner at the tiny lodge, so there was a steak with Eric's name on it.

Over the next two days, Eric and Dad attended ranger talks, climbed to a waterfall, took photoshoots, shared a (second) steak dinner, and drank coffee as the sun rose over the canyon walls. Eric's muscles ached, but his heart was full.

Alain is also survived by his wife, Jennifer; daughter-in-law, Sonja; grandson, Beau; stepchildren, Toby, CJ, and Lu; parents, Francis and Christianne; sisters, Isabelle and Dominique; ex-wife, Linda; and many people over the years whose lives he touched.

Dad, we love you so much. Thank you for being our dad.

MARC AND ERIC BAUDRY

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM M. BEADIE

FEBRUARY 11, 1940 – AUGUST 21, 2022

William “Bill” Beadie passed away unexpectedly after surgery in August of 2022. Although he was 82, he didn’t know it. He had signed up to skate early morning drills on SPA’s ice rink three mornings a week. That same dogged determination colored many aspects of his life.

He was born in St. Paul and graduated from SPA and Williams College. His father, an engineer, built and operated Flying Cloud and the old University Airport. Both of his parents were licensed pilots, and his first memory is of being strapped into a two-seater Piper Cub while his mother practiced take-offs and landings.

At Williams he majored in English. He disagreed with current speculation about the value of a Liberal Arts education. He felt his courses in literature, writing, and debate enhanced his ability to be a good lawyer, and also to live a curious, thoughtful life.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota’s Law School, he accepted a clerkship with the Minnesota Supreme Court, working with Justice Walter Rogosheske. Afterwards, he joined the firm of Moore Costello Hart and practiced there for 42 years, up until his retirement. During his time there he developed an expertise in construction law. He quickly became one of the leading construction lawyers in the state. Bill’s colleagues at the firm and in the construction profession recognized Bill for his intellect, writing ability, common sense, and good nature. While Bill practiced primarily in Minnesota, he was recognized nationally for his work. He represented contractor and design professionals throughout the country.

In recognition of his abilities, the American College of Construction Lawyers, an invitation-only group of leading construction lawyers in the United States, selected Bill as a Fellow. Bill served as a mediator and an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association starting in 1980. He was a sought-after arbitrator and continued actively arbitrating cases up to the time of his death in 2022. He married his wife, Carol, in 1965 and they had three sons who he taught to skate in the backyard skating rink he made each winter. He went on to coach all three of their hockey teams, proving that he could have great patience when necessary. He was a skilled and longtime golfer, occasionally demonstrating that everyone’s patience has a limit.

Bill loved language and at one time taught legal writing at William Mitchell Law School. Many friends have kept letters he wrote to them after events in their lives. He read constantly—mostly history—but he recently reread some of the classics he had read in school. He did say that *What Maisie Knew* by Henry James was intolerable in 1961 and, putting it down after one chapter in 2022, he confirmed his earlier opinion.

He had “issues” with slow drivers, his printer’s idiosyncrasies, and anything that didn’t work when it was supposed to. He was smart, very funny, irreverent, loyal, kind and loved by many. His life ended, but his loss goes on and on.

CAROL HEIDINGER BEADIE

IN MEMORIAM
WILLARD BOYD

MARCH 29, 1927 – DECEMBER 13, 2022

Willard L. Boyd was born in St. Paul to Willard Lee and Frances Collins Boyd. He grew up in St. Anthony Park with his older sisters, Betty (Biorn) and Ellen (Serrill). Their father was a beloved faculty member with the University of Minnesota College of Agriculture and founding director of the future College of Veterinary Medicine. Their mother, a descendant of gritty territorial pioneers who settled in Lake City, was an assertive influence on all her children.

As a little boy, he acquired his lifelong nickname, "Sandy." After graduating early from Murray High School, Sandy enrolled at the University of Minnesota at age 16 before reporting for service in the U.S. Navy in 1945. He returned to the university to earn a B.S.L. and LL.B., and later an LL.M. and S.J.D. from the University of Michigan.

In October 1952, the Hennepin Lawyer reported Willard Lee Boyd, Jr., associated with Dorsey, Colman, Barker, Scott & Barber, had been approved for HCBA membership.

Sandy was paid \$250 a month and was quickly thrown into the deep end when he was given responsibility for half of the trust and estate practice, which had faltered with the departure of Harry Blackmun to be general counsel at the Mayo Clinic. This gave him the opportunity to learn by doing—a form of education of which he became an enthusiastic proponent. He appeared before all of the judges in Hennepin County, and learned enduring lessons from senior partners and prominent clients who demanded results and would not accept excuses. He remained deeply grateful for these formative opportunities and actively applied what he learned for the rest of life.

While in the Twin Cities he met Susan Kuehn, a reporter for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune. In 1954, they married and moved to Iowa City after Sandy was recruited by Dean Mason Ladd to join the faculty of the University of Iowa College of Law.

Sandy moved into the University of Iowa administration in 1964 serving as Vice President for Academic Affairs. He was named the fifteenth President of the University in 1969, and served in that role until 1981. He then became the president of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and served in that role until 1996, when he returned to the University of Iowa to serve as a law professor and start the Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center. Sandy served as interim president of the University of Iowa from 2002 to 2003. He retired in 2015 after 65 years with the University.

While his time in private practice was relatively brief, his experiences as a Hennepin County lawyer had a profound impact on all he did thereafter.

Sandy is survived by his wife, Susan; and their children, Betsy Boyd (Bill Nusser), Bill Boyd (Diane), and Tom Boyd (Liz); seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

**WILLARD L. BOYD III
THOMAS H. BOYD
ELIZABETH R. BOYD
STEPHEN E. SMITH
MARY CARLSON
ANNE G. BROWN
DAVID E. MARCH**

IN MEMORIAM
STEVE BRAND

SEPTEMBER 5, 1948 – APRIL 15, 2022

In Judaism, the sages say that there are no less than 36 righteous people in each generation, upon whose merit the world relies. They don't know who they are, and neither do we, and so we are taught that we treat everyone as if they are a 'Lamed Vavnik'—one of these 36—because you never know.

Steve took that teaching to heart. Everyone he encountered he treated with dignity, respect, and unwavering commitment. He lived his morals through his work as an estate planning lawyer of 48 years, helping people of all walks of life prepare for the big transitions in their lives. In private practice, he worked with clients and was a highly respected colleague, valued mentor and friend to many. He also worked off the clock, spending evenings volunteering with the Wills for Heroes and Jeremiah Programs, writing wills and other legal documents for those who might not otherwise have access to those services. His willingness to volunteer his time and expertise was unfaltering.

He also believed deeply in giving back to the Jewish community, where he served in a plethora of organizations including as Hillel President at the University of Minnesota, school teacher while completing his law degree at the University of Chicago, and president of Mount Zion Temple. He was also first treasurer and then president of Sons of Abraham Cemetery in Saint Paul. Eventually the board dwindled, and in 2008 he became the last and only board member, running the cemetery on his own where he buried his father in 2002, then his mother in 2014, and where he himself was buried last April.

It's worth noting that he did this, along with all his other volunteer work, while still working full time, even as his health began to fail. In fact, he only officially retired December 31, 2021—just months before his death. He never wrote a retirement letter—though he started many times—because the idea of saying goodbye to that vital part of himself was just too daunting.

The world lost a righteous person when Steve died. Perhaps he himself was a 'Lamed Vavnik'—one of those 36 people whose inner light counters the darkness in the world, though he would have been embarrassed to hear that said of him.

In lieu of his own words of farewell, I offer words from his mother, in a note she left for him on a sheet of yellow legal paper in 1979:

"Dear Steve –

I'm sitting here at your desk—and I almost cannot believe what has happened. Your Dad and I dreamed of many things for you but your being a lawyer—with a firm such as this—has made us so very happy. Our cup runneth over.

I have never been alone in your office. To think of all this—I think of the little boy in the apartment who at a very few months "let the sun shine in"—and look, it has."

CADENCE FINGERHOLZ

IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT S. BURK

JANUARY 13, 1937 – OCTOBER 8, 2022

Robert “Bob” S. Burk passed away at age 85, on October 8, 2022, after having battled a variety of illnesses for many years. Bob remained a vibrant husband, father, grandfather, and active member of our community, despite the challenges of those illnesses. Bob graduated from the University of Minnesota with a concentration in industrial relations. He later went on to law school at what was then the William Mitchell College of Law. After eighteen years as inside counsel for Koch Industries, he joined the firm of Popham Haik Schnobrich Kaufman & Doty. Bob served as Popham’s senior management labor lawyer for many years. In addition to serving on Popham’s Board of Directors, Bob later served for several years as the firm’s president.

In 1995, Bob and two other lawyers formed the firm of Burk, Seaton & Castle. Bob later practiced with Michael Landrum. As a law firm partner, Bob played many roles. In addition to advising and representing a wide range of clients in environmental and labor matters, Bob enjoyed mentoring younger lawyers, emphasizing the criticality of concise writing and practical, strategic advice. He also enjoyed giving younger lawyers opportunities for direct client interaction. Bob truly led by example. He could regularly be found in his office on Saturdays, to be sure loose ends were tied up and his desk was clear before he would head home for the balance of the weekend with his family. During his career, Bob was also frequently recognized for his professional accomplishments. Merely by way of example, the Minnesota State Bar Association awarded him its highest honor for a labor and employment lawyer.

Bob was a dedicated husband to his spouse, Eunice, with whom he enjoyed raising their three children. He was proud of his children, their families, and their accomplishments. He was also an ardent supporter of Israel, with little patience for politicians who would compromise Israel’s interests or security. From a more personal perspective, Bob loved music. Upon his retirement, Bob realized a longstanding dream of playing with the Shriners’ band. He enjoyed performing with the Shriners during concerts, parades, and other events which allowed him to display his love of music.

Bob was also committed to the William Mitchell College of Law, where he served on the board of trustees, and later as board chair. Bob was a great believer in the importance of innovative approaches to legal education, which prepared law school graduates for a range of careers. Bob and Eunice established a scholarship fund to help support Mitchell Hamline students, while Bob remained committed to Mitchell Hamline and its role in our legal community.

In closing, Bob was dedicated to his family, his clients, the law firms where he practiced, and the law school from which he graduated, and for which he later served as a distinguished member of its alumni community.

THE FAMILY OF ROBERT S. BURK

IN MEMORIAM

BRUCE W. BURTON

MARCH 6, 1939 – JUNE 11, 2022

Bruce William Burton, age 83—loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather—passed away peacefully on June 11 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Bruce grew up in Fairmont, a city in southern Minnesota that he described, with its five interconnected lakes and endless parks and trails, as “growing up in a Norman Rockwell painting.” Bruce loved movies from a very early age. As a boy he often fell asleep in Fairmont’s local theater, only to be woken and sent home at evening’s end by the usher or manager. In high school, Bruce acquired his lifelong love of both theater (he starred in and directed plays throughout both high school and college) and football, where he was co-captain of the Fairmont Cardinal football team his senior year. Bruce cheered on the Vikings—and could quote chapter and verse on every player and coach going back to Bud Grant—but he truly loved Golden Gophers football.

Bruce received his Bachelor of Science degree, cum laude, from Minnesota State University, Mankato, in 1961. He taught high school English for several years in Redwood Falls, as well as in Long Beach, California. Bruce then went on to get his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1968 (magna cum laude; Order of the Coif 1968; Phi Delta Phi; writer and editorial board member (primary editor), *Minnesota Law Review* 1966-1968; Voted Outstanding Primary Editor (tie) 1968.

Bruce served as dean of William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul from 1975-80, where he also taught real estate law for 17 years. Bruce was a partner at Dorsey & Whitney in Minneapolis before returning to his true calling—teaching— serving as professor of law at South Texas College of Law in Houston for 12 years. In retirement, Bruce went on to serve as a visiting professor at numerous law schools, including Marquette University, Willamette University, and Charlotte School of Law. Throughout his career, Bruce published dozens of law-related articles in prestigious legal journals. Bruce also spent his later years editing novels and short stories authored by his son, including Jeffrey B. Burton’s award-winning Mace Reid K-9 mystery series.

Survived by spouse, Marlyse Burton; children, Victoria (Michael) Smith, Jeffrey (Cindy) Burton, George (Laura) Livermore, Gina Livermore, Paige Erickson, Leanne Mazzanti; grandchildren, Maddie, Mikaela, Gordon, Madeline, Dylan, Matthew, Michael, Mary; and great-grandchild Adalynn. Preceded in death by parents, Minnie and Lansing Burton; and siblings Don (Ann) Burton and Beverly (Walt) Wychor.

JEFFREY B. BURTON

IN MEMORIAM

LAWRENCE R. COMMERS

AUGUST 2, 1936 – FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Lawrence “Larry” R. Commers passed away February 10, in Minneapolis. He was born August 2, 1936, in Robbinsdale, the eldest of Roman and Evelyn Commers' two sons. He attended DeLaSalle High School, St. John's University, and the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1958.

While achieving his J.D. degree at William Mitchell College of Law, he married his beloved wife, Therese (Tessie) Daleki. Larry was admitted to and practiced law in the state of Minnesota; U.S. District Court, state of Minnesota; and U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit. He appeared as special counsel in 40 states plus the District of Columbia. He prosecuted and defended trademark infringement, breach of contract, injunctive actions, fraud actions, securities matters, and other claims with an emphasis on franchise litigation. With his experience in class action lawsuits, he obtained several multimillion-dollar settlements, and tried to jury verdict cases involving multimillion-dollar claims.

His practical approach to problems made him an engaging and highly sought lecturer on civil litigation and a frequent contributor to legal publications. Larry was known as a thoughtful and aggressive advocate who had a keen understanding of the implications of the litigation he managed and would counsel clients through the sometimes confusing litigation proceedings and explore potential alternative dispute resolution options with them. He also served as a strong and quiet mentor to colleagues, leading by example and with integrity.

Larry was certified as an NBTA Trial Lawyer and MSBA Civil Trial Specialist. He was voted by his peers as one of Minnesota's Super Lawyers, elected to be included in the Best Lawyers in America for over 10 years, and appeared in the National Registry of Who's Who.

Larry and Tessie made their home in Fridley, where Larry volunteered as a collaborative leader and contributor to the city of Fridley for many years, including chairperson of the HRA beginning in 1976. He was also a member of the City Charter Commission and active in numerous other organizations such as St. Williams Parish, Knights of Columbus, Northeast Sertoma, and the Catholic Order of Foresters. Throughout their marriage of 60 years, Larry and Tessie were avid University of Minnesota supporters, including football and basketball season ticket holders, members of the Golden Dunkers and the President's Club. They also enjoyed golf, and spending time with their children, grandchildren and friends, both in Minnesota and Redington Shores, Florida.

Larry was reunited with his wife Tessie when she passed away October 26, 2022. He is survived by brother, Frank (Sandy); sister-in-law, Judy Daleki, children, Mark (Carole) Commers, Kevin (Ann) Commers; Sara (Bob) Miles and Alice (Jim) Grassman. Larry was extremely proud of his grandchildren: Celia, Grace, Christopher (Lindsey), Eryn, Davis, Ryan, Hadley, and Lily. He leaves a special group of extended family and many lifelong friends. Larry will be greatly missed for his unique combination of seriousness and silliness and his true and sincere generosity.

**COLLEAGUES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS
OF LAWRENCE R. COMMERS**

IN MEMORIAM

THE HONORABLE MARY DAVIDSON

SEPTEMBER 17, 1939 – JUNE 21, 2022

My mother passed away June 21, following complications from surgery.

She grew up outside of Milwaukee, graduated from Stanford University—in three years—in order to graduate at the same time as my father. She graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School with honors in 1975—only 16 percent of her class was female; an even more remarkable achievement when you know she had four little kids at home.

She went into private practice and later was appointed as a Hennepin County Referee, serving for seven years before she was appointed as a judge by Rudy Perpich. She was a trailblazer; until Susanne Sedgwick defeated a sitting judge in 1970, there were no female judges in Minnesota.

She spent two decades in Hennepin County Family Court, many of them as chief judge. She implemented and ran the Divorce with Dignity program, which encouraged divorcing parties to mediate as many aspects of their divorce as they could. This was a revolutionary idea in family court at the time. Divorce with Dignity handed control back to the people getting divorced and reduced the wounds inflicted by the process. It became a national model.

My mother was also very proud of her family heritage. She is the granddaughter of one of the two original founders of Harley-Davidson. She travelled to Sturgis dressed in black and orange, and taught family law CLEs there.

She was a funny combination of traditional country club lady and rabble-rouser advocate for the underrepresented. She insisted her kids use the correct fork and have impeccable grammar, and she officiated at same-sex marriages before they were legal, risking censure. She used to say that she wanted to be sure that her daughters had careers and her sons knew how to do laundry.

She was an active and passionate volunteer with organizations such as Chrysalis and Open Arms, and grew that sense of responsibility with her grandchildren, who spent many hours with her giving back to the community.

She was an incredible lady and will be deeply missed.

WILLIAM A. WINTER

IN MEMORIAM

ELLEN DRESSELHUIS

NOVEMBER 22, 1938 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Ellen Dresselhuus was a trailblazer for women in the legal field. She was one of the first two women to graduate from law school in Minnesota. She graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1967. It took some time for her to get an attorney position. While practicing law, a judge referred to her in court as a “lawyerette.” However, Ellen was not deterred. She worked as a legal aid attorney and then entered into the private practice of law. As an attorney, she focused on women’s employment rights and family and elder law. She was an advocate for fathers’ custodial rights. Fifteen years after representing a father seeking custody of his son, she got a call from the father thanking her and indicating that his son just graduated from Yale.

Ellen had a significant impact on the local and national women’s movement with a leadership role in the Women’s Equity Action League with Arvonne Frazer in Minnesota and Bunny Sandler in Washington D.C.

Ellen was adventurous in her travel outings with her friends and family. She went to China in 1983 when few Americans visited that country. Photos from that trip show Chinese residents staring and pointing at the Americans as unfamiliar types of people in that country. While in China, Ellen learned the importance of carrying a card with the hotel’s address on evening walks. While out and about one night in Xionyang, she and her companion lost track of the location of the hotel. No Chinese spoke English at that point and it took some wandering about to find the hotel. Ellen also traveled to France, Portugal, England, Kenya, India, Egypt, and the Netherlands.

Ellen had a fondness for Boston Terriers. Since she only walked two at a time, it was sometimes unclear how many she had. She held positions with the Boston Terrier Club of America and the Minnesota Boston Terrier Club. She participated in many American Kennel Club confirmation and agility events with her collection of Boston Terrier puppies.

Ellen enjoyed choral singing and for many years sang with St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church choirs. She organized many outings to museums and cultural activities with her church friends.

SUSAN LAUER

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD J. DRISCOLL, JR.

DECEMBER 20, 1936 – AUGUST 21, 2022

Edward Joseph Driscoll, Jr. was born in Chicago on December 20, 1936. He was the oldest son of Marie (O'Shea) and Edward J. Driscoll. Ed attended Saint Patrick's High School in Chicago, St Mary's University in Winona, and received his law degree from DePaul University. After graduating from DePaul, Ed returned to Minnesota where he joined the Mandt Torrison Law Firm. In 1967, he became a law clerk for federal Judge Edward Devitt, whose law clerks were known as "the bright boys". In 1971, Governor Wendell Anderson appointed Ed commissioner of Securities at age 35. He served as commissioner from 1971 to 1975. Ed practiced law at the Larkin Hoffman Law firm for 40 years. He served as the firm president from 1986 to 1991. Ed was a practicing attorney for 50 years. He was board chair of Westminster, now known as Common Bond, an affordable housing nonprofit, creating communities throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Ed loved the practice of law, and the process of making laws. His practice focused on corporate finance, business law, and insurance regulation. He viewed politics as an instrument for improving the world. He was a devoted student of history, politics, and genealogy. He deeply appreciated his roots and the sacrifices of those who preceded him.

Ed loved traveling, satisfying his curiosity about the world past and present. His family joked that he was their best travel guide. He enjoyed good humor, and laughter was often the result of his conversations. He was a lifelong Chicago Cubs and Minnesota Twins fan, and a Twins season ticket holder until his health no longer allowed him to attend games. From March through September, whenever the Twins games were televised, Ed was an avid watcher and student of the game.

Ed loved life. He lived his days with enthusiasm, optimism, and generosity. He was fiercely loyal, and he treated all with a deep sense of fairness grounded in his Catholic faith. Ed was a devout Catholic which grew from his philosophy studies at St Mary's. He was a student of the world's religions. There was nothing he enjoyed more than discussions of history and religion.

Above all else, Ed treasured his wife, Jo, and his four children, Edward, III (Michele), Mary Jo (James), Brigid (Phil), and John. He took great joy in his nine grandchildren, Elizabeth, Nora, Emma, EJ, Matthew, Michael, Danny, Sophia, and Mary Kate. Ed loved his extended family, and his many, many friends. He was fond of saying that the quality of his life was determined by the quality of those who surrounded him, and he considered himself blessed.

THE DRISCOLL FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT DONALD ESTES

OCTOBER 16, 1942 – SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Robert Donald "Don" Estes passed away September 25, 2022, at age 79, peacefully but too soon in his home of 46 years, surrounded by his loved ones. Don graduated from J. Palmer High School, Colorado Springs, CO, class of 1960. An extraordinary student and gifted athlete, Don was not only an Eagle Scout but also a state high school swimming champion and record holder in his junior and senior years. He continued his swimming career at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1964 with a B.A., emphasis in physiology and history as well as a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Don earned his law degree at Columbia University Law School (graduated class of 1967) and began practicing law in Minneapolis in 1968 with a focus on international business.

In 1982, Don was a founder of Estes, Parsinen, & Levy, P.A. In 1989, Don formed Estes Law, P.A., where he devoted the rest of his professional life to serving his clients for the next 33 years. Don genuinely loved practicing law and was passionate about his work. He took great pride in always being at the forefront of his craft.

Don's plans were cut short, but he had a zest for life and a sense of adventure that few could match. He lived an incredible life, with experiences too numerous to list. Still, a few highlights include living in Saudi Arabia as a child which sparked a lifelong passion for traveling the world, elk hunting in the Grand Tetons, bareboat offshore sailing, and serving as a Naval JAG officer for 22 years. He was even an "Iron Man" triathlete.

Preceded in death by parents Hilliard D. "Don" and Dorothy N. (Gardner) Estes and sister Diane Herstein Monts. Survived by his wife of 46 years, Ellen (née Peterson); children, Kristin of Barrington, IL, Hillery of Brooklyn, NY, Erin (Mike) of Wayzata, Anne and Lindsay of Minneapolis; 7 grandchildren, Juliette, Charles, Hugh, Bobby, Oskar, Pete, and Margaux as well as many other beloved family members and friends.

Don loved his family, especially morning coffee and conversation with his loving wife, Ellen. He was proud of his daughters, and his grandchildren were his reason for getting up every day.

**ELLEN, HILLERY, ANNE, AND LINDSAY ESTES,
KRISTIN LAFON AND ERIN BAILEY SANSONE**

IN MEMORIAM
RICHARD EVANS

NOVEMBER 29, 1948 – JUNE 30, 2022

Rick was born in Petersburg, Virginia, on November 29, 1948, and died on June 30, 2022, after a five-year battle with prostate cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Gwilym Evans. He is survived by his wife, Karen Jackson Evans; daughter, Emily (David) Johnson; and treasured granddaughter, Eliette. Both Emily and Eliette affectionately called Rick "DoDo." Rick's extended surviving family includes his sister, Judith (Dick) Brown; brother, Ron; nieces, Ruth, Susan, and Kate; nephew, Tim; and cousin, Cathie Evans (David Goldstein).

Rick graduated from Northwestern University in 1970. It was there that he met Karen, and they married after she graduated in 1971. They moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, where Rick attended William & Mary Law School, graduating in 1974. Rick and Karen moved to Minneapolis where Rick began his legal career at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office as a special assistant attorney general. In 1984, he became the executive director of the Minnesota Racing Commission, which was responsible for implementing the selection and licensing process for the first pari-mutuel horse racing facility in Minnesota (Canterbury Downs).

In 1985, Rick joined Green Tree Financial Corporation where he was general counsel and corporate secretary, a member of the board of directors, and finally executive vice president of their manufactured housing division. He left Green Tree after the company was sold in 1998—his first retirement. He joined Metris Companies Inc. in 2001, serving as general counsel, corporate secretary, and a member of their board of directors. He left Metris when it was sold in 2005—his second retirement. Then in 2017, Rick was selected as the executive director of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority, the agency that runs U.S. Bank Stadium. He left that job at the end of 2017 due to his cancer diagnosis—his third retirement. Rick often joked that he failed at retirement, but never in the jobs he held.

But more important than anything else about Rick was his tireless dedication to nonprofit work. Rick was on the board of Washburn Center for Children, serving a term as board chair, and he was the vice chair of Washburn's capital campaign that raised \$24.5 million for their new building. Rick was also on the board of Children's Home Society, serving a term as board chair. He was a member of the regional campaign committee for Northwestern University's *We Will* Campaign. In the past several years, Rick served on the Board of InnerCity Tennis.

Rick stayed connected with friends he made throughout his life, including his Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity "brothers," and friends from his law school time. He was a lifelong tennis player and enjoyed fly fishing. He loved to golf—especially with his good buddies—and never gave up hope that his putting might improve. Rick and Karen were fortunate to have traveled extensively during their marriage, often with friends. However, his greatest joy involved his family. He felt lucky to see Emily marry and to be with Eliette for the past six years. DoDo loved us all.

KAREN EVANS

IN MEMORIAM
NORMAN EVIDON
MAY 16, 1930 – JULY 21, 2022

Norman "O'Toole" Evidon passed away on July 21, 2022 at the age of 92, leaving behind a rich legacy of justice, appreciation for nature and art, and a beautiful family. Born in North Minneapolis, he attended North High with his 40 best friends (aka "The Boys") with whom he stayed close for his entire life. He played on the high school football team and was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his senior class, and indeed, Norm went on to great success.

Norm graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1952, after which he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He returned to Minneapolis to begin the practice of law, a career he loved. As a trusts and estates lawyer in practice with friend and partner Burt Weisberg, Norm's work resulted in influential, published decisions from his cases before the Minnesota Supreme Court. He continued the practice of law until he was in his mid-80s, staying abreast of current laws and issues even well into his retirement.

Norman also was a humble leader and financial supporter of various causes, chief among them being the Minneapolis Jewish community. Raising money to establish the Minneapolis Jewish Community Center was one of his proudest achievements, and he continued to support the JCC for the rest of his life. He was an active member of the American Civil Liberties Union for over 50 years, supported the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Anti-Defamation League, Minnesota-based Native American education organizations, and so many others. His financial support was often given on an anonymous basis, as he never wanted anyone to bring attention to himself.

As much as Norm loved the intellectual and political aspect of law, he found even greater reward when able to use his legal talents to help those less fortunate. He frequently provided pro bono services to families and organizations in need.

Norm also had tremendous artistic talent, as a classical painter and as a poet. When he stepped back from full-time law practice, his artistic pursuits flourished. A man of great modesty, he had to be cajoled into allowing his works to be shown in a public show for the first time not long ago.

He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He looked forward to visits from his far-flung grandkids and instilled in them his love of football (in particular the Minnesota Vikings), history (with a focus on the Civil War and WWII), and chocolate. He had an amazing memory and often regaled them with stories of his time in the Army as a flat-footed typist with a penchant for mischief.

Norm is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie; children, Lisa (Jeff) Young, Lynn (Dave) Knutson, Robert Evidon (Kim Lazarsky), Linda Benjamin (Gregory Maxwell), Audrey (Will) Schoeppner, and Mitch Benjamin; grandchildren, Avery, Nathalie, Kylie, Isaiah, Meadow, Meredith, Ava, and Zohar.

LINDA BENJAMIN

IN MEMORIAM

ROGER FROMMELT

SEPTEMBER 13, 1936 – APRIL 16, 2022

Roger Frommelt passed away on April 16, 2022, after a nearly two- year battle with cancer. Roger grew up in Minneapolis. After graduating from Washburn High School, he enrolled at the University of Minnesota, graduating with a degree in chemical engineering. Having participated in the NROTC program while attending the university, Roger served three years as an officer in the U.S. Navy before enrolling at the University of Minnesota Law School.

Roger practiced law in the Twin Cities for over 40 years, eventually starting his own firm, Frommelt and Eide, in 1974, and retiring in 2011 following a merger with Felhaber Larson. Early on he became well known for his extraordinary legal acumen in business matters, primarily in the area of securities law, where he excelled at representing underwriters as well as companies. Over the years, several of the public offerings he helped engineer were recognized by major U.S. financial media as the most successful of the year. Roger's keen insight and likable manner were major factors in his success, enabling him to negotiate complex deals and create win-win solutions for the parties.

Roger was truly a Renaissance man: curious, well-read, and engaging. He could comfortably converse on just about any subject and was fond of lightheartedly challenging people with whom he was conversing. People who met Roger always remembered him. His curiosity and wide-ranging interests also led him and his wife Carole to extensive international travel, including an especially memorable excursion on the then-modern version of the Orient Express. His interest in sports extended from professional sports, to running, to water skiing, and alpine skiing. He led many family and buddy trips to a variety of western ski resorts.

Roger gave back to his community, both monetarily and by his personal involvement in organizations. Among others, he served on the boards of the Salvation Army, the Rotary and Minnesota Lawyers Mutual, the last of which he helped found and served as an officer and director for many years. He made all of those around him better off for the experience. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and colleagues.

DAVID EIDE

IN MEMORIAM

JONATHAN E. FRUCHTMAN

JANUARY 30, 1959 – MAY 9, 2022

Jonathan “Jon” Fruchtman grew up in Minneapolis, the son of a physician and an attorney. After graduating from Southwest High School, he earned his B.A. at Lawrence University and his J.D. at the University of California-Hastings College of Law. After his studies, he moved back to Minneapolis where he met his loving wife, Kristi Patten, and raised his three sons Isak, Declan, and Simon.

Upon returning to Minnesota after law school, Jon began his own private legal practice, Jonathan Fruchtman Law Office. His practice resided in Uptown’s Rainbow Building (on the corner of Lake Street and Hennepin Avenue) for over 35 years. He was the sole practitioner of his practice, and as such he became knowledgeable in many areas of law. His primary areas of practice included family law, criminal defense, estate planning, bankruptcy, real estate, and small business. He was known as especially competent at helping new immigrants set up and manage their businesses. Jon was committed to helping those most in need and had many long-time clients who trusted him to represent them over several decades.

Jon was a longstanding member of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He nominated his mother, Emily Fruchtman, for admission to the bar when she graduated from the Hamline University law school at the age of 60. Jon frequently offered his services at discounted rates and volunteered for more than 30 years with Tubman. His legal practice remained active until his passing. To his peers, Jon was known as a trusted advisor, mentor, and friend.

Jon enjoyed spending time with his family, staying physically active, and exploring the outdoors. He was an avid reader, history buff, and Jeopardy aficionado. He took pleasure in intellectual pursuits and was a lifelong learner, with a clear understanding and interest in current political issues. He had other varied interests, which included art, all competitive sports (but, especially basketball), travel, poetry, biking, and psychology.

As strong-willed and motivated as Jon remained, he lost his long battle with heart failure and passed away on May 9, 2022. Even throughout his struggle with illness, Jon rarely missed a day of work, remaining devoted to helping his clients. He is survived and sorely missed by his wife, Kristi and his sons, Isak, Declan, and Simon. He also leaves behind siblings, Brian, Daniel, and Daphne; stepmother Deena; and many cousins and friends.

KRISTI, ISAK, DECLAN, AND SIMON FRUCHTMAN

IN MEMORIAM
LEE GODERSTAD

MAY 27, 1952 – AUGUST 22, 2022

Lee Gordon Goderstad passed away surrounded by family at the age of 70 on Monday, August 22, after a ten-year battle with Parkinson's and a three-year battle with Lewy Body Dementia. Lee grew up in the small town of Rolla, North Dakota and attended the University of North Dakota. He graduated in 1974 with a B.S. in business.

Lee and fellow UND graduate Colette Goderstad (nee LaQua) both moved to Minneapolis after college and married in 1975. The two started careers in the Twin Cities, bought a lot and built a cabin on Fishtrap Lake, and had two daughters together. Lee was an avid outdoorsman: a hunter, fisherman, downhill skier, and water skier. His passion for the outdoors also made him a committed conservationist, and he served as Minnesota state chair and on the board of trustees for the Minnesota Chapter of The Nature Conservancy from 1994 to 1999.

Lee earned a J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law in 1984. He worked in banking, financial services, and management for First Bank System, Hanrow Financial Group, Sunrise Financial, Interlogix Finance Subsidiary, eventually serving as president of GMAC ResCap Canada in Toronto. He capped his career as a financial consultant helping family-held businesses with financial challenges and resolving problem loans for several banks.

He brought a doggedness and dedication to everything he did. After he was diagnosed with Parkinson's, he helped start a Parkinson's boxing exercise program in the Twin Cities to help participants slow the progression of symptoms, and he diligently participated up until a year before he passed away.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Kathleen; father, Gordon; and brother, Scott. He is survived by wife, Colette; daughters Linnea (Dave) and Lily (Sam); nephew, Troy; and granddaughter, Evangeline Lee, who all brought him great joy.

FAMILY OF LEE GODERSTAD

IN MEMORIAM
JOSEPH MARK GOLDBERG

MARCH 6, 1947 – SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Joe grew up in Winona and graduated from Winona High School. He attended the University of Michigan and received a B.A. in 1969. He served in the army in Vietnam before attending the University of Minnesota Law School. He graduated in 1974 and was admitted to the Minnesota Bar.

Joe practiced law with the firms of Miller & Neary; Mahoney, Dougherty & Mahoney; and Joseph M. Goldberg and Associates. He joined the Sentry Insurance Company in Wisconsin as assistant general counsel. He was instrumental in reorganizing their reinsurance department.

Joe was a member of the following professional organizations: Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, International Association of Defense Counsel, and Defense Research Institute. He also was a member of AIDA Reinsurance and Insurance Arbitration Society, where he was a neutral arbitrator.

Joe mentored and judged high school students who were participating in mock trials. He was impressed by the passion these young people had for trial law.

Joe resided in Edina with his wife, Mary; and sons, Jason and Adam. He was active in Edina school and sports activities.

Joe is survived by wife, Mary; sons, Jason (Jennifer) and Adam (Angi); grandsons, Eli, Gabe, CJ, and Ollie; brother, Steven (Julia); families Singers and Samples; sister-in-law, Claudia Nixon; and families Nixons and Micelis.

Joe loved sports and was a fan of the Vikings, Twins, Michigan Wolverines, and Minnesota Gophers. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

THE GOLDBERG FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM
MARK GRUESNER

DECEMBER 7, 1951 – NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Mark H. Gruesner grew up in St. Louis Park. He was one of three children born to Gladys and Mandel Gruesner. At an early age he knew he wanted to be an attorney. He attended the University of Minnesota and earned a B.A. in speech communications. In 1977, he earned his Juris Doctor degree from Hamline University School of Law. While attending law school he obtained real world experience working as a special term law clerk in Hennepin County District Court. After graduating he began a private practice and developed a focus in helping people injured in accidents.

In 1986, Mark joined the law firm of Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben. There he devoted the rest of his career masterfully handling wrongful death and personal injury cases. He had statewide recognition as a premier trial lawyer, for decades achieving Best Lawyers and Minnesota Super Lawyers status.

In addition to maintaining his busy law practice, Mark and close friend Judge Allen Oleisky mentored and taught trial lawyers while serving as adjunct professors at Hamline University School of Law.

Mark and his wife, Carolyn Manion Gruesner, enjoyed 46 years of marriage. Their lives revolved around their daughter, Lauren Percic (Mike); their three adoring grandchildren, Anna, Emma and Luca; and two grand doodles, Leo and Charlie. Dog enthusiasts teach us, "You can usually tell that a man is good if he has a dog who loves him."

Mark was a sports enthusiast, and when he wasn't practicing law or involved with his family, he loved playing golf, tennis, bowling and most sports activities. He was admired as an outstanding photographer and generously made himself available in that capacity at all Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben functions, family activities, and weddings of friends.

Mark will always be remembered for his kindness, quick wit, and the sparkle in his eye. He is greatly missed by his family, his law colleagues, and so many dear friends.

JIM SCHWEBEL

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES DAVID GUROVITSCH

OCTOBER 18, 1944 – DECEMBER 16, 2022

James David Gurovitsch passed away peacefully surrounded by family on December 16, five weeks after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

James grew up in his beloved Duluth as the middle child of Morris and Esther Tesler Gurovitsch. As a teenager, James loved working at his uncle's grocery store, restoring cars, and fishing.

James was a 1962 graduate of Duluth East High School. He graduated *cum laude* with an accounting degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, then earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Minnesota Law School. In 1973, he opened the Gurovitsch Law Office in Brooklyn Center, which he ran successfully for 49 years until his retirement.

James was a dedicated private practice attorney, utilizing his skills of patience, attention to detail, compassion, and intellect. He was a lifelong volunteer providing legal advice to women in domestic violence situations at Chrysalis Center (Tubman), helping with patient discharges at North Memorial Hospital, driving members of the community to appointments for Jewish Family and Children's Service, and serving as a board member and greeter at Jewish Housing and Programming. He was one of the head ushers at Temple Israel Synagogue and led some daily worship services for people saying prayers on the anniversary of their loved one's passing.

In the early 1990s, James was a member of the Minnesota Collaborative Law Institute, which focused on helping divorcing couples achieve fair settlements without going to court. James became a member when there were about 20 collaborative lawyers in the world. Today there are over 40,000 practitioners in 28 countries. James valued trying to resolve matters respectfully without drawn-out litigation. He was treasurer of the local group, Collaborative Lawyers and was on the board of directors. In 2005, James was recognized by this group for his outstanding contribution to Collaborative Law and received their highest honor, the Stu Webb Award. James was known for his wisdom, mentorship, and wonderful quiet humor.

James enjoyed hobbies such as riding motorcycles, classic cars, blues music, traveling to Northern Minnesota, and watching sitcoms and comedies. He was a skillful bowler and frequently brought home the winning Thanksgiving turkey. James had a dry sense of humor and loved puns, often joking that his favorite shows "stole his material."

James's greatest love was his family. Upon meeting Barbara in 1980, he sold his beloved silver corvette to help purchase their first home. He was a devoted and loving husband and a selfless, generous and caring father. He prioritized his family and took pride in fixing anything in the home. He was his children's biggest cheerleader and was unconditionally supportive. James leaves behind a legacy of altruism, selflessness, intellect, and integrity. He will be greatly missed.

James was preceded in death by parents, Morris and Esther Gurovitsch; brother, Allan Gurovitsch. Survived by his wife, Barbara Gurovitsch; children, Julie, Michael (Melissa), and Molly (Mitchell) Retelny; sister, Judi (Stu) Passon; and grandchildren, Miles, Simon, and Theodore Gurovitsch.

BARBARA GUROVITSCH

IN MEMORIAM
NORMAN GURSTEL
MARCH 24, 1939 – MAY 25, 2022

Norman Gurstel was a dynamic individual with a larger-than-life personality, who practiced law over several decades in the Twin Cities, mostly in the areas of commercial and family law. A brilliant attorney, he was well respected within the legal community for his skills and abilities in the courtroom. He was a tireless advocate for his clients with a commitment that often extended beyond the time his formal representation had concluded.

Norman grew up in south Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1962. Norman immediately began his career at Robins, Davis & Lyons, where he was an associate for his first five years in practice. After a short break from the law to work in the family dress manufacturing business, Norman returned to regular practice in the early 1970s and represented clients for almost 25 years as a partner in Stern & Gurstel and later, principal shareholder of Gurstel and Associates. In 1980, he was admitted to practice in front of the Supreme Court of the United States.

In addition to his regular law practice, Norman was very active in the legal community. He belonged to and chaired several sections and committees within the American Bar Association, Minnesota State Bar Association and Hennepin County Bar Association. He was a member of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Norman served as an arbitrator for the Hennepin County District Court and was a part-time family court referee. He lectured for the University of Minnesota Family Law Seminar and spoke at many continuing education events around the Twin Cities and nationally. He was the first call for legal advice by many in the community and took on many cases pro bono.

One of Norman's proudest associations was his longtime membership in the Commercial Law League of America, where he served during much of the 1980s as the organization's recording secretary, on the board of directors and as president. Later he volunteered with the organization's Fund for Public Education through a variety of roles. He developed long-standing relationships with colleagues and made friendships that lasted throughout his lifetime.

Norman had an eye for fashion that enabled him to be one of the Twin Cities best dressed attorneys and he often spent time chatting up clients and friends on the weekends at his "satellite offices" at Cedric's men's store and Anthony's. Some have suggested that the Arnie Becker character in the 80s legal drama, *LA Law*, was based on him.

Norman inspired both of his sons to go to law school and be admitted to the bar. In his later years, Norman owned his own retail clothing stores (Marc Shawn Men and Q Fashion Boutique), spent winters in Miami and doted on his granddaughter, Madeline.

Norman passed away on May 25, 2022, at the age of 83.

THE GURSTEL FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAM HATHAWAY
DECEMBER 19, 1956 – JULY 2, 2022

Bill was born in Minneapolis on December 19, 1956. The family moved to Wausau, Wisconsin, when he was three, and that was where he spent his formative years, graduating from Wausau East High School in 1975. He continued his education at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering and a lifelong love of Badger football. Upon graduation, he moved to Minneapolis to work at Honeywell in their aeronautics division. During his tenure, Honeywell sent him to Airbus headquarters in Toulouse, France for a year and a half, to work on enhancements to their navigation system.

After over a decade at Honeywell, he switched gears and spent the next two years pursuing his interest in screenwriting, prior to entering William Mitchell College of Law to earn his law degree. He went on to work at Meagher & Geer as a patent attorney. In his later years, he worked at the nonprofit Opportunity Partners, helping mentally and physically challenged people to reach their full potential.

Bill loved testing his limits through activities such as skydiving and the Bondurant race driving school. He also studied fencing and various martial arts for many years. He developed a real passion for movies, which he would attend several times a week. He was a voracious reader from a young age. In fact, as a youth, he could be found poolside in the summer, reading under his beach towel. He loved reading science and science fiction and delving into various topics until he became an expert.

Equal to his love of learning was Bill's love for his nephews. He was a very involved uncle, showing up for birthdays and holidays, soccer and football games, concerts, plays, and graduations. He loaned out his car for prom, and carried their photos in his wallet, so he could tell everyone about his amazing nephews.

Bill died on July 2, 2022, at the age of 65. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Betty Hathaway. He is survived by his sister, Holly (Mark) Wadman of Plymouth; nephews, Andy (Alison) Wadman of New Hope, Tom (Alysa) Wadman of Crystal, and Erik (Hannah) Wadman of Minneapolis; and three great-nieces, Caitlyn, Raelyn and Clara, as well as many friends. He is greatly missed.

HOLLY HATHAWAY WADMAN

IN MEMORIAM

R. DONALD HAWKINSON

MARCH 28, 1937 – MARCH 31, 2022

A community leader. An agitator. A small business owner. A sailor. A philanthropist. An outdoorsman. A family man. A world traveler. A devourer of biographies and histories. These are just some descriptions of our friend, husband, and father—Don Hawkinson.

Don was born in 1937 as an only child to an immigrant entrepreneurial father and a strong, independent mother. He began working at his family's business, Hawkinson's Grocery Store, at the age of four. Those who knew Don noted that his value system formed early in the grocery store, where he witnessed his father allowing financially strapped people to pay on credit, and where he witnessed the violent disappearances of day laborers who also spent hours in the railyards and warehouses.

Don realized that many people did not have a fair shake at life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and he knew that a law degree would serve to provide a fair system for the under-resourced among us, so he put himself through law school at William Mitchell College of Law while working full-time to support his wife and three young daughters.

Don made his legal mark on a large scale by prevailing in a case before the Minnesota Supreme Court regarding police overreach. To prevail, he conquered an unjust system and his stuttering. He also won the largest sexual harassment suit for the time. When Southeast Asian refugees began needing legal assistance, Don opened a free clinic. Later he served people from East and West Africa. Don did not believe in sitting back and waiting for someone to act—that someone was him.

Don's quest for social justice may have also stemmed from his deep curiosity. He read voraciously: biographies, histories, newspapers, and magazines. He also needed to explore news stories firsthand, so he toured homeless encampments, new construction, and storm-damaged communities. Using wisdom gleaned from his engagement with the community around him, he became a strong advocate for the Joyce Food Shelf, Habitat for Humanity, and Alight (formerly American Refugee Committee), and days before he died, he called a daughter and asked her to help him organize a shipment of children's books to refugee Ukrainian children in Poland.

Don passed away on March 31, 2022, and he will be sorely missed by those who loved him, especially by his wife of 60 years, Joan W. Hawkinson; and his daughters, Cynthia Hess, Judy Hawkinson, and Stephanie O. Hawkinson.

**JUDY HAWKINSON
STEPHANIE HAWKINSON
CYNTHIA HESS**

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM HENSCHEL

JANUARY 5, 1932 – NOVEMBER 19, 2022

Preceded in death by his parents, William and Hazel Henschel, and sister, Betty Chudzik. Bill's wife of 60 years, Edna (Huber) Henschel, passed away on November 24, 2022, just five days after his death.

Bill and Edna are survived by their children, Peter (Belinda), Ben, Susan (Gentaro), and Kurt (Lynn); and grandchildren, Madeline (Ryan), Erin, Jack, Emily, Ren, Max, Uta, and Periwinkle.

Bill and his twin sister Betty were born on a farm in Mille Lacs County on January 5, 1932, to William and Hazel (Berry) Henschel. His parents were tenant farmers, having lost the family farm during the Great Depression. Bill's father harbored deep resentment for bankers and lawyers after that experience. Bill decided if he couldn't beat 'em he'd join 'em.

Bill turned to education to improve his circumstances. After completing high school in Hinckley, Bill attended St. Cloud State University (the first in his family to go to college), where he graduated with a B.A. in sociology. He went on to study social work at the University of Iowa School of Social Work, where he earned a master's degree. He later earned his Juris Doctor from William Mitchell College of Law.

Bill and Edna married in 1961. They raised their family in Columbia Heights and enjoyed spending time at their cabin on Lake Fannie. Bill worked as a probation officer, a social worker, a family law attorney, and a Hennepin County District Court Referee. He was an independent thinker who sought to improve the systems in which he worked. While working in corrections, he sought and received federal funding to start one of the first pretrial diversion programs in the country, De Novo. Later, as a practicing family law attorney, his law partner and he began the first family law mediation practice in Minnesota.

Bill and Edna loved travel, camping, the lake, family, and friends. Bill studied history and current events. He enjoyed reading, walking, playing Scrabble, and watching Jeopardy. He encouraged his children to follow his example by pursuing higher education and was very proud that all four of his children received graduate degrees. He was also very proud of his eight grandchildren and had high hopes for them and their bright futures. He will be missed.

KURT, SUSAN & BEN HENSCHEL

IN MEMORIAM

FRANCIS HERMANN, JR.

FEBRUARY 16, 1943 – OCTOBER 11, 2022

Frank was born in Minneapolis on February 16, 1943, and passed away on October 11. He was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and friend to many. He was a man of faith, wit and generosity.

Frank received his undergraduate degree at the University of St. Thomas and began his career at the U.S. Treasury Department as IRS special agent, Intelligence Division (1965 – 1973). While at the IRS, he attended law school at William Mitchell College of Law. He was admitted to practice law before the Minnesota Supreme Court (1971), Minnesota U.S. District Court (1973), U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals (1973), and U.S. Supreme Court (1976). Frank worked at the U.S. Attorney's Office from 1973 – 1994, where he held supervisory positions in both the civil and the criminal divisions. During that time, he was chief of the Civil Division, chief of the Criminal Division, First Assistant US Attorney, and U.S. Attorney.

Frank specialized in complex, civil litigation, white-collar, criminal defense, medical fraud, and forfeitures. Some career highlights were representing Native Americans in obtaining treaty rights, handling significant cases for the Environmental Protection Agency, and representing the district court in the investigation and removal of a bankruptcy judge.

His professional activities included president of the Minnesota Chapter FBA; USDC, District of Minnesota, Federal Rules Committee; U.S. Attorney General Advisory Committee: Security, Indian Affairs, and Civil; team leader of Department of Justice: Evaluation and Review; judge and brief grader for the National Moot Court; and Merit Selection Committee Member for the USDC, District of Minnesota.

He was a frequent lecturer at national and local seminars and an instructor at the National Advocacy Institute and Quantico. Frank annually attended retreats at Demontreville. He enjoyed sports, movies, traveling, good food and wine, and sharing time with family and friends.

Frank was preceded in death by parents, Francis and Veronica Hermann; sister, Julia Mae; and brother-in-law, Delbert Sawyer. Survived by his wife of 56 years, Julianne; son, Christopher (Brian); daughter, Kathryn (Shawn); grandchildren, Sienna and Ethan; sister, Carolyn Sawyer; nieces, nephews, and their families.

THE HERMANN FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM

LAURIS A. HEYERDAHL

DECEMBER 15, 1963 – JANUARY 10, 2022

Lauris Heyerdahl was born on December 15, 1963. Preceded in death by his father, Paul Heyerdahl, and brother, Galen Heyerdahl. He was survived by his sons, Isaac and Ethan; partner, Yahella; mother, Rose Heyerdahl; nephew, Justin; several cousins; and many friends. Everyone who knew Lauris knew that he would give so much and ask for little to nothing in return. His loyalty, trustworthiness and reliability has left an undeniable impact on the lives of his family, friends, and community.

He attended Carleton College (B.A., 1986) and attended law school at William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1991.) In his spare time, he used his law degree to provide guidance and help family members, friends, and anyone who was in need. Lauris had the biggest heart and would take any opportunity to give and help more. His quiet, calm, and collected demeanor reassured family, friends, and clients alike that you were in good hands. If there was a challenge, he would stop at nothing to find a solution.

A loyal, devoted, and supportive father, Lauris loved to travel and explore the outdoors while making memories with his family. His favorite activities included camping, football, cooking, reading, and listening to music. Though he was a quiet person, he was often the most intelligent in the room. Because he was so well read, he was able to talk to anyone about anything.

Truly a man unlike any other, he was full of hobbies and interests. He collected tropical fish and fountain pens. He was a big fan of the outdoors, often exposing his closest friends and family to new adventures. Even if it was out of their comfort zone, Lauris would always find a way to make wonderful memories. Coaching and watching his sons play and grow up is what made him the happiest in life.

He served his community by volunteering as a football coach over the years. He was also known to pull out the more adventurous sides of people, whether it was exploring a new city, or trying a new cuisine. He knew how to encourage people to be the best versions of themselves. He was gone too soon but will never be forgotten.

YABELLA BUTLER

IN MEMORIAM
CHARLOTTE A. JENSEN

MAY 22, 1936 – JUNE 11, 2022

Charlotte A. Jensen of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, born May 22, 1936, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2022, surrounded by her family.

Born in Pere Marquette and raised in Muskegon along the shores of Lake Michigan, Charlotte enjoyed a loving childhood where she acquired an affinity for music and learning. She graduated valedictorian from Muskegon High School, and then from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor with honors with a degree in Math and English. After graduating college, she moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the National Security Agency. It was there she met her husband David of 63 years.

After a short courtship, they were married and began a beautiful life together, eventually moving to Minnesota and starting a family. She and David have lived in the same home along the Mississippi River for the last 50 years, raising their three children and enjoying all that life has to offer: music, art, reading, travel, and even a vintage car or two. She was also an active member of Lutheran Church of the Master in Brooklyn Center for many years.

Quiet and unassuming, yet full of wit and insanely intelligent, Charlotte at her core had a heart of gold. Her peaceful and caring nature was evident to anyone that met her, always with an infectious smile and a gleam in her eye. She was generous in so many ways, never looking for recognition, but taking pure joy in the act of giving. As an example, while raising her children, Charlotte decided to attend law school and become an attorney. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, she established a solo practice in Brooklyn Center, frequently providing pro-bono or reduced-fee representation to her clients, as well as volunteering her legal services to survivors of domestic violence at Chrysalis.

She was a dedicated supporter of her grandchildren and enjoyed attending their sporting events, musical concerts, and extracurricular activities. Never idle, her hobbies were numerous: soap-making, sewing, quilt-making, cooking, gardening, and reading with abandon.

Most notably, Char loved classical music. One summer, she and David even took an opportunity to travel to Salzburg, Austria to attend the annual music festival, as well as a visit to the home of Mozart and a concert in Vienna. She was an avid musician herself, and of this she may have been most proud. A talented violinist, she played not only for her own enjoyment, but for the enjoyment of others. She was the concert master for the University of Michigan orchestra, and later in life, established membership in many orchestras and a cherished trio, quartet, and quintette.

Charlotte is survived by her husband David and her children David (Tahirih), Marna (Mark) and Jennifer (Kevin). She was a proud grandmother to Elyse, Isabelle, Liam, Maggie, Morgan, David, Alex, and Sophia. She is also survived by nieces and nephews, sister-in-law Joyce and brother-in-law Chuck (Donna).

THE FAMILY OF CHARLOTTE A. JENSEN

IN MEMORIAM

DAVID L. JENSEN

MARCH 28, 1936 – AUGUST 30, 2022

David L. Jensen of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, born March 28, 1936, passed away at home on August 30, 2022. Raised in Elmore, Minnesota on the family farm, David graduated from East Chain High School in 1954. After some undergraduate studies, he served in the Army during the Korean War and accepted the opportunity to attend the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, California.

After discharge, he worked at the National Security Agency in Washington, D.C. where he met Charlotte, his wife of 63 years. They were soon married and began their adventure together, eventually moving back to Minnesota. After completing his undergraduate degree, he graduated from law school at the University of Minnesota and practiced law for several decades. David started his legal career in Brooklyn Center and later established his personal injury practice in Anoka at Jensen, Hicken, Gedde, & Scott.

David and Charlotte raised their three children enjoying life to its fullest with travel, golf, music, and a vintage car or two. They were also faithful members of Lutheran Church of the Master in Brooklyn Center, and David enjoyed singing in the church choir.

David was kind and generous with a heart of gold. He also used his legal skills to serve others and enjoyed working closely with the Korean community in the Twin Cities. He was social and outgoing, but humble, offering everyone he met respect and kindness, sharing his time and his hearty dialog. He loved visiting with friends while at the 'Y' and after church. David was driven and analytical, studying subjects intently and applying due diligence to ensure things were always done, and done well.

At his core, he was so very proud of his family. His wife, children, and grandchildren were everything to him. One could rarely escape a conversation without him mentioning at least one of their activities or accomplishments.

David is survived by his children David (Tahirih), Marna (Mark), and Jennifer (Kevin). He was a proud grandfather to Elyse, Isabelle, Liam, Maggie, Morgan, David, Alex, and Sophia. He is also survived by brother Chuck (Donna), sister-in-law Joyce, and nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his wife Charlotte, his parents Lawrence and Marguerite, and his brother Loyal (Butch).

THE FAMILY OF DAVID L. JENSEN

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS C. KAYSER

MARCH 20, 1937 – NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Tom Kayser loved being a lawyer. He especially loved being a lawyer at Robins Kaplan. He joined the firm in 1966, when it had just two offices, one in St. Paul and one in Minneapolis. He embraced the rigors of practicing law and was something of a workaholic. Tom was a highly skilled, respected, and zealous advocate for his clients, and his practice focused on complex employment, antitrust, corporate, constitutional, and negligence litigation.

Tom was devoted to the people at Robins. He was a wonderful partner, friend, and mentor. He was a longtime member of the firm's executive board and served as its managing partner from 1980 – 1997. Under his leadership, the firm grew and opened offices across the country. Tom's professional success was due in large part to the support of three women: (1) his wife, Marlene, who single-handedly ran the home front, enabling Tom to focus on all things Robins; and (2) the two Betty(e)s: Betty Goodale and Bette Brtek, Tom's legal assistants who always made him look good.

Tom was a champion of diversity and inclusion both within the firm and the larger community. Throughout his career Tom focused on mentoring lawyers of color. Indeed, Tom was a founding director of the Twin Cities Diversity in Practice.

Tom was a true force in the legal community and was committed to assisting others through his pro bono and civic leadership. In 2009, the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota (ACLU-MN) presented Tom with the Earl Larson Award, which honors those attorneys who have pursued a lifelong commitment to justice and civil liberties work. Tom spearheaded a successful lawsuit for the ACLU-MN against a suburban school district that prohibited LGBTQ youth from participating in certain high school activities.

Tom was a proud graduate of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, and an emeritus member of the board of trustees. He was an active board member from 2000 – 2012. His board service was just one slice of his volunteer commitment to Lawrence. He served the school in numerous volunteer capacities over the years. He particularly enjoyed advising student groups on campus in areas of diversity, inclusion, and equity. In 2003, Tom and Marlene established a scholarship at Lawrence for students of color.

Tom was also a proud member of the U.S. Air Force. He served on active duty from 1958 – 1966. He then served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1967 – 1983, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Tom was a quirky character who had set routines mainly centered around his love for food and beverage. Every morning he enjoyed bananas and orange juice at his desk. Lunch was always at the same restaurant, at the same table, and consisted of the same order: Caesar salad with six anchovies. At the end of the day, he would return to the restaurant and sit at the same table with his favorite chardonnay. The servers knew that a tap on the rim of the wine glass meant he was ready for another.

CAROL M. KAYSER

IN MEMORIAM

SISTER PATRICIA KEEFE

JULY 11, 1942 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Patricia Agnes Keefe grew up near Caledonia, Minnesota, the daughter of F. Lloyd and Vernice (Corcoran) Keefe and was the youngest daughter of five siblings.

Pat decided her life choice at age 14 and the trajectory of her vision was captured when she won the Caledonia VFW essay contest. She chose the topic of human rights. It set in motion her passion for life and the primary conviction that guided all her future choices.

Pat believed peace was the only battle worth waging. Later her work in the Nonviolent Peace Force supported this unarmed peacekeeping organization's goal: to protect civilians and reduce violence in the areas of the globe affected by armed conflict. She took on the personal challenges of peacemaking for the homeless, incarcerated, refugees, and elderly for the strength to guide herself and others toward a place of tranquility.

Pat entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Rochester in 1961. At the request of her religious community, she received a bachelor's degree and master's degree in Latin in order to teach at the high school level. She believed the discrimination she experienced as a child on the school bus brought about the conviction of human rights that has guided her life choices in ministry.

"Make something of yourself" was a mantra of her youth. Like the mirror reflecting the light, she did indeed do many things to lighten the hearts of humanity and benefit society. Her love for justice spilled over her every effort. She did make something of herself in her ministerial career.

She taught in Minnesota and Ohio for a few years, before requesting to go to Fordham University to obtain a theology degree.

Her studies of theology during the tumultuous years of the late 1960s and early 1970s prompted her to conclude that a theology degree was not going to do much for the war, homelessness, and housing deficiencies, so she requested to study law.

She received her J.D. degree from the University of Minnesota and used her education and skills to work for the disadvantaged in our society in a variety of venues: Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS) in Mankato; the Legal Aid Society in Minneapolis; Global Education Associates in New Jersey, where she taught legal writing and research; Amnesty International in London and the Nonviolent Peace Force in St. Paul. She also taught legal writing and research at Hamline University and served as the Director of Justice and Human Development for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

When she left SMRLS, the executive director said, "Few if any persons within the SMRLS or out has contributed as much to low-income persons and the development of rural legal services."

She lived simply, wanting to walk gently on the earth, biked to law school (even in Minnesota winters), was a vegetarian for much of her life, enjoyed being outdoors, and cheered on the Minnesota Twins.

SISTER TIERNEY

IN MEMORIAM
THOMAS KELLER

JUNE 13, 1935 – OCTOBER 2, 2022

Thomas A. Keller III, loving husband and father, respected attorney, aficionado of the stage and, above all, of the finely written word, passed away on October 2 at his home in Saint Paul. Tom was born on June 13, 1935 in Saint Paul, and grew up in Lake Elmo. He graduated with his A.B. from Dartmouth College in 1957. As a Root-Tilden Scholar, he received his L.L.B. from New York University in 1960.

Tom spent most of his career at the O'Connor & Hannan law firm before moving to Moss & Barnett, and later Gray Plant Mooty. His expertise in business law allowed him to work with companies large and small, on matters ranging from mergers and acquisitions to corporate governance and employment matters. Tom worked with utility providers, financial institutions, Fortune 500 companies, commercial real estate, and health care and medical devices. He thoroughly enjoyed the breadth and challenge of his work. Tom regularly served as a special master for the U. S. District Court in cases involving complex corporate litigation.

He served as counsel to the University of Minnesota for many years, working on faculty collective bargaining and tenure concerns, union contracts, along with counseling the first successful case in U.S. District Court against N.C.A.A. sanctions. He was a co-chair of the Campaign Minnesota capital campaign at the University of Minnesota and raised funds to create the Edelstein-Keller Endowed Chair in Creative Writing. He also secured funding for the Ohanessian Endowed Chair in Genocide Studies.

He was instrumental in the creation of the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation at Abbott Northwestern Hospital and Children's Heartlink. Tom worked tirelessly for both organizations, becoming chair emeritus for the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation and Director Emeritus for Children's Heartlink. During his 56-year career he diligently served on nonprofit boards, ranging from the arts to his unspoken pro bono work. In recognition of his service to the legal profession, Tom was honored with the Alumni Award from Dartmouth College, and by the Minnesota State Bar Association. Tom was devoted to his friends, always ready to provide counsel or help wherever he was needed on behalf of a good community cause.

**FORD W. BELL
JASMINE M. KELLER
VICTORIA H. KELLER**

IN MEMORIAM
THOMAS R. KING

MAY 18, 1940 – FEBRUARY 18, 2022

Thomas R. King stood as a pillar of the Twin Cities legal community for five decades. Following a storybook youth in which he starred as an athlete at Edina High School, (where he was later inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame), King played halfback and returned kicks on scholarship for the last Minnesota Golden Gopher national championship football team in 1961, which also won the Rose Bowl in 1962. He then married Jean LeVander, daughter of former Minnesota Governor Harold and lantha LeVander. Tom and Jean were longtime residents of North Oaks and shared a lifelong love of animals, particularly their horses and dogs. Tom was a devoted husband to Jean, and a loving father to their son Blair.

King practiced primarily in the areas of securities and corporate finance, often serving as outside general counsel and leading the execution of public securities offerings for medical device and other life sciences companies, including those founded by Dr. Manuel A. Villafana, his longtime friend and client and the founder of companies including St. Jude Medical and Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc. Tom was larger-than-life, and exceedingly compassionate and approachable at Fredrikson. He served as a mentor to dozens of future partners and firm leaders. Tom's tenure at Fredrikson included multiple decades of shouldering the responsibility for maintaining the morale and professionalism of the corporate and securities department. He demonstrated a career-long commitment to pro bono and public service through work with Legal Aid, Children's Home Society, and other nonprofits. A flipper or handshake contest or some good-natured teasing meant you'd been accepted by Tom onto the team.

Tom began his career with Cox, King & Stern and Wright, West & Diessner. He was integral to Fredrikson's significant growth in the 1980s, serving as chair of the firm's board of directors following its merger with Wright, West and Diessner in 1984. While he could be modest nearly to a fault, Tom's calm confidence and principled leadership were among the bedrocks of the firm's current success. Tom's Fredrikson family greatly misses his sense of humor, selfless leadership, and sage advice.

RYAN BRAUER

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES KITTLER

AUGUST 14, 1927 – JUNE 19, 2022

James Patrick “Pat” Kittler was born in Detroit, Michigan, on August 14, 1927. Upon graduating from high school, he received a congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated with the class of 1950. He became a fighter pilot and flew off the USS Boxer aircraft carrier during the Korean Conflict. He received the Air Medal, which is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by heroism, outstanding achievement, or meritorious service while participating in aerial flight.

Pat attended Naval Justice School in 1955. He left active duty in 1956. He remained in the Naval Reserves as an officer until 1987 when he retired as a Captain.

Pat graduated from Stanford Law School in 1959. He worked for Honeywell in Minneapolis and was instrumental in setting up Honeywell’s international operations in Europe. After leaving Honeywell, Pat entered private practice, specializing in international law.

In the mid-70s, Pat expanded his law practice and became active in a variety of local, national, and international business activities, including commercial financing, international manufacturing, and technology. In 1967, he organized and led the first Minnesota business trade mission to the Soviet Union after World War II. Pat was a long-term member in The Superior Business Firm Roundtable, an organization of businesspeople dedicated to creating and managing wealth in order to advance human well-being. Pat had a remarkable breadth of interests, drive to make things better, and passion to understand “the grand scheme of things.”

Pat had many hobbies and interests, including sailing, history, economics, politics, classical music, and art. He was a dedicated and proud father and a loving and loyal husband. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Linda Susan Alt Kittler; his children, Denine Bergeland, Michael J. Kittler, Christopher L. Kittler, Patrick S. Kittler, and Alyssa Rose Knoblauch; and brothers and sisters. Pat was also blessed with 11 grandchildren.

**LINDA SUSAN ALT KITTLER
ROBERT J. KING, JR.**

IN MEMORIAM

CARLA KJELLBERG

MARCH 21, 1957 – AUGUST 28, 2022

In the small hours of May 10, 1971, when Carla Kjellberg was 14, her house caught fire. She woke up her mother and two brothers, jumped from the roof—fracturing a vertebra—and hoisted a wooden ladder up two stories, allowing her mother and two brothers to escape. It was a moment that foreshadowed how Carla would move through the world, facing crisis, finding strength, and rising above to save others.

Carla Kjellberg—who died of a sudden heart attack—was born in Chicago on March 21, 1957, the daughter of a banquet waitress and a carpenter. She grew up on Chicago's Southside and south suburbs. She graduated from Carl Sandburg High School, Northland College, and Villanova University School of Law, where she was Order of the Coif.

Carla moved to Minnesota to clerk for Judge Miles Lord. She was active in the women's peace movement and the National Lawyers Guild. After her clerkship, Carla worked for MPIRG on consumer protection and environmental issues. She opened her own practice in 1987.

Carla practiced family law, using her abilities to save people—especially children and adults in abusive relationships. Carla was able to enter the most fraught family situations, assess what needed to be done, and set out to make that happen. When Carla said, "I was a good lawyer today," she usually meant that she'd been able to protect someone at risk—often a child.

Decades before the #MeToo movement, Carla represented a group of women who sued Carleton College for not having done enough to prevent male students from raping them on campus or to hold their rapists accountable. No other attorney had been willing to take their case. Carla did because she saw people who needed justice and change. She won compensation for her clients and Carleton's commitment to create one of the first systems for preventing sexual assault on campus and helped persuade Congress to pass the federal law requiring colleges and universities to report sexual assaults.

Carla's commitment to justice included helping good people reach public office and then holding them to account. She helped many people with a vocation for leadership find their voices and manifest their inner strengths as organizers, candidates, and elected officials. She was likely proudest of helping Keith Ellison be elected to Congress and as Minnesota's Attorney General. She was a trusted advisor and confidante to many leaders who shared her vision for a more equitable world.

Her gift for creating community particularly shown at her last home at the Midtown Global Market. She painted watercolors and made jewelry.

Carla Kjellberg leaves behind many who loved her fiercely — the love of her life Dick Kaspari; her daughter, Jeanne; her bonus kids, Emily, Jonathan, and his wife Lani; her grandsons, Jake and Ben; her brothers, Ted and Walter; sister-in-law Bonnie and scores of other dear friends and family. You could not meet Carla without being changed. To know her was a great gift.

RICHARD L. KASPARI

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM N. KOSTER

OCTOBER 16, 1940 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

William N. "Bill" Koster was born in New London, Connecticut, where his father was stationed in the U.S. Navy submarine service. In 1941 the family was based at Pearl Harbor. Bill's father survived the Japanese attack as his boat was coming into port but was declared missing in action in the Western Pacific in 1944. Bill was raised in Dubuque, Iowa by his mother, graduating from Loras Academy in 1959. He attended Loras College before transferring to Creighton University, earning his J.D. in 1965.

Bill began his legal career with the Iowa Attorney General and Iowa State Banking Department. In 1968, he joined First Bank System, which he left as senior vice president and deputy general counsel in 1991, joining Moss & Barnett. He was an outstanding lawyer and trusted colleague and advisor, with extensive experience in federal and state regulation of banks and financial institutions, bank acquisitions and sales, and banking and financial service business activities.

Bill was a member of the board of directors and secretary of Moss & Barnett from 1992 to 2000. His sense of balance, patience, and humor under all circumstances were highly valued and critically important.

Following retirement from the practice of law in 2001, Bill became an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law, authoring a textbook and teaching a well-attended course, "The Business of the Practice of Law," which reflected the combination of insight and wit so familiar to those fortunate enough to work with him. He was a gifted storyteller, with an infectious laugh and a keen sense of humor. He was also an optimist, with patience to address any challenge.

Bill's profession was only a small part of his life. He was a devoted son, husband, father, and grandfather. He and his wife Nancy met as teenagers and were married for 57 years.

Bill's faith and family were central to his life, and he was generous with his time and resources. He was a dedicated volunteer at Most Holy Trinity Parish in St. Louis Park—doing everything from chairing the school board to serving Sunday coffee and donuts. He formed many lasting friendships there. Later, Bill continued his support and made new friends at St. Gabriel's Parish in Hopkins. Deeply concerned about the rights of the vulnerable, he served on the boards of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life and Lawyers for Life and had a special focus on organizations serving people with multiple sclerosis. He was an avid reader and sports fan and enjoyed fishing and cabin vacations "up north," as well as travel abroad.

He is survived by his wife and five children: sons, Nicholas (Erika) and Benjamin; and daughters, Christine (Addison) Rohr, Katie Koster and Maggie (Jason) Bittner; and five grandchildren: Mira and Eleanor Koster, Jude Rohr, and Aiden and Harrison Bittner.

Bill will be greatly missed, especially by his family, to whom he was devoted and who loved him so dearly.

FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES OF BILL KOSTER

IN MEMORIAM

JAMA KRIZ

NOVEMBER 28, 1958 – FEBRUARY 19, 2022

Jama M. Kriz passed away on February 19, 2022, after a short battle with cancer. Familiar sayings like “taken too soon” and “only the good die young” have never been more fitting. Jama had recently transitioned to part-time practice with her real estate group at Stinson, and moved to her childhood home in the small, western Illinois town of Elmwood, with her husband, Jeff, to live in the house where she grew up. She and Jeff (mostly Jeff) had spent the last few years renovating the home and it is magnificent.

Jama earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois (where she met Jeff, who is also from Illinois) and her Juris Doctorate at the University of Minnesota. Before pursuing a law career, she was a high school math teacher and an insurance underwriter in Plano, Texas. Jama joined the real estate department at Leonard, Street and Deinard in 1989, where she became a shareholder. When Jeff and Jama’s twin daughters, Amanda and Elizabeth, were born, joining their three-year-old son Zachary, Jama decided to move closer to their Eden Prairie home. In early 1998, she went to Supervalu as a regional council, where she worked for 15 years. Jama came back to her original firm, now Stinson, at the beginning of 2013, where she worked until her passing. She transitioned to part-time in 2021 but continued to work with her real estate practice at Stinson remotely from Elmwood.

Wherever she worked, Jama was recognized for her support and mentorship of her co-workers. Jama was loyal, principled, strong, and funny for sure, but her most important gift, which she generously sprinkled on those around her was her positivity. Jama will be remembered by her friends as selfless, strong, and fun-loving, with an infectious laugh. If you met Jama, you could expect to immediately be put at ease and feel like an instant friend. Jama believed that one could work hard and yet still have fun, which she carried into her workplace. Even during her treatment, she was sending humorous messages to others at the firm, and it was as if she was providing others comfort during her difficulties.

Among hobbies that Jama loved were golfing with Jeff and friends at Olympic Hills in Eden Prairie, playing the piano, watching college football, and even sky-diving!

Jama’s most lasting achievement was building a beautiful family with her loving husband, Jeff. Their children Zachary (Laura) Kriz, Amanda (Derrick) Stanton, and Elizabeth (Alex) Slater, and their beloved granddaughter, Lily, are all a testament to Jama’s unconditional love and care. They will all cherish Jama’s memory, as will her extended family, friends, and co-workers. In addition to her children, Jama leaves behind her brothers Mark and Fred Morse, her sister Amy Kepple, and their families. Jama’s legacy to us all will be the smile it brings to our faces when we remember what a wonderful friend she was to us all.

ALAN VAN DELLEN

IN MEMORIAM
BRADLEY KUXHAUSEN
SEPTEMBER 3, 1988 – MARCH 8, 2022

We have lost a friend and valued Merchant & Gould attorney, Brad D. Kuxhausen, 33, who died peacefully on March 8, three years after being diagnosed with brain cancer. Brad was a great team member, friend, and colleague. He was a member of the Minneapolis team, and he will be missed by his colleagues and clients across all Merchant & Gould offices.

Brad is survived by his wife Michelle, their son Owen, as well as scores of family members, friends, and coworkers from Iowa to Minnesota and in between. He grew up in Glenwood, Iowa and was active in his community. After studying at Iowa State University and earning a degree in mechanical engineering, Brad moved to Minneapolis to attend William Mitchell College of Law. He joined Merchant & Gould after law school graduation more than 10 years ago.

Brad's professionalism and attention to detail made him a "go-to" person for our clients and many members of our firm team. He was an experienced patent attorney, known for his creative solutions and forward-looking approach. Brad's practice primarily focused on drafting and shepherding patent applications through the United States Patent Office, specifically in the mechanical arts. He also aided clients in pursuing intellectual property rights in a variety of different foreign jurisdictions.

In addition to his many accomplishments, Brad was a curious adventurer and active outdoorsman. He sought the open road, whether through group bike rides around the Twin Cities or cross-country motorcycle trips to the West Coast.

Brad's personality drew people to him by inspiring, motivating, and supporting them. Despite his recent challenges, he faced each day with determination, positivity, and integrity.

Brad was brave and strong throughout his fight with cancer, and we will always be inspired by his courage. We are keeping Michelle, Owen, and his family in our thoughts.

MERCHANT & GOULD

IN MEMORIAM
DALE LARSON

AUGUST 12, 1937 – MAY 10, 2022

Dale I. Larson passed away on May 10, 2022, at the age of 84, due to natural causes. Dale graduated from Moorhead High School in 1955. After serving for three years as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne Division, Dale worked as a TV reporter for KXJB-TV in Fargo, North Dakota and for WCCO-TV in Minneapolis.

After he graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1965, he started his legal career at the law firm of Robins, Davis & Lyons, when it had about 30 lawyers. The law firm was renamed Robins, Zelle, Larson & Kaplan in 1980, after Dale was invited to join the firm's executive committee. During the time Dale served on the firm's executive committee, the law firm grew to more than 150 lawyers, expanding its offices and practice nationally. Dale helped the firm to earn the title "Kings of Catastrophe" in a 1985 Time Magazine article based on its involvement in several high-profile litigation cases, many of which Dale was directly involved in managing. Dale left Robins in 1988 to form the Zelle & Larson law firm. In 1999, the Larson • King law firm was formed, carrying forward Dale's values for aggressive representation of clients in litigation matters both nationally and internationally.

Dale never limited his representation to merely one "side" of litigation and instead frequently and routinely represented plaintiffs, defendants, policyholders, insurers, and reinsurers. Dale had direct involvement in most of the high-profile natural, environmental, and product catastrophes that impacted the legal system during his nearly five decades of law practice. Included among the cases where he served as either the lead trial counsel or managing partner were the collapse of Idaho's Teton Dam in 1976; the fire at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas in 1980; and the deadly skywalk collapse at the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel in 1981; as well as litigation involving asbestos bodily injury claims, DES bodily injury claims, Times Beach dioxin claims, Mount St. Helen's eruption claims, and claims arising from the Norwest Bank Fire.

In one of the more prominent moments of his early career, Dale served as lead plaintiffs' counsel for women who sued the A. H. Robins Company arising from personal injury due to the defective Dalkon Shield IUD product, resulting in a monumental victory for his clients in 1984. At the time, it was described as the nation's largest group settlement in a civil case and one of the most ground-breaking mass tort claims of its era.

We extend our deepest condolences to Dale's loving wife, Jan, his sons, Mark and Scott, and the rest of his family.

KEITH DOTSETH

IN MEMORIAM
ROBERT LATZ

JULY 15, 1930 – APRIL 19, 2022

Bob devoted his life to making this world a more just, fair, and better place for everyone, but especially for those who could not stand up for themselves or were subject to discrimination. He was a true leader and trailblazer in law, politics, government, and community.

Bob was known for his incisive intelligence, his oratorical and analytical skills, speaking up when others shied away from controversial issues, his sense of humor, and pursuing his advocacy with passion and purpose.

Bob was the youngest of seven children of labor and civic leader Rubin Latz and Rose (Arnov) Latz, who were first generation immigrants from Lithuania. Bob grew up in North Minneapolis, became a Golden Gloves boxer, and attended North High. His father died during his first year at the University of Minnesota, where Bob was president of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity and Hillel House.

After law school, Bob served as an assistant attorney general, where he was at the forefront of the emerging civil rights movement, prosecuting the first charge under Minnesota's employment discrimination law: a race discrimination case on behalf of a Black busboy who sought to be upgraded to waiter.

Starting in 1958, Bob was elected to four terms as a state representative from North Minneapolis. He continued to work vigorously for those less fortunate, co-authoring the Minnesota Fair Housing Law in 1961, which prohibited housing discrimination. In 1966, Bob became the DFL-endorsed candidate for attorney general. After the North Minneapolis riots, Bob set out to help the community heal by working with business community leaders to form the Urban Coalition of Minneapolis, serving as chairman. He was also a founder and president of the Greater Minneapolis Metropolitan Housing Corporation.

In Bob's private law practice, he sought justice for labor union members. His practice also concentrated on personal injury, medical malpractice, and discrimination claims. Working with the EEOC, he successfully litigated a sex-discrimination class-action claim, resulting in the largest known discrimination settlement in Minnesota at the time. He also successfully fought to seat the first deaf juror in the state.

The state legislature elected Bob to the U of M Board of Regents in 1975, where he served as its first Jewish Vice-Chair. In 1983, the regents appointed him to the U of M Hospital and Clinics Board of Governors, where he served as chair in 1988-89.

Bob had a lifelong commitment to help the Jewish community overcome discrimination and prejudice, serving for many years on the Anti-Defamation League's National Commission, and as president of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

At 77, he authored *Jews in Minnesota Politics: The Inside Stories* (2007). In 2012, the Minnesota State Bar awarded him the David Graven Public Service Award for his commitment to public and community service while exemplifying the highest standards of the legal profession.

Bob's first and most enduring love was for his partner in all things, Carolyn, and everyone in his family.

THE FAMILY OF BOB LATZ

IN MEMORIAM
GEORGE A. LEONE

APRIL 8, 1949 – SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

George Anthony Leone passed away on September 29, 2021, at home in the loving care of his family. He was surrounded with prayers, lots of love, and music. He was 72 years old. A native of Buffalo, New York, he was one of four sons of Charles H. and Agnes (Scime') Leone. He was born on April 8, 1949 and baptized in Holy Angels Church in Buffalo on May 1, 1949. George leaves to mourn his passing his wife Char, five children, and four grandchildren.

As a child, George studied piano. His love of piano and music continued throughout his life, playing for family and friends, and with them in church groups and small blues rock bands.

He graduated from Canisius High School in Buffalo in 1967, and continued his education at the Pratt Institute in New York City, studying engineering. He finished his BSEE degree at the University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo in 1972. He worked for Calspan in Western New York and was recruited by Honeywell Inc. in Minneapolis, making Minneapolis his home for the next 32 years.

George attended William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul while continuing to work at Honeywell and, later, Conwed Corp. in St. Paul. Following graduation in 1983, he became a patent attorney registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His work took him down several paths, working for large and small Minneapolis law firms, and then starting his own boutique law practice specializing in patent, trademark and copyright drafting, prosecution, and maintenance.

In 2006, George and Char moved to Tacoma, where George founded Citadel Patent Law, practicing in the South Sound area until 2021. He made many friends with his quick wit, sense of humor, and friendly and kind ways. He had a deep spirituality, enriched by his Jesuit high school education. He will be remembered for his trustworthiness, professionalism and integrity in his law career. Above all, he loved his family and extended families in New York and Minnesota with gracious generosity and affection.

George loved the outdoors, hiking, and traveling and made life an adventure. He liked to cook, and no one could match his spaghetti sauce and lasagna made from his mother's recipe. He will be dearly missed. George is survived by his wife, Charlene; his sons, George Jr. (Kelly) and David; his daughters Talia, Marissa, and Megan; and four grandchildren.

CHARLENE LEONE

IN MEMORIAM

THE HONORABLE ROBERTA K. LEVY

MARCH 18, 1937 – AUGUST 30, 2022

Roberta K. Levy, a retired longtime Hennepin County District Court judge, died on August 30 in Aventura, Florida, at the age of 85.

Bobbie Levy came to Minnesota in the early 1960s with her husband Robert Levy. They moved to Minnesota from Philadelphia when Bob joined the University of Minnesota Law's faculty. Having made the journey to Minnesota, Bobbie decided to attend the law school where her husband taught, and graduated Minnesota Law in 1964 Magna Cum Laude.

Despite finishing high in her class, Roberta Levy had difficulty finding a job in the Twin Cities at a time when employment opportunities were limited for both women and Jewish attorneys. She ultimately was hired by the Robins law firm, where she stayed for the next few years. She then moved to the Minnesota Public Defender's Office for about five years, briefing and arguing appellate cases at a time when few women attorneys had that opportunity. She joined the Maslon firm in the early 1970s, where she had many friends and colleagues. After a brief stint on the faculty of Minnesota Law School teaching trial advocacy, she was appointed to the Hennepin County trial court bench in 1978. She went on to have a long and illustrious career on the court, serving for about 25 years including serving as chief judge, before retiring from the bench in 2002. She deeply loved her judicial colleagues on the Hennepin County Bench and was respected by the staff and other professionals.

In addition to being a highly regarded judge, Bobbie mentored junior lawyers and judges, and was an honored Jewish community leader and a passionate supporter of women lawyers throughout her career. One of her proudest accomplishments was being honored by the Twin Cities Cardozo Society, a Jewish legal organization.

JONATHAN B. LEVY

IN MEMORIAM
DARWIN JON LOOKINGBILL

JULY 8, 1955 – APRIL 19, 2022

Starting his legal career in 1977, Darwin Lookingbill quickly passed the milestones of a successful practice: prestigious law school, offers nationwide complex bet-the-company litigation, partnership at a big firm. But, in the end, Darwin found that public service was, to him, the true mark of success.

Darwin Jon Lookingbill, the sixth of seven children, was born in Spencer, Iowa, and graduated from Drake University and Stanford Law with honors. After graduating from Stanford in 1980, Darwin joined the Oppenheimer law firm in Minneapolis where he focused on complex financial cases.

Darwin left Oppenheimer in 1995 to serve as the head of the civil division of the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. Then in 2012, Darwin became director of appeals and regulation at the Minnesota Department of Human Services and served until he retired in 2017. Justice was at the core of Darwin's work, both in the public sector and in his volunteer efforts. Darwin's focus included voting rights, marriage equality, and access to housing. May 21, 2022, the day of Darwin's memorial, was declared "Darwin Jon Lookingbill Day" by the City of Minneapolis for his contributions to the community.

Darwin is survived by his husband David Potter. He is also survived by brothers, David (Julie Spalla) Lookingbill, Dean (Mary) Lookingbill, Duane Lookingbill; brother-in-law Dennis (Lucy) Potter; stepsiblings, John (Dianne) Wendlandt, William (Ramona) Wendlandt, Ann Silberman; nieces, Wendy (Brandon) Carlson, Anna (Joel) Steele, Rachel (Davis) Weyent, Rebecca (Grant) Winters, Emily Silberman, Jessica Potter (Jonathan O'Neill), Erin (John) Lafferty; and nephew, Derek (Alanta) Lookingbill, along with many grandnieces and grandnephews.

DAVID POTTER

IN MEMORIAM

TERRY LOUIE

JULY 5, 1954 – OCTOBER 10, 2021

Terry Milton Louie passed away peacefully at age 67 on October 10, 2021, with his loving wife Linda at his side. Terry was a prominent Minnesota attorney, civic leader and tireless advocate, mentor, and supporter of members of Minnesota's Asian Pacific legal community.

Terry was the son of Chinese immigrants Sam and Ida Louie of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was proud of his Philadelphia background and being a "Philly" boy. He graduated from Northeast Catholic High School, earned a B.S. degree from Temple University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. He served in the U.S. Navy's Judge Advocates Corps. Upon leaving active duty he became a member of the Navy Reserve where he rose to the rank of Commander. He was proud of his military service and throughout his life helped recruit young lawyers to join the JAG Corps. He is missed by the Navy JAG Community.

Terry's legal career covered more than 40 years. After active service with the Navy, he worked for the law firm of Dorsey and Whitney. He subsequently worked for the U.S. Justice Department, the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Terry earned the utmost respect and admiration of all his colleagues, who enjoyed working with him as he did with them. Terry was known for his thoughtful approach to law and his willingness to give back to the profession. He earned accolades for his willingness to assist friends and colleagues and his pro bono legal work. Terry also served as an adjunct legal writing instructor at Mitchell Hamline Law School.

He was a living example of the principles he valued. Terry had a lifetime commitment to promoting education, both his own and for others. He was a founder in the Minnesota National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (MNAPABA), where he helped set up a network of attorneys dedicated to overcoming bias against Asian Americans and to help them gain access to all areas of American civic life. He became the first president of MNAPABA and saw the association grow from being able to meet around a single restaurant table to a membership in the hundreds. He promoted the aspirations of many Asians who were considering a career in the law. Terry predicted that these students would become Minnesota's next generation of prominent attorneys, judges, and magistrates. He was prescient. MNAPABA changed the name of its student scholarship to the Terry M. Louie Founders Scholarship to honor Terry's commitment to the Asian legal community.

Terry is survived by his loving wife, Linda, and was ever grateful for the friendship and support he received from her extended family. He is survived by his brother Michael (Peggy); sister, Diane (Gerhard) Zanker; niece Emily; nephew Kevin and many cousins and friends. Terry was cherished by many as a husband, sibling, uncle, mentor, and friend. He is greatly missed.

EVAN TSAI

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS D. MCCORMICK

MARCH 26, 1948 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

Attorney Tom McCormick, age 74, of Hudson, Wisconsin, died peacefully of natural causes on September 13, 2022. He will be deeply missed by colleagues and clients in the community he served for decades, as well as by his family and friends.

A graduate of St. Cloud State University, Tom earned his Juris Doctor degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 1979 and began practicing as a civil litigator. In 1988, he moved to Hudson, where he established McCormick Law Firm, a general litigation practice, in 1996. Tom was licensed in both Wisconsin and Minnesota and was continuously certified as a civil trial specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association from 1993 on.

As a litigator who concentrated much of his practice in plaintiffs' personal injury work, Tom was acutely aware of the difference his efforts made in the lives of his clients and their families. Although he tried dozens of cases to jury verdicts in his 40 years of practice, and settled hundreds more, he treated each case as if it were his most important—because to the client, it was. Tom also represented insurers and businesses in a variety of civil litigation matters.

Clients trusted Tom not only because of his reputation for diligent advocacy, but because of the responsiveness and consideration with which he treated them. Colleagues respected Tom for his knowledge of the law and meticulous trial preparation, but most of all for his observance of the highest professional ethics. This universal regard for Tom's professionalism earned him the esteemed Martindale-Hubbell "AV" peer rating.

In addition to working tirelessly on behalf of his clients, Tom was also deeply involved in professional activities and his local community in Hudson. He served two terms on the Hudson City Council, served as board chair of Camp St. Croix, and served on the Hudson Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Board of Directors. Tom was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow and Governor's Service Award by the Hudson Rotary Club. He was elected dean of the Association of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota (ACTLM) and took great pride in serving this prestigious group of dedicated certified trial attorneys.

When not serving his clients, colleagues, or community, Tom enjoyed spending time outdoors, traveling internationally, golfing, driving his sports cars, and most of all, spending time with family. Tom is survived by his three children and their spouses, eight grandchildren, his former wife, twin brother, nieces and nephews, who are proud of the impact he had on his profession and the people he served.

ELIZABETH LOWRY MCCORMICK

IN MEMORIAM
BRYAN KEITH MCKAMEY

MAY 30, 1958 – FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Bryan was a terrific lawyer. More importantly, he was a terrific man. He lived with cancer for 15 years, gamely trying whatever medicines and treatments his doctors at the Mayo Clinic suggested, until the very end when even he had to admit there were “no more rabbits to pull out of the hat.” He was a trivia whiz, loved Motown music and college basketball, and made delicious hand-tossed pizzas in his self-built backyard brick oven. He gave incredible bear hugs and calmed every fussy baby ever handed his way. He could never take in enough sunsets over Lake Superior.

Bryan grew up in the lower peninsula of Michigan, part of a large, tight knit family. He graduated from Michigan State University and was a lifelong Spartan fan. He moved to Minnesota to attend law school, earning a J.D. from Hamline University School of Law in 1985. He worked for several years as a litigator before transitioning to in-house roles. He was especially fond of the legal team he worked with at CNA Insurance, where he practiced the last several years of his life.

Bryan was a modest man who likely would have balked at having a public memorial like this one written about him. We wanted him to be recognized for his contributions, though, and to ensure that friends in the legal community who might not otherwise have heard were aware of his passing. He was exactly the kind of person the legal profession needs—honest, smart, and caring. We were blessed to have him in our lives and miss him dearly.

**AIMÉE BISSONETTE
ALIZA MCKAMEY
MAUREEN MCKAMEY
BRIAN MICHOR
GABI**

IN MEMORIAM
THOMAS MCNEILL

SEPTEMBER 14, 1957 – JANUARY 4, 2023

Thomas Howland McNeill was the youngest of six children born to Dr. John A. and Patricia McNeill. Tom attended SPA, class of '75. He earned a B.A. from the University of Minnesota, class of '80, where he was a member of the ATO fraternity. He earned his J.D. from William Mitchell Law School in 1984. As an attorney, Tom worked for Cousineau, McGuire, & Anderson, the Resolution Group, the St. Paul Companies, and Travelers Insurance. Outside of work Tom was a dance aerobics instructor, a terrific chef, and a light in the LGBTQ community.

Tom's career was cut short by medical issues that forced him to retire in 2007 and left him almost totally disabled in 2009 after brain surgery at the Mayo Clinic.

With his disabilities Tom showed heroic grace working daily to overcome physical limitations that left him wheelchair bound for over 12 years. Tom made many friends among staff and residents at the Dunganvin, MN Inc., Hiawatha campus, in South Minneapolis where he lived and received excellent care.

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Minneapolis, extended extraordinary Christian love to Tom, making him a welcome part of their community.

Predeceased by his parents; his sister, Alixe McNeill-Park; and brother James B. McNeill. He is survived by his siblings John (Jane), Brian (Steve), and Madeline; five nieces and seven great- nieces and nephews.

BRIAN H. MCNEILL

IN MEMORIAM
RAY NELSON, JR.

MARCH 10, 1944 – JULY 13, 2022

Ray E. Nelson, Jr. passed away at age 78 on July 13, 2022, in Golden Valley. He was born March 10, 1944, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and graduated in 1962 from Edina-Morningside High School, where he lettered in football and track. He received a B.A. from the University of Minnesota and Juris Doctor from William Mitchell College of Law, and practiced law in Richfield until 2014.

Ray was most at home on a lake and in the woods where he loved to hunt, canoe, fish or just plain sit with his pipe surrounded by the sounds of nature. In early childhood he loved to explore in the woods behind the family home in Duluth, and as an adult at his beloved cabin on White Pine Lake in northeast Minnesota.

Ray's other passion was studying politics. He analyzed data long before digital analytics became the rage. He had a witty sense of humor and amazed many with his extensive vocabulary.

SUSAN NELSON

IN MEMORIAM

ROSALIA “SALLY” OLSEN

OCTOBER 30, 1934 – JANUARY 24, 2022

Born and raised in St. Paul, Sally rose from humble roots to become a pioneering civic leader in a time when there were few female role models. She championed many worthy causes, especially those related to education and to helping others during her 28 years of public service.

Sally and husband Vern raised their family in St. Louis Park, where she joined local commissions in the early 1960s. Starting in 1970, she served nine years on the St. Louis Park School Board, 14 years in the Minnesota Legislature representing St. Louis Park and surrounding District 44A cities, as a lawyer, and ultimately as an appellate judge on the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals until her retirement in 1998.

During her five legislative terms she was a member of or led many committees including Education, Commerce and Veterans Affairs and served as Chief Republican Assistant Minority Leader in 1991–1992. She gained a strong reputation as a negotiator able to craft solutions bridging different views.

Sally received her B.A. from Metropolitan State University in 1973. While a freshman legislator in her mid-40s, she earned a J.D. from Hamline University School of Law in 1982 and was admitted to practice in Minnesota (1982), U.S. District Court (1983) and U.S. Court of Appeals (1985). She joined Hessian, McKasy & Soderberg, later establishing a private practice, excelling in arbitration and mediation.

Governor Arne Carlson appointed Sally as an appellate judge on the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals in 1992, a role that she felt was both a privilege and an honor; she was pleased that none of her decisions were overturned by a higher court. From 1992 to 1998 she also served on the Minnesota State Bar Association Board of Governors, chairing various committees, subcommittees and task forces, as well as the Hennepin County Bar Association Governing Council, including as co-chair in 1996–1998.

She channeled her boundless energy to many other interests when she retired. She visited over 70 countries on six continents and 49 US states. When not globetrotting, she and Vern golfed, square danced, and played bridge. She was a gifted puzzle solver and a lifelong learner who loved experiences like being onstage as a contestant in a Broadway show and learning to play a bouzouki in Greece.

Despite being a three-time breast cancer survivor, she never complained and fully embraced life.

Sally was as devoted to her family as she was to public service. We will always remember her as a loving, smart, inspirational dynamo that encouraged us to do our best. Her family misses her every day, along with her husband Vern who passed away just 70 days after her death.

Sally is survived by son, Rick (Lei Lu); daughter, Susan Adelman (Kerry); and grandson, Scot Olsen-Morales. She was predeceased by her daughter, Roxanne.

THE CHILDREN OF SALLY OLSEN

IN MEMORIAM

MELVIN ORENSTEIN

SEPTEMBER 4, 1926 – AUGUST 25, 2022

Melvin Israyl Orenstein was born in Minneapolis in 1926. He lived on the North Side until he was 12, when his family moved to St. Paul. He worked in the family soap business until age 16, when he enlisted in the Navy and spent the war as a bugler.

When he returned, Mel made a living selling soap with his father, on the road together five days a week. He married Beatsy Dolf in 1951 and quickly saw that a traveling salesman's life was not conducive to a happy marriage. Beatsy's father, attorney Sam Dolf, showed him there was a better alternative. Mel went to the University of Minnesota and became a lawyer in 1955—and a very happily married man for 65 years.

After Mel served as the Minnesota Supreme Court's first special term law clerk, he was ready to go to the Maslon firm. But one of the justices advised him that he didn't have to go to one of the Jewish firms ("It's about time we changed things."). He introduced Mel to Tom Vennum, and soon Mel joined Vennum, Newhall, Ackman & Goetz, perhaps the first Jew to join a "gentile" Minnesota firm.

Mel threw himself into a general practice, including a lot of trial work—condemnation, personal injury and commercial cases. He and his friend Gerry Magnuson were the driving force in the merger of their two firms, which in 1968 became Lindquist & Vennum. The firm stood for excellence, integrity, leadership, and public service—all values that Mel personified. He founded the firm's bankruptcy practice, which eventually led to Northern Pipeline, a landmark case that Mel won in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1982. Not long afterwards he led the effort to create the Minnesota Client Security Fund and served for six years as its first board chairman. He received the WCCO Good Neighbor Award for his work.

Beatsy used to say that every organization Mel joined wanted him to be its president, from the local barbershoppers chapter to the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, of which, at 42, he was the youngest president up to that time. During Mel's term the Minneapolis congregation purchased vacant land in Hopkins, and 25 years later he co-chaired the building committee for the beautiful synagogue that sits there today. Mel received the Cardozo Society's Sidney Barrows Lifetime Commitment Award in 2008. (Characteristically, he told his sons, "I think they've run out of people to honor.")

In his ninth decade, Mel still wasn't done. He attained a master's in liberal studies from the University of Minnesota at the age of 82.

Mel's influence on his colleagues, friends and family was immeasurable. Not by accident did two of his children become lawyers, while one became a best-selling nonfiction writer who credits Mel for teaching her "how to build an argument." Mel was prouder of his family than he was of anything else in his life, and his family loved him and will miss him, always.

DAVID & JOHN ORNSTEIN

IN MEMORIAM
PETER ORPUT

JUNE 20, 1955 – APRIL 3, 2022

Longtime prosecutor Peter “Pete” Orput, 66, passed away suddenly on April 3, 2022, after a recent diagnosis of abdominal cancer. Pete announced in January 2022 that he would retire at the end of the year.

Pete was a former high school history teacher and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Throughout his career, Pete served in several county attorneys’ offices in Minnesota as a prosecutor, including Hennepin County’s violent crimes division, the Minnesota Attorney General’s office, and as head legal counsel for the Minnesota Department of Corrections. Pete was thought of by many as a “trial machine.” Pete left Hennepin County when he was elected Washington County Attorney in 2010 and remained in office until his death.

Pete was a pioneer in establishing Veterans Courts in both Hennepin and Washington Counties. Pete was also instrumental in the passing of the statewide Veterans Restorative Justice Act. He was a strong advocate for veterans and was instrumental in getting justice-involved veterans back on track as productive members of society.

Pete tackled serious societal issues such as opioid addiction and sex trafficking, playing a key role in the creation of the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force. He helped lead an effort in 2017 by county attorneys to sue the manufacturers and distributors of opioid painkillers. The suit settled for more than \$300 million—money intended to cover state, county, and city costs in fighting the opioid epidemic.

As stated, in part, by MCAA President, Mark Metz:

“As a County Attorney family, we mourn the loss of a friend and colleague, Pete Orput. Pete represented everything we all believe in and work towards every day—the pursuit of justice, zealous advocacy, fair play, compassion, integrity and humility. His intensity, passion and authenticity were unmatched. Pete gave selflessly of his time, his expertise and resources. He never shied away from a challenge and helped countless people. He loved his family, friends, colleagues and role as a public servant. We celebrate his laugh and unique voice, his genuine smile and grin, and we celebrate Pete Orput’s life.”

Pete was also a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, and dog lover. He was a loyal friend to a great many. He had a true passion for life, and he was one of the funniest wordsmiths the world has ever encountered.

In addition to the countless friends and colleagues that could be found in every corner of his life, he is survived by his wife, Tami; his children, Ann Hodgson, Jim Orput, and Charlie Orput; step-daughters, Amanda Foell, Brittini Roth, and Carlie Hargesheimer; eight grandchildren; his father, James B. Orput; his siblings, Mary Linstroth, Patty McGough, Carol O’Connor, Maggie Felling, Tom Orput, Kate Carter, and Sheila Loop; and countless nieces and nephews. Pete was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Dillon Orput.

He will be greatly missed by his loving family, friends, and colleagues and will always be remembered in our hearts.

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES OF PETE ORPUT

IN MEMORIAM
RONALD PETERSON

SEPTEMBER 24, 1944 – DECEMBER 22, 2021

Ronald "Ron" Peterson, age 77, passed away on December 22, 2021. Ron was born in Carson, Iowa on September 24, 1944, but lived his formative years in Jackson, Minnesota. Ron grew up on a farm and loved to reminisce about being a strapping young boy working on the farm, and his ability to eat a whole chicken when they were doing harvest. He never forgot his roots. He attended college and law school at the University of Minnesota, graduating from law school in 1973.

In his early practice years, he was with the law firm of Steffen & Munstenteiger, and later, Barna, Guzy. He was a shareholder/managing partner at Messerli & Kramer in the 1990s. He was then a shareholder with Peterson Habicht, until he joined the DeWitt Law Firm in 2017. As an attorney for over 48 years, he served clients in practice areas of mergers and acquisitions, business, real estate and business succession planning. He worked with clients on issues including matters with business acquisition, financial services, intellectual property, commercial real estate, and capital financing. Ron was selected to Minnesota Super Lawyers from 1999 through 2015. Ron shared tremendous relationships with clients, shareholders, associates, staff, and opposing counsel. Ron lived life large. He always dressed the part. In October and November of every year, you could find Ron hunting. He also enjoyed annual fishing trips to Kabeelo Lodge in Ontario, Canada. Ron loved nothing better than a great meal with close friends, good conversations, feeding his birds, a great glass of wine, and chocolate. Ron never retired from the practice of law. Survived by loving wife of 25 years, Ann (nee Setnes) Peterson, who is also an attorney.

**PAUL J. QUAST
WILLIAM M. HABICHT**

IN MEMORIAM

FRED PRITZKER

AUGUST 18, 1950 – JANUARY 10, 2022

Fred Pritzker died on January 10, 2022, surrounded by loved ones. He was 71 years old. He was a lifelong resident of St. Paul. Fred graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School. He started his legal career in the Minnesota Department of Commerce and quickly moved on to the firm of Meshbesh, Singer & Spence, where he became a partner. He briefly worked at Schwebel, Goetz and Sieben, before setting out to start his own firm.

Over the decades of independent practice his firm took many iterations, none quite so successful or rewarding as his final partnership with Eric Hageman, at the firm of Pritzker Hageman.

Throughout his career, Fred focused his practice on complex litigation where precision and mastery of complex subject matter was critical. He was one of the first lawyers in the country to address food safety, a focus area that remained an essential part of his practice, along with fire and explosion cases.

In the words of his partner Eric Hageman, “Fred’s legal skillset was impressively broad: he was a genius at legal marketing; he was a skilled orator and negotiator; he had an impressive mastery of science and medicine; and he was a tenacious litigator. Just as important to his legal and business acumen, however, was Fred’s capacity for forming incredibly close connections with his clients, as he had a unique ability to find echoes of another person in himself. Because he viewed himself as somewhat of an outsider, he could easily relate to the marginalized and less-fortunate among us. This skill was crucial to his success, since all advocacy is, at its core, an exercise in empathy.”

Fred’s advocacy work was not limited to his clients. Fred fought throughout his life to ensure that people with disabilities had healthy, safe, and meaningful lives. This passion was born out of the love for his son Jacob, who is severely disabled. Fred worked until he died to make life better for all people with disabilities. He advocated with the care, effectiveness, and vigor that he brought to his practice. This advocacy took place on a local, statewide, and national scale. The world is a better place because of Fred.

He is survived and deeply missed by his wife Renee and his children Jacob and Sarah.

RENEE PRITZKER

IN MEMORIAM

JEFFREY ROSS

DECEMBER 26, 1956 – MARCH 21, 2022

Jeff was born in St. Paul, the son of a women's clothing salesman. From an early age he attended SPA, where he played football and chess. He was somewhat more naturally inclined toward chess. He went on to Columbia University, completing an undergraduate degree in philosophy, and then returned to the Twin Cities to attend the University of Minnesota Law School.

He was proud of his career in law. He found the work intellectually engaging and liked using the law as an instrument for good. His first cases involved winning damages for a handyman who'd been slandered by a local television station and protecting a family-owned ice cream shop against corporate encroachment. Over time he developed a specialty in securities fraud. He held Ponzi-schemers accountable, as well as financial institutions that cooked their books—during the collapse of Enron, he played a hand in proceedings against Arthur Anderson. One of his final matters was to secure a favorable settlement for a class of individuals who'd lost their savings to Bernie Madoff.

The month he began his retirement was the month he learned he was sick. His plans had included refining his chess game and reading *In Search of Lost Time* in its entirety. Instead, the next five years were largely devoted to managing his illness, a rare cancer. Through most of this period, Jeff enjoyed a high quality of life. He spent a great deal of his time in Palm Springs with his partner, his friends, and his family.

He is survived by his children, Max and Lydia; his grandchildren, Natalia, Zack, and Rose; and his brothers, Mike and Barry.

MAX ROSS

IN MEMORIAM
MARK RURIK

APRIL 9, 1957 – FEBRUARY 23, 2022

Mark died of heart failure on February 23, 2022 in Edina at the age of 64. He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur Johnson; his mother, Arline Johnson; and his sister, Susan Johnson. He is survived by his wife, Lissa; his son and daughter-in-law, William and Jazmin; and his daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Cade.

Mark was born in Minneapolis in 1957, and later moved to Mound with his aunt Miriam after tragically losing both parents in early childhood. He studied English and political science at Macalester College, graduating *magna cum laude*, and he later earned his J.D. at the University of Minnesota, where he graduated *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif and as a member of the law review.

Mark achieved great successes in his legal career. He clerked at the Wall Street firm Fried Frank, where he was one of two interns out of 35 to receive a full-time offer. Mark declined the offer, instead choosing to remain in Minnesota to prioritize family. In Minnesota, Mark began working for Mackall, Crouse & Moore as a corporate lawyer, and then moved to Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren. While there, he managed the closing of the firm's largest ever transaction at the time: the takeout equity financing for the Mall of America. After retiring from law to write and raise his children, Mark also worked with a friend and former law school classmate to establish the concepts of Behavioral Healthcare Partners (BHP). BHP was a behavioral healthcare management company that focused on expanding access and improving the quality of mental health services in Minnesota.

People close to Mark knew his charming wit and his sense of humor. He loved to showcase his extensive vocabulary in verbal jousting matches with his lifelong friends. He demonstrated this regularly in his banter during regular poker games and in making bets on the outcome of a football game on a Sunday afternoon. He also channeled his love of the English language into writing poems, screenplays, and publishing his own novel.

Above all else, Mark was a loving husband and father. He was always supportive of his wife's career, and he made sure that his family enjoyed quality time together during the nightly dinners he prepared. Some favorite family memories include when his daughter Lauren had a grueling test to prepare for, he would surprise her after it was over by showing up with a Dairy Queen Blizzard. He threw the baseball with his son William and would regularly take him out to batting practice. He also loved helping his kids buy cars (having been a car salesman earlier in life). He and his wife Lissa enjoyed driving in his Miata convertible around Crow Wing County near their lake cabin, and during the pandemic lockdown, they enjoyed each other's company while listening to music together while cooking.

He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who loved him.

WILLIAM B. RURIK

IN MEMORIAM

HAROLD SADOFF

FEBRUARY 24, 1940 – NOVEMBER 26, 2021

Harold Sadoff was born in Minneapolis in 1940 to Max and Rose Sadoff. While attending the University of Minnesota, he met his future wife Jackie Rank, and they were engaged in 1964, and married in 1965. Six months after getting married, he graduated with a B.A. in psychology and a B.S. in pharmacy, passed the pharmacy licensing examination, and began working as a pharmacist.

He enjoyed working as a pharmacist very much, loving the interaction with the customers. At the same time, he dreamed of becoming a lawyer, and finally took the LSAT after several months of contemplation. He applied to law school right before his first-born son was born, and started night classes at William Mitchell two weeks later. He worked a 40-hour week in pharmacy, and went to William Mitchell College of Law at night.

Harold had planned to combine both professions after graduating law school and was offered a position at Eli Lilly pharmaceuticals as in-house counsel. After some discussion, Harold and Jackie decided to turn down the job, and stay in Minneapolis to be close to family. He did however use his expertise in Pharmacy and law to teach law classes at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy.

Harold's first office was a store front of the building where his father owned and operated Sadoff Pharmacy. After hanging up a shingle, he began a general law practice. Before he knew it, many people in the neighborhood who knew and loved his dad came to Harold with all types of cases. Harold worked the store front, and set up a remote office with a shared office phone at his house in Golden Valley so Jackie could care for their children and answer phones and do secretarial work right from the home office in the basement of their house. Soon a Sadoff pharmacy customer did his typing.

These clients followed him to one of his first downtown offices. Sharing office space in the beginning brought on new clients where his practice consisted primarily of workers compensation and personal injury throughout the years. He put his heart and soul into his practice and was a very zealous advocate for his clients.

Barb Nelson, one of Harold's employees, reflected back on his career in law stating, "He was always on the side of the little guy and always made clients feel important and that they had a chance and it was worth fighting the big companies."

In 2008, Harold retired from full time practice and began working part time, on his own schedule, as an arbitration judge and pharmacist, taking time with Jackie to travel and spend more time enjoying life with their friends and family. Harold is survived by his wife Jackie, four children, and eleven grandchildren.

NAFTEN SADOFF AND JACKIE SADOFF

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN MARK SHERAN

JUNE 6, 1950 – DECEMBER 20, 2022

John passed away peacefully on December 20, 2022. He was 72. John is preceded in death by his parents, Chief Justice Robert Sheran and Jean Brown Sheran; his brother, Michael; and sister-in-law, Rizalina. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Christina; his three children and their spouses, Laura (Nicholas Pape), Jordan (Charles Barlow), and Michael (Stephanie Zuk); and six grandchildren, Owen, Emma, Ethan, Jack, Olivia, and Henry. He is also survived by three siblings and their spouses, Tom (Linda), Kathleen (Dean Doyscher), and Daniel (Nancy), and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

John was born in Mankato on June 6, 1950. He then moved with his family to St. Paul in 1963 when his father was appointed to the Minnesota Supreme Court. John graduated from St. Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights and received his undergraduate and law degrees from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

John's law practice began in 1975 at the Farrish Law Office in Mankato, followed by 25 years at Leonard Street and Deinard (now Stinson) in Minneapolis. Early in his career, he focused primarily on insurance coverage defense work. The second half of his career involved representing injured individuals and self-insured entities. John's familiarity with outstate and metro-area Minnesota and his balanced representation of plaintiffs and defendants provided a unique perspective that was highly beneficial in facilitating the resolution of personal injury and wrongful death claims.

John received many recognitions as a lawyer but none more meaningful than his induction into the American College of Trial Lawyers. After his nomination, he wrote to his uncle, Judge Miles Zimmerman, "I recently found out that you were behind my nomination to the American Trial Lawyers. I want to thank you for your vote of confidence, but I do feel a little like Groucho Marx who once said that he was hesitant to join any organization whose standards were so low as to accept him as a member."

John was gifted with a quick wit, a capacity to build lasting relationships, and a natural talent for music. Without formal instruction, he taught himself to play guitar and piano by ear, performing almost any song he heard for friends and family. John's keen ability to express an amusing and often hilarious twist on even the most mundane situations kept his family and friends laughing through many difficult times, including his struggle with cancer.

We all wonder what people will say after we pass, for John Sheran, his partners remember him in death as they did in life, as a quiet "still waters" in the "hair-on-fire" world of law practice and an inspiration to many who generously shared his experience, insight, and particularly his humor.

Most would agree his life was a life well lived.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN SHERAN

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES STUART SIMONSON

NOVEMBER 9, 1934 – OCTOBER 10, 2022

James “Jim” Stuart Simonson died peacefully on October 10, 2022. He was surrounded by his loving family, including his wife of 59 years, Carol. A former trial attorney with the Gray Plant Mooty law firm, Jim was a prominent member of the Minneapolis community.

Jim was born November 9, 1934, in Deerfield, Wisconsin, the son of Alvin Theodor Simonson and Mabel (Holten) Simonson. He was raised on a farm and educated in a one-room country schoolhouse (Oak Park Country School). He attended Madison East High School, where he began wrestling, and then University of Wisconsin, where he received a liberal arts education and was a varsity letter winner in wrestling. After earning top grades in his first year of law school at Wisconsin, he transferred to Harvard Law School, graduating in 1959. Upon graduation, Jim immediately joined the Minneapolis law firm of Cant, Taylor, Haverstock, Beardsley & Gray, which eventually became Gray Plant Mooty (now Lathrop GPM).

Jim was a successful and well-known trial lawyer and a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, amongst other accolades. His clients included General Motors, Firestone, Kraft Foods, and Soo Line Railroad, among others. Described as a “lawyer’s lawyer,” Jim excelled at complex trial defense of clients. Many have noted his tenacious and winning trial skills, sense of humor, love of people and animals, and commitment to teaching young people.

In the late 1960s, Jim started the Wesac Park Board wrestling program, which he coached through 2000. In the early 1990s, he moved the program from Kenwood to North Minneapolis (Phyllis Wheatley Community Center), in part as an effort to serve underprivileged youth. Despite his busy law practice, he consistently coached practices two nights a week, dual meets one night a week and tournaments on weekends.

Jim was also well known for bicycling to work (including through the winter), starting in the 1970s, well before that form of transportation became popular in Minneapolis. He ran daily around Lake of the Isles and was an early patron of The Wedge. He loved opera and golf. He attended Plymouth Congregational Church.

Jim is survived by his wife Carol (Merryman) Simonson; his sons, Daniel Simonson, Kyle Simonson and Leif Simonson (Rebecca Graham); his daughter, Elizabeth Simonson (Eric Miller); his sister, Sonja (Simonson) Schrag; his nieces, Rachel Schrag and Ellen Lewis; his grandchildren, Matthew Simonson (Erica), Jared Simonson, Hollister Simonson, Jenjeela Simonson, and Leopold Simonson; his grandnephew, Mark Pauling II; and his great-grandchildren Elliot Simonson and Margaret Simonson.

LEIF THORSTEN SIMONSON

IN MEMORIAM

BENJAMIN SMITH

SEPTEMBER 4, 1941 – AUGUST 11, 2022

Benjamin J. Smith worked at Smith, Gendler, Shiell, Sheff and Ford, (Minneapolis) specializing in real estate tax assessment appeals.

Benjamin Jay Smith passed away peacefully the morning of August 11, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Esther Smith. He is survived by his sister, Gayle Shavit, and his loving family, including beloved wife of 58 years, Andrea; children, Phillip Smith, Nicole and (son in law) Jordan Sendar, and Valerie Tate and partner Eric Smith; grandchildren, Jonah Tate, Cameron, and Gavin Sendar; and Jonah's dad, Clark Tate. He created a network of love and family, and he was devoted to his children and grandchildren. He was very active, a sports fan, and had a big sense of humor.

Ben was an attorney and had a passion for teaching religious school, tutoring children and was a well-loved coach. If he did it all over again, he said he would have been a teacher. When he retired, he stayed active and opened a restaurant. He was a giving and open-hearted man who will be deeply missed.

PHILLIP, NICKY, AND VALERIE SMITH

IN MEMORIAM

LEON TRAWICK

APRIL 4, 1948 – MAY 6, 2022

Leon Adolphus Trawick was a retired Minneapolis attorney with over four decades of experience in general and criminal law. He was a respected litigator and trial attorney who was recognized by peers and the legal community for his intelligence and legal acumen. Born in Washington D.C., he was raised there by parents Lonnie Harper Trawick and Louise LaVergne Hopson. They were from Georgia, college-educated, and involved in and affected by the civil rights issues of the time.

The values and commitment his parents demonstrated for social justice and equality guided Leon throughout his professional career. Leon attended Cardozo High School where he was an outstanding athlete in both football and baseball.

Upon graduation from Cardozo in 1966, he accepted a full scholarship to attend the University of Minnesota where he joined the Gopher Football Team. In 1967, Leon had the distinct honor to participate as a starting member of the Big Ten Championship football team. In 1970, Leon completed his Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Liberal Arts with a major in psychology. He was also a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity- Epsilon Rho Chapter. He graduated with a Juris Doctorate in 1973 from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Leon's professional career began in 1973 as a law clerk for the Hon. Edward Cohn. He began practicing law in 1974 at the law firm of Douglas, McMaster and Trawick, where he became a partner at the youthful age of 28. In 1976, Leon partnered with a former law school classmate, George Smith, to establish Trawick and Smith until his retirement in 2016. During his career he worked on both civil and criminal cases. He practiced in both federal and state courts and was noted for taking on problematic cases that challenged other attorneys.

Leon served his community in numerous ways, including as Warren E. Burger Inn of Court President; continuing legal education presenter for the Minnesota State Bar Association; recipient of the Judge's Choice Award for courtesy and preparedness, and appreciation for outstanding service to the Big Ten Conference as chair and member of the Advisory Commission. Most recently, Leon proudly served on the board of directors of the Great North Innocence Project, where he was instrumental in the move to the U of M Law School.

Leon was also a longtime faithful member of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Minneapolis. Everyone who met Leon would say he was outgoing, had a big smile, a big voice, and a tremendous sense of humor. From his time in college until his passing, he was always thrilled to drive around in his 1974 green classic Mercedes 450SL convertible sports car. It was as if he drove it with the top down to signal the passage of winter to spring.

Leon leaves to mourn, his sister, LaVergne Trawick, PhD; his aunt, Ellen Douglas; cousins, Muriel Sherriff, Robert Hopson, Arnold (Sandra) Hopson, Paul Hopson, David (Debra) Hopson, Grady (Martha) Cornish; and a host of friends and colleagues.

**THE FAMILY OF LEON TRAWICK
F. CLAYTON TAYLER**

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT ODIN VIDAS

FEBRUARY 22, 1928 – AUGUST 29, 2022

Bob was raised by his mother after his dad died of tuberculosis when he was just eight years old. He was helped along with a Big Brother, Dr. McPheeters. He had a severe injury to his ankle as a teenager but kept his leg.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a physical chemistry degree and got his Juris Doctor degree from William Mitchell. He married his wife Donna Fernstrom, meeting her at the U of M and they were married 71 and a half years. He was activated by the Army National Guard and served as a medic in Alabama during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant. His daughter Susan Vidas Fish was born at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

He worked at Honeywell as a chemist and a lawyer and was awarded several patents. He attended law school in the evenings while working full time. His son, Scott Vidas, was born while he worked at Honeywell. Bob was a Big Brother to three different boys to honor his Big Brother's assistance. Bob gave free legal advice through the Hennepin County Bar Association and was president of The Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association. He enjoyed being a member of the Minneapolis Club.

He was a partner in the law offices of Schroeder, Siegfried and left that firm and formed Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus dealing in patents & trademarks. He was a litigator and represented Medtronic and Fabcon in U.S. District Court as well as in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. He retired at age 62 from Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus and continued to travel the world with his wife, and many friends and relatives.

SCOTT VIDAS

IN MEMORIAM
EDWIN WIDSETH
JULY 18, 1944 – JANUARY 6, 2022

Edwin "George" Widseth passed away peacefully surrounded by his son and daughter on January 6, 2022, at the age of 77. He enjoyed his final years in San Diego, spending time with his children and newest grandson. When he wasn't with family, he took full advantage of the beautiful weather, always ready to catch a tan while going for walks or relaxing outside with a great book. Raised in Northeast Minneapolis by his parents, Edwin and Janet Widseth, George was a true Minnesotan, never missing an opportunity to go running in subzero temperatures or watching the Gophers "lose a game they should've won." After receiving his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Minnesota, George began a 27-year career in the Hennepin County's District Attorney's Office as a public defender.

A few years later, he moved to a role as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Hennepin County, retiring in 2014. He took immense pride in the work he did and the people he helped in the community. He also cherished the vast network of friends and organizations he participated in over the years from Alcoholics Anonymous and Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers to his weekly spin club, where he always made time to listen and tell a well-timed joke. He participated in the Twin City Marathon, as well as biathlons and triathlons. His smile and warmth will be deeply missed. George is survived by his children, Benjamin Widseth (Courtney) and Gabrielle Matthey (Gaurav); his grandson, Raam Matthey; his sister, Jane Widseth (Bruce Partridge); and their children, John and Carl Partridge.

BENJAMIN WIDSETH

IN MEMORIAM
DONALD WIESE

FEBRUARY 2, 1929 – AUGUST 16, 2022

Well, it's over. The end was not so bad and, although I can now feel a pull to get on with it here, I can peek in on the funeral before I catch the train for what I think is a ballgame. Nice rainy day down there, not too warm. Not quite the crowd I'd expected, but then I was pretty old by the time I checked out. All the grandchildren made it, busy as they are. My children are taking it harder than I wish they would, but they will be okay. And there is Shirley. This is hard for her. When you are an item for over 65 years, it is hard for one to see down any road that does not include the other. But time will help and soon we will be together again. The music was great and no eulogies, thank God. The minister gave the usual message but if they really knew me it would have been titled, "Expectancies Exceeded, Possibilities Virtually Untouched."

As I watch this event, something (I don't seem to be in total control here) is forcing me to think back over all that has happened, the people I have met, and the periods of my life.

I was told about the terrible weather on February 2nd, 1929 when Dad had to shovel all the way from the farmhouse to the road to get the doctor in, and I remember the cold, heat and snow of the 30's. I remember the sandwiches kept in the cloakroom in the country school lest they freeze before lunchtime. I remember high school in Le Sueur, my brother going off to World War II, and our parents worrying as they continued to farm. I remember hunting along the line fence with my best friend. I remember when Shirley and I got together when we were barely 17 and her putting up with me the rest of the way. I remember law school at the University of Minnesota and my subsequent law practice, the work with the Golden Valley School Board, Bar Association, and our house in Golden Valley. I remember all the games as player, coach, and fan, from the LeSueur Farmers to the last grandchild's game I got to watch. I remember the slow down years; dodging the bullet for as long as we did, learning how to live with some physical limitations. I remember the satisfaction I got from watching our children and grandchildren grow up, and the unmitigated blessing they always were. Finally, I remember with grateful appreciation all the people with whom we had the good fortune to live, the things large and small that helped us along the way, and for the good luck and proper direction we received.

I have a feeling it is time to go. Perhaps this is when I find out if all those hours in the pew are going to pay off. I have a good feeling about it.

Best regards and thanks for everything.

DONALD WIESE

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