

**Special Session:  
Annual Hennepin County  
2024 Bar Memorial**

Convening of the Special Session  
of Hennepin County District Court  
Chief Judge Kerry W. Meyer  
Presiding

Musical Selection  
Música Ipsa Loquitor

Invocation  
The Honorable Joseph R. Klein  
Hennepin County District Court

Introduction of Special Guests  
Recognition of Deceased Members  
Norman Pentelovitch, Secretary  
Hennepin County Bar Association

Remarks and Introduction of Speaker  
Nicole Kettwick, President  
Hennepin County Bar Association

Memorial Address  
Commissioner Toddrick Barnette

Musical Selection and Photo Slideshow  
Lumina

Memorials Presented to the Court  
Louise Behrendt  
Chair, Bar Memorial Committee

Presentation Accepted

Court Adjourned

Music by Laurie Leigh, Harpist

May 17, 2024

Presented by the Hennepin County Bar Association  
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, in 2023 we returned to an in-person gathering at the Hennepin County Government Center and are excited to be back in the auditorium at the 625 Building (formerly Thrivent) in 2024.

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 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
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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
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 May 28, 1968 ..... Judge Harry A. Blackmun  
 May 25, 1967 ..... Sidney S. Feinberg  
 May 26, 1966 ..... Associate Justice George M. Scott

## INVOCATION

May it please the court, family, and friends:

The practice of memorializing departed members of the Bar began in Hennepin County in 1879, with the memorial of Colonel George Bradley. Since that time, it has been a valued tradition to open the memorial with an invocation. It is right and proper that we do so.

My name is Joe Klein. It is my honor and privilege to deliver the invocation for this memorial. An invocation is a prayer invoking God's presence, inviting God to be here while we honor those members of the Bar who died during 2023. It is not, however, that God needs or requires our invitation. The author of all creation needs no invitation to walk in that which He created. It is, rather, for our benefit that we pray this invitation for God to join us, that we may open our hearts in a time of grieving and be reminded that God is with us in everything—every breath, every memory, every joy, and every sorrow.

And so we pray: Lord God we thank you for this day. We thank you for blessing us with the lives and the life's work of those we come to honor today. We thank you for the fellowship that we now share in this memorial. We ask that you fill this place and every soul within it, with your holy spirit as we remember those who have passed from this world. We ask you to meet each one of us exactly where we are in our lives.

There are those here who have grieved the loss of a partner, family member, close friend, or colleague, and are grieving still. We ask you to bless and comfort the families and friends of those who have died. As each of us hears stories of these now departed we ask that you touch our hearts that we may draw joy from those cherished memories. As we contemplate images from their lives—lives marked by service, sacrifice, challenges, passions, successes and, at times, heartbreak and failures, we ask that you give us wisdom and understanding that we might find strength through their example.

We mourn. We remember. We reflect. We seek peace. We give thanks and we pray for your blessing.

Amen

**JUDGE JOSEPH R. KLEIN**  
**Hennepin County District Court**



## REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION

Dear friends and colleagues,

Today, we gather to honor and remember members of our legal community who have passed away this past year. We are here not just to mourn but to celebrate the profound impact they had on our lives, our profession, and the rule of law. These legal professionals have made a lasting impact on our field and our society, and their achievements will be remembered.

Reflecting on their diverse journeys, we look back at the lives and careers of the 65 people we honor today. They worked across many practice areas—from Administrative Law to Antitrust Law—with nine esteemed judges among them. These individuals were not only leaders in various legal sectors but also fervent advocates for pro bono work and transformative legal reforms aimed at enhancing the safety of women from domestic violence. They were judges who valued compassion, humility, and justice; environmental lawyers who followed their passion and protected the planet; patent attorneys who marveled at the creativity and innovation of their clients; pro bono lawyers who gave back to the community and made a difference; criminal defense lawyers who tirelessly defended the rights of the accused; and lawyers who treated everyone with respect, honesty, and professionalism.

Their service extended beyond their day-to-day work such as leading different legal associations, cultivating a passion for pro bono work, and creating innovations within our schools. They served as mentors, advocates, and friends, and their dedication to justice and the rule of law has inspired us all.

Their lives remind us of a fundamental truth about our profession: we are, at heart, a community. A community bound by a shared commitment to uphold justice, advocate for the voiceless, and guide society with wisdom and integrity.

These remarkable individuals taught us through their actions. Whether they served in legal aid, volunteered in community services, or led classrooms, they shaped the fabric of our legal system with every case they argued, every lecture they delivered, and every life they touched.

Today, we honor them not just with our words, but with our commitment to carry forward the work they loved so dearly.

Thank you.

**NICOLE KETTWICK**  
**Hennepin County Bar Association President**



IN MEMORIAM

**ROBERT J. ALFTON**

**APRIL 30, 1939 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2023**

Robert J. Alfton passed away peacefully at his home in Minneapolis on September 2, 2023. Bob was 84 years old.

He completed an undergraduate degree and a law degree at the University of Minnesota. He joined the Minneapolis City Attorney's office in 1967 and was appointed Minneapolis City Attorney in 1978. He served as Minneapolis City Attorney for sixteen years. He was also an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Minnesota. Later in private practice, he focused on both public sector and private sector labor and employment matters.

He was a member of various professional organizations. He served as president of the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the Minnesota Municipal Lawyers Association. He was a member of the World Jurist Association. He was a speaker at law conferences locally, nationally, and internationally. He was also president of the Minnesota Aquatennial Ambassador Organization.

He served in the U.S. Navy as an Operations Department Head and Ships Navigator on a fleet oiler. He was in the U.S. Naval Reserve until 1972 and earned the rank of Lt. Commander.

He was an avid golfer. He played golf on the four continents of North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. He very much enjoyed golfing at St. Andrews in Scotland. He was a member of various golf leagues and he played in numerous golf tournaments. He golfed left handed, so he was able to participate in tournaments for the National Left Handed Golf Association (in various states) and the International Left Handed Golf Association (in Spain, Ireland, and Scotland). He golfed in 41 states in the United States, and 48 counties in the state of Minnesota. He had two holes in one. He was also an avid skier. He did many ski vacations and participated in various ski races.

He is survived by his significant other, Nancy Foster; his son, Isaac Alfton (Holly); his grandson, Jackson Alfton; his granddaughter, Kenzie Alfton; his brother, Dennis Alfton (Nancy); and his niece, Erica Alfton. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Lucille Alfton, and his brother, Richard Alfton.

**NANCY FOSTER**

IN MEMORIAM

**HON. THORWALD ANDERSON, JR.**

**JANUARY 6, 1937 – APRIL 1, 2023**

His claimed official “resume” from the US Department of Justice is a great place to start to remember Thorwald Anderson:

Thor Anderson was born not so long ago in 1937. He played third triangle in the kindergarten rhythm band at Steck Grade School in Denver, Colorado. Thor won a prize for best packing job going home from summer camp at Geneva Glen Camp (he never unpacked). He graduated from Lubbock High School 1954 and from the University of Mississippi in 1958. He served in the United States Navy for 3 years and attended Law School at the University of Minnesota.

Thor served as a member of the Minnesota Legislature and an attorney in private practice from 1962 to 1969 and, as an Assistant United States Attorney, District of Minnesota from 1969 to present. During his career in the United States Attorney’s Office, Thor has been an Acting United States Attorney twice, a First Assistant United States Attorney twice (he claims to have opened mail and answered the phone off and on) and Chief, Criminal Division for a few years.

Much of that information was included in his first application for District Court Judge. He was not appointed that round. What was left out of this account is the fact his parents called him Torry, and could not have been more proud of their only child. They exposed him to opera, which he listened to daily until he passed. His high school cohort included Buddy Holly, his bandmates, and the woman they made famous, Peggy Sue. Thor not only graduated from Ole Miss; he loved that place. He went back annually until Covid hit in 2020—he loved to walk the Grove and always bought books at The Square.

While at the US Attorney’s Office he tried some of the biggest cases in the district including four headline-making kidnapping cases. At least one federal judge referred to Thor as the best trial lawyer he had ever seen.

Thor was appointed to the Hennepin County District Bench in 1996 and only left because he turned 70 and they made him retire. He continued to work as a senior judge for a decade after his “retirement.” He is well-known for his colorful written orders and his desire to just try felony cases. You could not enter his chambers without passing the sign “Trials Are Us” and attorneys did well to remember his advice to keep the main thing the main thing.

Thor was married to Jennifer for 42 years. He was very proud of his two sons and stepchildren. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and appreciated their individual strengths and interests.

**CHIEF JUDGE KERRY MEYER AND JUDGE FRANK MAGILL**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JOHN ARLANDSON

APRIL 30, 1944 – AUGUST 17, 2023

After growing up in South Minneapolis as one of four children of a Minneapolis police officer and a Dayton's Department Store clerk, John attended DeLaSalle High School where he made lifelong friends, and then went to college and law school at the University of Minnesota.

After graduation he went with his wife, Sherry, to Duluth to serve in VISTA. He worked in family court serving a largely Native American community and began his career of service. After returning to the Twin Cities, he served as an Assistant Attorney General, became a father, and moved with Sherry and their young daughter to Washington D.C. to work in Walter Mondale's Senate office as a legislative assistant.

In 1973, he returned to Minneapolis, and after welcoming a son, was able to continue in politics. He was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives from Golden Valley/St. Louis Park, serving from 1975-1978. After a period in California working in a family manufacturing business, he reconnected with his Minnesota roots and with his wife Sherry built a company offering management services to small business associations, often lobbying on their behalf and supporting state legislation to support and promote small businesses.

He loved Gopher football and the Democratic Party and was often found at the Minnesota State Fair at the DFL booth selling something on a stick or dipped in sugar to support the party. After retiring, he was able to spend time with his second wife, Ivy, travelling the world and playing cribbage. He remained committed to service and social justice through his efforts with Isaiah, an organization focused on welcoming and resettling new immigrants to the Twin Cities, and through volunteering as a mediator in the Hennepin County Housing Court. He was a lifelong friend to many who were also involved in the Minnesota legal landscape. He began and ended his career advocating for those who were without a champion, and who benefitted from his continued participation in the legal community.

## THE FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM  
**WILLIAM (“BILL”) BALE**

**APRIL 13, 1934 – MARCH 18, 2023**

William (“Bill”) Bale passed away peacefully at the age of 88 on March 18, 2023. He was born in Esterville, Iowa on April 13, 1934, son of William Maurice and Marion Editha, and grew up in Esterville and Oelwein, Iowa with his older brother Tom Bale and younger sister Marilyn White.

Bill attended Carleton College and graduated with a B.A. in chemistry in 1956. While attending Carleton, Bill met Margaret Elstad, and the two would be married and raise three boys. Bill thought he was headed for a career in the chemistry lab when a last-minute decision to take the law school entrance exam changed his life. He enrolled at the University of Michigan Law School and graduated in 1960, the year he was admitted to the bar in Minnesota. He had his start at Richards, Montgomery, Cobb and Bassford in Minneapolis, doing primarily transactional work. He practiced law at various firms in Minneapolis for the next 40 years doing corporate, transactional, and real estate work. He loved practicing law and working in downtown Minneapolis. Every day at noon he could be found at the lunch counter at Peter’s Grill asking, “What’s the soup?” and ending lunch with the apple pie. He would often meet his family at Café di Napoli for dinner when he was working late. He retired from Bale Anderson Polstein Pearson & Hill, Limited.

Bill sought out adventure early in life, once persuading the driver of an egg truck to take him from Oelwein to New York City to see the sights and sounds of a big city. He would go on to travel the world, but he remained throughout his life an Iowa kid who lived the values he learned as a young boy. He was hard-working, generous, and compassionate. He cherished his family and made life-long friends easily, and he was always coming up with creative ideas and projects that often involved both. He and several partners owned and operated a motocross track in Mora, Minnesota for several years where two of his sons raced motocross bikes. He started a manufacturing business in Kansas with two life-long friends, and he operated a multi-family housing development company in the Twin Cities for many years. Later, he bought land and built a house in Gustavus, Alaska, and loved to spend summer days with his sons fishing for halibut and salmon. He moved to Arizona for a time, where he met his second wife, Janet Lincoln Carrington, who passed away in 2011. He was an active member of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Edina, Minnesota, where he volunteered his time serving meals. He was deeply loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed.

Bill is survived by his former wife, Margaret; three sons Richard (Lisa), Chuck, and John (Renee); and four grandchildren, Sarah, Jack, Jason and Ella; preceded in death by his sister Marilyn and brother Tom.

**RICHARD BALE**

IN MEMORIAM

**HON. FLOYD E. “BUD” BOLINE**

**NOVEMBER 17, 1929 – NOVEMBER 22, 2023**

Floyd E. “Bud” Boline, age 94, of Excelsior, Minnesota (formerly Golden Valley, Minnesota), passed away on November 22, 2023. Bud's life centered around his beloved wife, Bernie, and their family. They built a loving home for their children, spouses, and grandchildren.

Gatherings at the Bolines' home always included laughter, good stories, amazing food, and a beer or two. He and Bernie traveled the world and spent countless days enjoying their lake cabin and spent winter vacations in Arizona with frequent visits by children and grandchildren. With a quick smile, a story or joke, Bud cultivated lasting friendships and was always there to help family or friends in need. Bud demonstrated and exemplified an unending and enduring care for others. A fine and generous man, he was an example and a light for so many.

Bud had a long and distinguished law career, retiring as a United States Magistrate Judge. Prior to his time on the bench, he was a partner in the law firm of Chestnut and Brooks & Burkard. He also served as Assistant Hennepin County Attorney and Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota.

Bud was an extremely proud member of the United States Marine Corp., serving in the Korean War and reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant. Those he served with in the Marine Corp. were some of his closest life-long friends.

After Bernie's passing, he found a home at the Waters of Excelsior, where the staff provided him with love, kindness, warmth and a lot of really good Thursday Happy Hours. During his recent rehabilitation stay at the Masonic Home, where he passed, the staff described him as gentle and dear.

Bud is survived by children, Michelle Dehn (Don), Bridgit Fiore (Paul), Danette Boline, and Floyd A. Boline; as well as grandchildren Christopher (aka Koko), Gabriel (aka Willy), Stephanie (Kieran), Alex (Keely), Samantha (David), Mackenzie, and Jared. Preceded in death by his loving wife, Birdene (Bernie), son Anthony, grandchildren Ryan, Theresa, Peter and Kyle.

**KARL CAMBRONNE**

## IN MEMORIAM

# FRANK WILLIAM BONVINO

NOVEMBER 12, 1941 – NOVEMBER 22, 2023

Frank William Bonvino passed away on November 22, 2023, after a short, but courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He was born in Mount Vernon, New York on November 23, 1941. He graduated from Pelham High School and migrated to the Midwest to attend Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. At Coe College he was President of his fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau. Upon graduation, Frank and his bride, Margo, moved to Minneapolis so Frank could attend the University of MN law school. He took a full-time position in the trust department at the 1st National Bank in Minneapolis and transferred to William Mitchell College of Law, where he attended night school. Frank graduated in 1968 and was admitted into the Minnesota Bar in October of that year.

Frank started his career at the law firm Douglas, Bell and Donlin in St. Paul in 1968. He worked on various types of cases, however, he took the path of corporate law in 1972 when he joined International Multifoods Corporation in the legal department. He spent years as an Associate General Counsel working on countless complex cases that had a major impact on the company. In 1992, his hard work and integrity led him to be named General Counsel Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary.

Frank was a proud member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He served on several committees over the years and gave back to the legal community in many ways. Coe College recognized his legal achievements by honoring him with the Award of Achievement in 2006, and he received the highest peer rating from Martindale-Hubble.

Outside of work, Frank was always trying to help people and contribute to the community. He served as the Edina Baseball Association President and coached for many years. In addition, he took great pride in mentoring young professionals.

Frank was married to his wife Margo for 60 years and cherished time with the rest of his family, including his son Chris (Trudy); daughter Tracy (Rob); grandkids, Alexandra (Larry), Matthew, Ava, and Sophia; and great-grandchildren Elouise and James. Frank was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was tough but was the very best in every aspect of his life. We cherish the almost 82 years we had with him.

**TRACY BONVINO BLACK**



**IN MEMORIAM**

**JEFFREY BRAUCHLE**

**AUGUST 8, 1951 – JULY 13, 2023**

Jeffrey Brauchle, 71, died July 13, 2023. A lawyer for 35 years, Jeff was instrumental in helping to create many of the Three Rivers Park District parks and trails that exist today, spaces that many thousands of people will enjoy for years to come. Jeff was an avid reader of history, a North American Bridge Championship Master, Deadhead, lover of long walks, sweets and stroganoff, he still proudly holds the Edina High School record in the 880-yard race, set in 1969.

Jeff graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978 and then started clerking for Judges Olson and Foley in Rochester. Judge Olson immediately observed Jeff's legal skills and recommended that his former partner, the one and only Dave Graven, hire him. This began an illustrious career at Holmes and Graven, at Oppenheimer, at his own firm, and finally as general counsel for the Suburban Hennepin Park district, now known as Three Rivers. Among many of their clients, including the City of Minneapolis and US Bank, he represented the park district his entire career as one of the best "park law" lawyers in the state, and maybe even the country. He argued cases up to the Minnesota Supreme Court, setting precedent still good to this day. He handled all matters for the park district, including taxing advice, condemnation, environmental litigation, bonding, creation of new parks, and all kinds of business matters. He taught an environmental law seminar at U of M Law School over the years and gave students an expert view into his specialty. Truly an outstanding lawyer, known for his savvy counsel.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents Rodney and Natalie. He is survived by his three children and best friends, Sonya, Julia and Paul, his former wife of 35 years, Elisa Schoonover, and siblings Larry, Karen, and Nancy. We love him, miss him, and are grateful for the time and memories.

**THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF JEFFREY BRAUCHLE**

IN MEMORIAM

**JOSEPH FREDERICK BREIMAYER**

**MAY 5, 1942 – OCTOBER 5, 2023**

Joe was born and grew up in Belding, Michigan, a small town near Grand Rapids. Joe enrolled in a pre-engineering program at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1962 and later transferred to the University of Detroit, graduating with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree in 1965. The U of D co-op engineering program involved alternate quarters of work and study. Joe was assigned to work as a co-op engineer at Honeywell, Inc. While there, Joe fell in love with Minnesota, especially the lakes, and it is where he learned to ski, which became a lifelong love.

In 1965, after deciding to become a patent attorney, Joe was hired by the U.S. Patent Office as a patent examiner and he enrolled in night law school at George Washington University, graduating in 1969 with a J.D. degree. After graduation, Joe, along with his wife Peggy and daughter Kate, moved to Rochester, New York where Joe began work with Kodak, working in U.S. and foreign patent preparation and prosecution. In 1973, Joe and his growing family moved to Golden Valley, Minnesota where Joe joined Medtronic, Inc., continuing his work on U.S. and foreign patent litigation. In 1990, Joe went into private practice, retiring in 2004.

In retirement, Joe turned his attention to family genealogy, travel, skiing, and choral singing. Joe passed away on October 5, 2023, of pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife Peggy and daughters Kate, Debi and Liz and grandchildren Charlie, Fran, Jack and Maddie. Joe taught us how to work hard, find joy in everyday life, and finally how to handle illness with dignity.

**PEGGY BREIMAYER**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**ROBERT L. BULLARD**  
**JULY 20, 1933 – AUGUST 4, 2023**

Robert Lee Bullard (Bob), loving husband, father, and grandfather died peacefully on August 4. Bob was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on July 20, 1933, to Ruth and Wylie Bullard, who preceded him in death. Bob is survived by the love of his life and wife of nearly 60 years, Gerry, and their children, son Paul and wife Susan, daughter Sarah, grandson Andrew and his wife Corbin Weaver.

Bob spent the first part of his life in White Bear Lake, Minnesota and later, Seattle, Washington. He proudly served in the Air Force during the Korean War and was discharged honorably with the rank of Captain. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1960, majoring in accounting and finance. He graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1966. Bob practiced law in Trusts & Estates with Oppenheimer, Wolff, Foster, Shepard, and Donnelly in St. Paul for the better part of his career and then joined Rider, Bennett, Egan, and Arundel in Minneapolis until his retirement in 2003.

Bob was the consummate lawyer, representing generations of Twin Cities business owners, corporate executives, Minnesota families, and charities. He brought to each client the perfect blend of technical expertise and practical advice. His legal, tax, and accounting background married well with his natural ability to connect with people. He understood that family dynamics and personalities were as important as, sometimes more important than, legal analysis. Clients and colleagues alike sought him out for his wise counsel and creative solutions. And his sense of humor and ready smile always provided a welcome relief to the otherwise stressful world of law.

Bob was active in the community; serving on many nonprofit boards, heading several of them. He loved the game of golf, both for the sport of it and the camaraderie. He was a rules official for the Minnesota Golf Association where he was once named volunteer of the year and he was also active in the ORYG GYRO club. He was a great husband and father, a wonderful friend and colleague, and will be missed by all who knew him.

**ANN B. BURNS, GERRY BULLARD, PAUL, SARAH,  
AND THE ENTIRE BULLARD FAMILY**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**SHANNON CAREY**  
**JULY 31, 1975 – JUNE 11, 2023**

Shannon Colleen Carey, age 47, of St. Paul, Minnesota passed away on June 11, 2023, of complications following a double lung transplant in March of 2022 and a courageous battle with scleroderma.

Shannon grew up in Fairfax, Minnesota and graduated from GFW High School in 1993. She went on to earn her BA from the University of St. Thomas and her law degree from William Mitchell College of Law. Shannon practiced law at SiebenCarey in Minneapolis for 19 years.

As a fourth-generation attorney, Shannon was devoted to the practice of law. She and her team successfully handled many complex litigation cases, including medical malpractice, wrongful death, dram shop, and catastrophic injury claims. Shannon was honored to represent injured people and their families and felt privileged to tell their stories.

At one of my first hearings with Shannon, we were opposing a summary judgment in a case against multiple defendants. Opposing counsel outnumbered us by about three to one, so I anticipated a contentious hearing. But when I walked into the courtroom, everybody was sitting with Shannon, talking and laughing like old friends. Understandably a little confused, I whispered, "What's going on? It's like a wedding but everybody's sitting on the bride's side." Shannon just smiled and shrugged. That's who she was. In law and life, with grace, kindness, and a wonderful sense of humor, Shannon treated everybody like a friend.

Outside of work, Shannon enjoyed travelling, trying new cuisine, laughing, and training her adorable pit bulls to be therapy and service dogs.

Shannon was preceded in death by her dad, John W. Carey and her grandparents. She is survived by her husband Collin Ludwig, dogs Finch and Mojo; mom Janet Carey (Lowell Zellmann); brothers Donovan Carey (Connie Urban) and Ryan Carey; her nephews Connor and Owen Carey; and many dear friends who miss her so much.

**MARCIA K. MILLER**

IN MEMORIAM  
**SCOTT RICHARD CARLSON**

**JUNE 27, 1962 – SEPTEMBER 4, 2023**

Scott Richard Carlson, born to Bonnie and Richard Carlson, left a legacy of kindness, love, an intense love for the arts, and literary dazzlement on September 4, 2023. Born in Minneapolis on June 27, 1962, Scott was often found creating lasting memories with his family, including sisters RaeAnne, Susan, and Beret. Those around him for even the shortest time knew that mischief was afoot where Scott was.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota, he went on to William Mitchell College of Law, completing his studies in 1987; after, he began a career as a commercial litigator. Scott was known for the magic he had with words, dazzling with his unyielding wit and charisma in the courtroom and on paper—here, his artistic proclivity thrived.

Writing was just one of Scott's many hobbies he pursued in his lifetime. During his full life, he earned a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and presided as the president of the Metropolitan Boys Choir. His passions were tethered in the arts, enjoying a variety of eclectic musical styles, fashionable paintings, cars, and good conversation.

There was nothing that he was more enamored with than the life he led as a family man. He was incredibly close-knit with his family, and even prouder to be a father to his beloved children, Paige and Joe, whom he shares with his former spouse Joanna. Later in his life, he expanded his family with his life partner, Lisa, and her daughters Amanda, Ashley, and Amber. Though he'd officially not declare himself a "cat person," his feline companions, Winnie and Jack, rarely left his side.

Scott joined his father in eternal peace, leaving much to be missed in the shoes he left behind of a good person and an even better man. He made everyone around him a better person, and filled our lives with brightness and laughter. Scott is a reminder to us that, though he is no longer here, love is strong—love lives on.

*"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."*

**AMBER TESTOR**

IN MEMORIAM

**EDWARD MARSHALL COHEN, SR.**

**OCTOBER 20, 1931 – NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

Edward Marshall Cohen, Sr., 92, passed away peacefully on November 20, 2023, from complications of Parkinson's Disease. Born in Glen Lake, Minnesota, he is preceded in death by his parents; Samuel Sumner Cohen and Dora Kab Cohen, and ex-wife, Marlys Hedner Cohen. He is survived by his beloved and wonderful wife, Sandra Stacy Cohen, son Edward Jr. (Joan), daughter Marta (Brad) Musolf, and grandchildren William, Luke, Catherine, Archer and Greydon.

Ed attended a one room schoolhouse in Glen Lake, Minnesota and proceeded to graduate from St Louis Park HS in '49 as Sr Class president and captain of the football and baseball teams. He went on to graduate from Harvard College in '53 (Cum Laude) where he played football and baseball. He then graduated from Columbia University with his MBA in '55 and subsequently went on to the University of Minnesota Law where he received his JD in '59. Ed passed the bar and got his CPA the same week in '59 and went on to practice law in Minnesota for 40 years.

Ed partnered with various lawyers throughout the years, but 'Cohen & Associates' was always on the letterhead in some fashion. He retired from practicing law in the mid-1990s and pivoted to lean on his CPA, setting up a successful tax business that he ran until the time of his death.

Ed was a past member of the Golden Valley School Board, Chairman of the City of Orono planning commission, sat on the Board of Directors for the MN Golf Association & Board of Directors and past President of Oak Ridge Country Club ('53-'95). In addition, Ed spent many, many years in public service and support of his kids' many athletic teams.

The family would like to thank Methodist Hospital, Chapel View Healthcare Center, their nurses and the full team of hospice nurses that kept him comfortable until the end.

**THE FAMILY OF EDWARD MARSHALL COHEN, SR.**

IN MEMORIAM

**JAY FRANCES COOK**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 1948 – JUNE 12, 2023**

Jay Frances Cook of Lithia, Florida, passed away on June 12, after a short battle with Lung Cancer. He was born in Flushing, New York and grew up in Oyster Bay. Following high school, he graduated from Northwestern University with a journalism degree and then went on to Indiana University School of Law to earn his Doctorate of Jurisprudence.

In his 33-year career as a Dorsey real estate lawyer, Jay put his mark all over the map of the United States and beyond, representing clients in large-scale development projects involving residential, commercial, resort, and energy and water infrastructure properties.

A quote from Dorsey: “Despite having dozens of balls in the air, Jay has impressed his colleagues with his ability to always remember important details, and for his genuine concern for his clients and their families. His red editing pen is legendary, but the many Dorsey lawyers and staff he has mentored are grateful for his attention and invaluable advice. The Real Estate department, too, is grateful for his leadership as chairman from 1999 to 2001.”

Jay’s memory will be cherished by his wife Nancy; son, Christopher; stepdaughters, Laurie (Alan) and Leslie; six grandchildren, Camden, Lukas, Noah, Jude, Mason, and Mila; his siblings, Bruce (Anne), Ann (Paul), Peter, Barbara (Dennis); and many nieces and nephews; and his many longtime friends.

He enjoyed traveling with Nancy, playing golf, and most of all he loved spending time with family and friends.

A longtime friend of 40 years described Jay as “He was a great example of how to live a life filled with love for everyone. He readily accepted everyone—rich, poor, gay, straight, black, white, Jewish or Christian. He was a man of love and acceptance.”

Jay, you are loved and missed by us all.

**NANCY PELOTTE COOK**

## IN MEMORIAM

# HON. GARY CRIPPEN

OCTOBER 8, 1936 – NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Most of the people in this room knew Gary Crippen as a caring, dedicated advocate, a wise and careful judge, and a kind and cheerful colleague. He was all of that and so much more for us, his seven children.

Judge Crippen—just “Daddy” to us—was born in 1936 in Worthington, and for his whole life considered Worthington his home. His dad, Ray Crippen, Sr. (“Crip”), owned the Phillip’s 66 station in Worthington, and his mother Mathilda (“Tillie”) was a talented seamstress. Gary came seven years after his beloved brother Ray, the long-time editor of the Worthington Daily Globe, and the Crippen brothers challenged and loved each other through both of their long lives.

Most people expected that Gary would take over the gas station from Crip, but a high school debate coach convinced him to think seriously about college and law school. He graduated from Worthington Junior College with an associate’s degree, then from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. in Law, and eventually earned his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1960. Thirty years later, he was excited to earn a Master of Judicial Administration degree from the University of Virginia.

In the fall of 1959, when he was beginning his last year of law school, Gary met Nancy Eigeman, a graduate student studying Zoology. They met at an organizational meeting of new dorm counselors and Daddy loved to tell the story of being smitten by the beautiful redhead from Denver who was so smart, sophisticated, and hilarious. They were married on New Year’s Eve 1960 and went on to raise seven children and to foster several young women who found a warm and supportive home for a time with our wonderful parents.

After a year at the Dorsey firm, Daddy was invited by Ray Mork, the longtime Nobles County Attorney and Daddy’s first and best mentor, to join him as a partner back in his hometown. After 13 years with Mork & Crippen, he was elected Nobles County Attorney and served in that office for eight years. He then served ten years as a Nobles County trial court judge where he earned a reputation as fair but firm, and as a judge who took care to teach young lawyers and to advocate for children and others who might otherwise be lost or overlooked. In 1984, Governor Perpich appointed him to the newly created Minnesota Court of Appeals, where he served for eighteen years and then another thirteen years in senior status.

What we will remember as his children are his humility, passing to us his father’s advice to “be good to people and not mix too much with bigshots”; his endless curiosity and the contentment he found through reading; his love of family and fascination with family history; his deep faith; the commitment, steadiness, whimsy and endless good cheer that he brought to parenting seven children; and his boundless patience in every aspect of his life and relationships.

**SARAH CRIPPEN**



## IN MEMORIAM

# HON. HARRY SEYMOUR CRUMP

DECEMBER 20, 1937 – AUGUST 26, 2023

Harry S. Crump, 85 years of age, of Port Charlotte, Florida, passed away peacefully and went to his heavenly home, and entered fully into the presence of the Lord on Saturday, August 26, 2023. Harry was a beloved husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother. He loved God and his family, was a tireless public servant and avid community volunteer.

Harry Crump came from humble beginnings but persevered in life. He earned a pharmacy degree, an engineering associate degree, a law degree, and passed the bar exam in two states. While pursuing his law degree from DePaul University in Chicago, he worked as a pharmacist. Harry served the State of Minnesota for over 30 years as public utilities commissioner, an administrative law judge, and a district court judge. He was known as an “insightful and poised judge who gave lawyers challenging and thoughtful questions.” One of Harry’s most notable accomplishments was in 2002 when Harry was lauded for saving the Minnesota Twins baseball team from being contracted. His ruling “had long-lasting impacts in the sports world.” He also received an award from Star Tribune as the 2002 “Sports Person of the Year.” National media reported on Harry’s ruling, and an honorary Bobblehead doll was created in Harry’s image. Harry’s impact was felt far and wide, with a host of colleagues from the legal community who will dearly miss him and his dazzling smile.

Additionally, Harry served as the chairperson of the board of the American Red Cross – St. Paul Chapter, a labor arbitrator, a snowboard and ski Instructor, a 1000-yard-long range rifle target shooting enthusiast, and a member of the ski patrol, for which he received an award from former President Bush for his use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when he saved a life on the ski slopes.

After retiring from the bench, Harry volunteered for the Ramsey County Sheriff Department in various capacities; he served as a chaplain, community affairs officer, member of the Community Emergency Response Team, reserve deputy sheriff, and a water patrol officer. But dear to his heart, more than anything else, was his love for mission trips to developing countries, which compelled him to start a 501 C 3 organization to serve the underserved—his legacy of Christian love and compassion.

In his younger years, Harry restored race cars and flew small engine planes. He loved traveling, downhill skiing trips, ballroom and Latin dancing, cruising, and golfing with his wife Faith; he even won a few tournaments.

During the final years of his life, Harry and Faith relocated to Florida, where they spent winters since 2005. Due to declining health, Harry was bedridden and was cared for by his devoted wife. He passed away peacefully at home.

He is survived by his loving wife, Faith; his children, Inez, Diane (and Morris), Don, Harvey; his stepchildren, Brad (and Bena), Tom, and Chrissy; grandsons, Kevin, and Bennett; seven great-grandchildren; his sister, Billie, and brother, Anthony. He was predeceased by his youngest son, Sean.

Harry leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion and dedication, and his memory will forever be cherished.

**FAITH CRUMP, DIANE CRUMP-FOGLE, AND INEZ TREANA CRUMP**

IN MEMORIAM  
**HON. DAVID M. DUFFY**  
**JULY 10, 1947 – JANUARY 15, 2022**

The Honorable David M. Duffy died on January 15, 2022, in Clearwater, Florida, after fiercely battling lung cancer for several years. Judge Duffy was an energetic and passionate lawyer and public servant. He found great meaning in being a lawyer and was a dedicated judge.

Judge Duffy was born on July 10, 1947, in Brockton, Massachusetts, the youngest of three sons of Walter and Mildred Duffy. Although born in Massachusetts, he considered himself (and sounded like) a son of Philadelphia. He attended La Salle High School there, where he was an honor student and varsity swimmer. He also graduated from Villanova University in Philadelphia with a bachelor's in Economics and received his J.D. from Villanova Law School, from which he graduated with honors in 1972.

After graduating from law school, Judge Duffy moved to California, where he practiced for a time before relocating to Minneapolis to continue his legal career. In 1977, he became an assistant public defender in Hennepin County, where he eventually specialized in appellate work. In 1987, Governor Rudy Perpich appointed him to the Hennepin County bench, where he served until his retirement in 2012. He continued to work as a senior judge after his retirement.

Given the length of his tenure in the district court, Judge Duffy moved through a variety of judicial assignments, including criminal, civil, and juvenile courts. He served on numerous committees, including, for a time, the Executive Committee of the Fourth Judicial District. His years in Juvenile Court were special to him, as he had great compassion for children. Behind his gruff exterior, Judge Duffy had a kind and generous soul that informed his decisions.

Judge Duffy enjoyed life and was a loyal friend. He had a sailboat, rode motorcycles, drove small but powerful convertibles, played golf, swam, and socialized with colleagues and friends. He brought great spirit, humor, and his typical energy to social engagements, whether by directing preparations for a meal, assisting at the grill, engaging in debate over the issues of the day, or vigorously washing dishes.

After retiring, Judge Duffy spent winters at his home in Redington Shores, Florida, where his mother had spent her own retirement years. He continued to swim, golf, walk the beach, and host visiting colleagues, friends, and family there until his cancer recurred for the last time. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Edward, and is survived by his older brother Walter Duffy, Jr., Walter's wife Shelly Fitzmaurice, and many beloved nephews and nieces. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

**THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE HON. DAVID M. DUFFY**

## IN MEMORIAM

# DAVE DURENBERGER

AUGUST 19, 1934 – JANUARY 31, 2023

Dave Durenberger lived a principled and energetic life, in which he used the rule of law to build community, establish justice and change the world.

After graduating from the U of M law school in 1959, Dave devoted his legal skills of analysis and advocacy to military intelligence, land-use cases and setting aside parks and recreation areas in the rapidly growing Twin Cities. When his senior law partner Harold Levander became Governor, Dave served as chief of staff. In 1978, after pursuing the governorship, he switched his focus to United States Senate, where he served three highly productive terms, until 1995.

As an advocate for ‘regular Minnesotans,’ Dave’s offices in Washington and Minnesota devoted an extraordinarily large portion of his staff budget and his personal time to constituent casework, working for veterans, small businesses, farmers, seniors, and Minnesotans trying to navigate complex federal programs. For the rest of his life, it was a daily occurrence in restaurants, community festivals, and airports for people to come up and say, ‘Thank you, Dave for how you helped our family.’

Dave was an historically effective legislator. In today’s era of gridlock and division, his accomplishments seem almost impossible. They included:

- Major policy breakthroughs in Clean Water, Acid Rain, Superfund clean-up and the first Congressional hearing on climate change.

- Infrastructure improvements in roads, bridges, waterways and airports across Minnesota, and setting aside vast areas of public lands for generations to enjoy.

- Stripping the Federal Code of hundreds of provisions denying equal opportunities for women.

- Sharing Minnesota innovations in public school choice, service learning, and rural and community development with the nation.

- As Chair of the Intelligence Committee, holding federal intelligence agencies accountable and requiring an annual National Intelligence Strategy consistent with democratic values.

- Original sponsorship of the historic Americans with Disability Act.

- And as the “Nation’s Health Senator,” leveraging increases in the quality, accessibility, and affordability of health care for all Americans through the Medicare program; expanding Medicaid eligibility and maternal and child health services; major reforms of the FDA, CDC and NIH; and laying the policy foundations for what eventually would become the Affordable Care Act.

When ethics charges were brought against him, Dave took full responsibility and promised to work the rest of his life to “burnish the Star of the North back to brightness”—and he did. For 20 years, he taught future health care administrators in the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Business, created the Institute of Health Policy, and led a week-long annual trip to Washington, to introduce his students to the nation’s health programs and leaders. He was a mentor and encourager to many Minnesota leaders of both parties and all levels of government who sought community solutions to difficult problems.

Soon after Dave’s death, the U.S. Senate passed a unanimous resolution honoring his service. On the Senate floor, Senator Amy Klobuchar summed it up: “Senator David Durenberger was a true public servant ... a man whose higher purpose took the country to a higher ground.”

**STEVE MOORE, SEN. DURENBERGER’S  
LONG-TIME STAFFER AND FRIEND**

## IN MEMORIAM

# EZRA CHANG EBNER

JUNE 18, 1972 – NOVEMBER 25, 2023

Ezra Chang Ebner was a lifelong resident of Minneapolis. As an undergraduate at the University of Minnesota he developed software to record and analyze neuronal firing rates and behavioral data from experimental subjects for the Department of Neurosurgery Research Laboratories. While a graduate student in Computer Science he developed one of the first automated testing tools of graphical user interfaces, an experimental web server, and helped develop the University's first internet course.

In 1998 he left academia for industry. At Datakey, he developed automated testing for cryptographic smart cards, firmware, and software for memory-token based vending systems. He then joined Medtronic as a Software Engineer. Ezra developed software for cardiologists to interface with implanted cardiac devices. He designed, developed, and implemented tools for testing implantable cardiac devices, drug pumps, and tools to interface with various support devices. For his work he was awarded Medtronic's "Certificate of Personal Excellence" four times. Ezra was a prodigious worker, a variable factory of output, and a brilliant engineer.

In 2007 he was accepted by the William Mitchell College of Law. He graduated Juris Doctor in January of 2010, Magna Cum Laude, fourth in his class, finishing his studies in three and a half years, with two young children and a full-time job at Medtronic. He was on the Dean's list for three semesters and received two "Cali: Excellence for the Future Awards" in "Constitutional Law Powers" and "Evidence." Of all his accomplishments, Ezra was proudest of his Law Degree.

Ezra passionately wanted, more than anything, to help people. He volunteered for the Volunteer Lawyers Network and Legal Aid Society Volunteer Tax Law Program. In his Northeast Minneapolis community, he was on the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization committee. He was active in politics and ran several campaigns for candidates running for the Minneapolis City Council.

Ezra was a learning machine. Ezra went to bed at night wiser, more skilled, and more learned than he was when he got up. He was a man of manifold talents. He trained as a classical pianist and guitarist. He was originally accepted into the University of Minnesota as a pianist in the School of Music. He transferred to the Institute of Technology to pursue a PhD in Computer Science. He was a very fine angler and avid outdoorsman. He was a voracious reader on a wide range of subjects: history, biography, astronomy, world affairs, philosophy, mathematics, physics, religion, and literature.

Ezra is survived by his wife Julien Lasecke, children: Ian Ebner, (Julianna and granddaughter Nora ) and Jack Lasecke (Tony Perkins). His parents: Rita and Timothy Ebner. His siblings: Stella Hector (Patrick), Dylan Ebner (Sarah), and Blake Ebner (Judit Perez Ortiz). And nieces and nephews: Eliot, Auden, Timothy, Eleanor, Cecilia, and Catalina.

Let us not forget what a talented hugger he was. Let us not forget he was a great sitter in empathetic silence when the mood called for hushed quiet. Let us not forget that he loved us; for we will never forget him and will always love him.

**JULIEN LASECKE AND RITA EBNER AND FAMILY**

IN MEMORIAM

**TRACY RICHARD EICHHORN-HICKS**

**APRIL 20, 1950 – MAY 2, 2023**

Tracy Richard Eichhorn-Hicks was born in Pipestone, Minnesota, in 1950 to George and Donna Hicks. Growing up, Tracy was active in sports, choir, band, and theater, and worked at the family Ford dealership alongside his sister and four brothers. After graduating from Pipestone High School in 1968, he moved to the Twin Cities to attend Macalester College (class of 1972), and law school at the University of Minnesota (class of 1975). He then clerked for Hennepin County Judge David Leslie, and practiced with a number of firms in the Twin Cities area. He and his wife, Mary Eichhorn-Hicks, married in 1977, and the two went on to open their own practice in 1989.

Upon leaving the courtroom for the day it was not unusual for Tracy to change into one of his many spectacular Hawaiian shirts, put the top down on whatever convertible he was driving at the time, and obliterate the speed limits that stood between him and his home in Edina. He was always happy to explore Lake Minnetonka in his old pontoon boat, nap in the sun on the Gulf Coast of Florida, or make his children shine a flashlight on whatever classic Ford he was working on when it got too dark to see (they didn't mind). He was also a constant and reliable presence in his children's lives; whenever they had a soccer game, swim meet, band concert, or dance recital, there was no doubt he would be there to cheer them on, usually with a Diet Mountain Dew in hand.

Nothing made Tracy happier than being in the company of his friends and family. He will be remembered for his generosity, kindness, and dad jokes. He is survived by his wife, Mary, their two children Brady (Caroline) and Meghara (Justin), as well as grandchildren Dylan (9), Eliot (7) and Beckett (3).

**THE EICHHORN-HICKS FAMILY**

## IN MEMORIAM

# MARVIN T. FABYANSKE

JANUARY 22, 1945 – AUGUST 15, 2023

Marvin Fabyanske began his law career at Briggs & Morgan in the Hamm Building in St. Paul drafting documents on a card table with very few employees. The firm grew to a very large law firm. Marv's mechanical engineering degree was fundamental in his talent in litigating construction disputes.

At 36, Marv had the courage to leave Briggs and Morgan and start his own law firm in 1981 as there was a burgeoning wave of construction law at that time. Marv and his partner, Jerry Svoboda, founded the firm in 1981, naming it Fabyanske and Svoboda, PA. Although starting with just two attorneys, Marv attracted clients in droves. The combination of Marv's engineering background, knowledge about the nuts and bolts of construction contracting, and personal charisma were magnetic to construction contractors/owners of construction companies. Soon Marv and Jerry had more business than they could handle. The law firm doubled in size in each of its first five years and became one of the largest construction law practices in the upper Midwest.

Marv was a founding Member of the American College of Construction Lawyers, a prestigious group of construction lawyers across the country. He was also a member of: Minnesota Bar Association, Hennepin and Ramsey County Bar Associations, American Bar Association, International Association of Defense Counsel, and Association of Construction Professionals. He mediated and arbitrated with the American Arbitration Association and had the highest (Band 1) rating in construction by Chambers USA. Marv spoke for many Associations and regularly for Federal Publications, National Business Institute, and NECA.

Most of us speak in sentences, but Marv spoke in paragraphs. He would command a room when speaking for Federal Publication on "Bonds, Liens, and Insurance." His audience enjoyed and understood his presentation not just because he was an engaging speaker, but because he was talented in taking complicated and arcane topics and rendering them easy and simple to understand.

Marv possessed uncanny human intuition. At one trial with no deposition to rely on, Marv took a flier on cross-examination of a project manager on a disputed highway project in Arkansas. Without knowing for sure what the witness would say, Marv asked whether the State of Arkansas' head Project Engineer had been *out to get* Marv's contractor client. The project manager sheepishly admitted "yes." Marv was the only unsurprised person in the courtroom—the ambush of the opponent was total—and the case was won right then and there.

Marv had excellent judgment when evaluating risks of cases or which side had the better argument, but how he dealt with people was what made him special. Marv had the talent to continue to practice as long as he wanted, but over the last years he had the good judgment to spend increasing amounts of time with his wife Margee and their five children and 10 grandchildren. He purchased a lodge with lakeshore cabins on Lake Superior and worked magic with his woodworking talent by rehabilitating them as a gathering place for his family and friends. As often said, he was content making sawdust in his shop, creating furniture and spending time with his family.

**KYLE E. HART & HELEN HAWKINSON-MIKE**

IN MEMORIAM

**FREDERICK EARL FINCH**

**OCTOBER 16, 1943 – AUGUST 6, 2023**

Fred Finch, beloved father, brother, and grandpa, passed away August 6, 2023, of pancreatic cancer.

Fred was an outstanding member of the legal community from the moment he entered William Mitchell College of Law, graduating magna cum laude in 1973, until the moment he passed away.

After initially practicing with Fredrikson & Byron, Fred joined Lew Remele at Bassford Remele in 1990, retiring from the firm in 2017. At Bassford, Fred and Lew tried many cases together, obtaining very successful results for their clients. In addition, Fred helped mentor younger lawyers who were on the litigation team.

The path to his office door was well traveled. Every lawyer at Bassford quickly learned that Fred was a one stop encyclopedia for case and statutory citations, interpretations, and general overall knowledge about any and all legal problems. He was literally a one-person legal treatise who rarely was stumped by any legal problem or issue.

In addition to his legal acumen, Fred was beloved by everyone in the law firm— staff, outside vendors who worked for the firm, and all the lawyers. Everyone grew to love the sound of his laughter and his many idiosyncratic sayings.

Over his distinguished career, Fred served initially as Secretary, then President of the Hennepin County Bar Association in 1990. He followed that with over 30 years of service in various committees at the Minnesota State Bar. He was State Bar representative at the ABA for many years, a member of the Assembly, Board of Governors and Executive Committee of the MSBA, and twice received the MSBA's President's Award for his exceptional contributions. He was State Delegate to the ABA, then a member of the ABA Board of Governors. And he was a member of the Minnesota Supreme Court's Advisory Committee which led to the July 2009 comprehensive revision of the Minnesota Rules of Judicial Conduct. Fred continued to be involved with the committee on Lawyers' Professional Responsibility until his last moments.

In 2015, Fred was recognized as an Attorney of the Year with the lead line of "Shaking Things Up—From Law School To The ABA." Always civic minded, early in his career he joined the board of Legal Advice Clinics, which at the time connected pro bono attorneys with clients. Fred continued civics as a part of his daily life—volunteering as a poll worker and election judge in every election cycle.

Fred was a true Renaissance man of both intelligence and humor. He loved a good gin martini. He loved the outdoors and took his four sons on canoe trips to the Boundary Waters. He could do anything, fix anything, and was an excellent gardener. He was a gourmet cook whose specialties included lutefisk, Gravlax, and Oysters Rockefeller; but truth be told, he was just as happy having a Chicago Hot Dog at Portillo's. We miss him every day.

**THE FAMILY OF FRED FINCH**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JAY “JOEY” CARL FOGELBERG

JULY 7, 1945 – APRIL 27, 2023

Jay “Joey” Carl Fogelberg, passed away on April 27, 2023, after going toe-to-toe with Mother Earth for 77 years.

Jay was born on July 7, 1945, to proud parents Trudy and Carl Fogelberg of Saint Paul, Minnesota. Trudy would later be crowned the most patient and saintly mother on Summit Avenue.

After Jay graduated from the University of Minnesota high school in 1963, he continued his studies (and stunts) at Gustavus Adolphus College. Four years and a few battered dorm rooms later, the college administration was relieved to hand him and his fellow Phi Alphas a diploma.

In 1970, Jay earned his law degree from the University of Kentucky. He went on to serve as an arbitrator in the public and private sectors for over 45 years. In 1999, he was awarded “Distinguished Service in Labor Arbitration” from the American Arbitration Association.

Jay knew that his decisions often had lasting and significant impact on people’s lives, and he never took that lightly. He was passionate about his role as an arbitrator and took tremendous pride in his work.

Jay often said that being an arbitrator meant never knowing if his work was good or bad. For the most part, the only feedback he received was from unhappy (even angry) people who didn’t like his decisions. He said that getting “repeat business” when unions or companies selected him again was the only indication that he was considered “fair”—which was his ultimate goal.

A colleague recently said of Jay, “When Jay was on the arbitration service list of seven proposed arbitrators, and labor and management took turns striking names until one was left, I always told the clients to hope that it would be Jay for three reasons: First, he was really smart. Secondly, he always made witnesses feel welcome and comfortable at his hearings. Thirdly, win or lose, I knew that Jay’s written decisions would be well-reasoned and his awards would be correctly based on the evidence. I can’t speak for every advocate for unions in the area, but I never encountered one lawyer or business agent who had a bad word to say about Jay. Rarely did my labor adversaries use their turn to strike him. So, if his measure of success was ‘repeat business,’ mission accomplished.”

Good-time Joey could often be found swearing at his golf clubs, swaying to Santana, lighting the cocktail lamp, or clutching a dark-chocolate-covered ... anything.

Jay is survived by his wife Patricia, daughters Leah Fogelberg, Laura (Tyler) Lineburg, and Annika Fogelberg, sister Nancy Fogelberg, and grandchildren Jack (4) and Olivia (2). His antics will be missed by many more.

**LAURA LINEBURG AND PATRICIA FOGELBERG**



IN MEMORIAM  
**CURTIS D. FORSLUND**  
JULY 15, 1933 – JUNE 22, 2023

Curtis D. Forslund was born on July 15, 1933, in Roseau, Minnesota. He died on June 22, 2023, surrounded by his wife and two daughters, at his home in Tucson, Arizona. He died bravely, and with dignity and peace and love, of pancreatic cancer.

Curt loved practicing law, which he began in 1962, following his first significant and enthusiastically embraced job as a radio announcer; first in the Army while stationed in Tokyo and later at KSTP in St. Paul. He worked as an announcer and also then wrote the news during all of his undergraduate years and the first part of law school at the University of Minnesota. He began his law career working at the Dorsey Firm, where he was made partner after six years. This was followed, a few years later, by positions working for the State; first as Solicitor General and then as Chief Deputy Attorney General. The longest period of his career was as partner in the firm Gray, Plant, and Mooty. And during his time at this firm, he eventually became an expert on unclaimed property. He co-authored with two other lawyers a treatise and resource book called "Unclaimed Property Law." During these years, he was appointed to be the Reporter for preparation and adoption of what later became the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 1995.

We know that at the end of his life, as he reflected, he had a rich assortment of interesting and favorite moments experienced in court, and also a variety of cases that stood out as satisfying accomplishments. One of these cases is that while he was working for the State, they brought, in the federal court, an environmentally important suit against Reserve Mining Company to bar the company from continuing to pollute Lake Superior by dumping taconite tailings into the lake. The tailings were residue from the company's iron ore mining, with possible cancer-causing properties. They won. This was in the early seventies, and I pick this memory of his, and also mine, to share now; because while listening to my dad's experience back then, I shared his enthusiasm, felt so proud, and it made a lasting impression. Though there were many appeals made to this ruling, following my dad's time working for the State, it still stands out. And I know the rest of our family, and his friends and colleagues also have other wonderful memories where his life and theirs intersected in unique ways.

Our dad spent lots of time with his family outside of the office, too. Full evenings and full weekends. He loved classical music, especially opera, and he had a beautiful singing voice. And this voice, whether it was expressed in the form of singing, radio announcing or presenting in court, often gave him an engaging sense of presence. He also loved the three great requiems, by Mozart, Verdi, and Brahms.

Curt is survived by his wife Brigitta, his daughters Kristina and Linda, his grandsons Soren and Reiner Kahl, and his son-in-law Tim Kahl.

**LINDA FORSLUND**

IN MEMORIAM  
**DANIEL J. GOLDBERG**  
JULY 27, 1952 – AUGUST 31, 2023

Daniel J. Goldberg, age 71, passed away on August 31, 2023. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Gloria; daughter, Melissa (Devin); and his granddaughter, Payton; as well as many family members and friends. Daniel was born in Chicago, Illinois. His family moved to Minneapolis in 1967. Daniel received his undergraduate degree in math from the University of Minnesota in 1973. He then attended the University of Michigan Law School and practiced family law in Minneapolis for over 41 years. Daniel began his career at the Jack Jaycox Law Firm; then became a partner at Moss & Barnett, and spent his final years as a partner at Messerli Kramer. Daniel was licensed in Minnesota and also for several years in Wisconsin. He was awarded with the honor of being selected in the category of Top Lawyers in Minnesota and Minnesota Super Lawyers in family law for many years.

Daniel was passionate about giving back to society and helping those less fortunate than himself. He volunteered his time for over three decades to Volunteer Lawyers Network. Daniel also generously donated to several organizations over the years, including one of his favorites, called People Serving People. He enjoyed many indoor activities to relax from his legal career. Daniel meditated and exercised daily, and did all kinds of projects around his house as well as his daughter's home. He also loved all genres of music. At the age of 50, he decided it was time to learn how to play piano. He participated in three piano recitals following the beginners that were 5-6 years old. Daniel was committed to his law career and his clients' needs. Because of his busy career, he was let go by two different piano teachers due to his lack of practicing his skills between lessons. Daniel did go back to piano lessons after his retirement and thoroughly enjoyed playing the keyboard on a daily basis.

Daniel also enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities. He was a regular on all the biking and walking trails around the City Lakes. Daniel would spend hours sitting down on his perfectly manicured front yard picking every weed imaginable; while visiting with all the neighbors walking by the house towards the lake. Daniel's favorite winter sport was downhill skiing with his family and friends at different resorts around the country.

Of all Daniel's many accomplishments in life, his greatest was the love he had for his family. He loved his "Girls" (his wife, daughter, and granddaughter) and son-in-law with all his heart. Daniel is truly missed by his family and friends.

**GLORIA GOLDBERG**

## IN MEMORIAM

### N. WALTER GRAFF

NOVEMBER 7, 1939 – MAY 23, 2023

N. Walter Graff, age 83, of Edina, passed away surrounded by his family: his beloved wife, Margaret Wong; his children, Meg (Jim) Parsons and Norman (Jenny Oliphant) Graff; his stepchildren, Michele (Matt Goldman) Michaelson and Christopher Wong (Beth Winnick) Michaelson; their grandchildren, Evva, Elise, and Elaina Parsons; Hayden and Solvej Graff; Carolyn and Camille Dewey; Sawyer, Reese, and Esme Michaelson; and his niece, Kirstin (Bruce) Strom.

Walter was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to a family with parents Norman and Evva (née Morgans) Graff and sister Sharonne. His family had deep roots in the community where his grandfather, A.N. Graff, was mayor and the family business was Graff Motor Supply. A Harvard-educated lawyer, Walter began his career in Boston, Massachusetts before moving to Minneapolis in 1967 with his first wife, Peg Graff, and children, Meg and Norman. There, he joined Best & Flanagan and spent more than 47 years in the firm's real estate practice and became an adjunct faculty member at the University of Minnesota Law School.

His student and future law partner, Sarah Crippen, remembered him as "the primary drafter of the state of Minnesota's condominium statute and the go-to source for anything relating to condominiums and homeowner associations ... a gracious and curious person who cared about the world and the people around him, and stood out as an example of goodness and decency in the law." In addition to practicing law, he served on the Board of Trustees of Northwestern Health Sciences University, as a Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, and as President of the United States-China People's Friendship Association (USCPFA).

It was at a USCPFA picnic that he finally summoned the courage to ask Margaret on a date that led to 35 love-filled years of marriage, including 10 trips to China together, frequent visits to family in Brazil, many other memorable travels, and daily fulfillment in each other's company, tending the garden, and mastering the grill. His wit and kindness touched thousands of dinner and overnight guests to their home, and his wisdom and eclectic curiosity extended to choral music, shape note and folk singing, railways, history, and learning Welsh by distance with students less than half his age across the ocean.

Presiding over Walter's memorial, Bishop James Jelinek remarked, "It seems to me that Walter was one of those rare individuals who left behind 'no unfinished business.' Oh, I don't mean the more than 15 pounds of specialty coffee he just bought that needs to be prepared and shared with Margaret and friends, or the little projects needing completion, or the partially-read books next to his chair. I mean the important kinds of business: no long-standing resentments to let go of, no sins of relationship that still had to be confessed and forgiven, no conflicts that needed to be resolved, no gratitude or love that had been left unexpressed. Though it seems Walter had no wish to leave this life on this timetable ... Walter was prepared inside in the best ways possible."

**THE FAMILY OF N. WALTER GRAFF**

IN MEMORIAM

**PENNY RENEE HEABERLIN**

**MAY 9, 1958 – FEBRUARY 24, 2023**

Penny Renee Heaberlin passed away peacefully on Friday, February 24, 2023, after a seventeen-year battle with cancer. She was a retired partner at the law firm Maslon LLP in Minneapolis where she worked for over fifteen years. Penny was a 1976 graduate of Pleasantville High School in Pleasantville, Iowa, where she was class valedictorian, a band member, a National Merit Scholar, and a member of the National Honor Society. She graduated from Drake University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree; she then added Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor degrees from Drake in 1993. Penny began her career working as an Auditor at Arthur Young, moving shortly into a Vice President role at various banks in the Des Moines area. She moved into the legal profession after attaining her JD by working as an Attorney in the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth District, in Des Moines before moving to the Twin Cities to complete her career at Maslon LLP.

Penny was supremely generous with her time, attention, and care for the people in her life. She was a prolific reader, student of history, trivia champion, and avid genealogist. She also enjoyed traveling the world, visiting fine restaurants, and appreciating the arts. Her favorite excursions were to Switzerland, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and the British Isles. Penny was an excellent cook and was always ready to host lovingly prepared meals for family and friends. She enjoyed weekly Soup Night get togethers when she lived in the Grand Hill neighborhood of St. Paul. Above all else, Penny was a loving and caring mother who encouraged compassion and an appreciation of education in her children while guiding them through life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ronald Heaberlin and Charlotte Herr (Chapman). Those left to honor Penny's legacy include her children: Adam Beier and Mary Cait Bayliss; brothers: Scott and Joel Heaberlin; and many nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

**ADAM BEIER**

IN MEMORIAM  
**DOUGLAS ANDERSON HEDIN**

FEBRUARY 27, 1942 – MARCH 20, 2023

Advocate, mediator, reader of classics, scholar, mentor, civil rights activist, visionary and leader, Douglas Anderson Hedin, died on March 20, 2023.

Doug was born on February 27, 1942, in Red Wing, Minnesota. He earned a degree in political science from the University of Minnesota in 1964. After college, he participated in the Experiment in International Living in Poland, and registered voters in the South for two summers. He earned his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968. During law school, he returned to the South to work for a law professor, Anthony Amsterdam, on a research project for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. After law school, he served in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps and worked for a year for the IRS in Washington, D.C.

He returned to Minneapolis to clerk for U.S. District Judge Earl Larson before beginning his own private practice. In the early 1980s, he found his true calling in the emerging field of plaintiff employment law. Fellow plaintiff lawyers frequently asked him for advice or to write an *amicus* brief in pending appeals. He maintained a priceless "form file," a pre-internet gold mine he freely shared. To many, he was the "guru" of employment law in Minnesota. His ideas for the development and advancement of employment law eventually landed in the case law and contributed to his fine reputation. He founded the local chapter of the National Employment Lawyers Association, an organization that values and advocates for a high level of professionalism and expertise, and he served on its national Board. He was also a Fellow of The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, a national organization one joins by invitation only.

The best picture of him is with his feet up on his desk early in the morning, reading the New York Times and ready to discuss current events, especially politics, books, and family, before plunging into the legal work for the day. His family describes him as "a man of all seasons, serious but ever amused by the human comedy, prickly at times, cultured as few people are, deeply knowledgeable across the board ...." It was typical of him to praise his opposing counsel after a hearing.

Doug retired from the practice of law in 2005 but then established the iconic Minnesota Legal History Project, an online venue for the publication of his own original research, book reviews, and his collection and indexing of other articles. The MLHP continues to be consulted and cited by legal scholars to this day. The Minnesota State Law Library has now taken over this website, along with twenty to thirty boxes of his research materials and his pristine collection of Supreme Court Justice biographies. In 2006, Doug and his wife Barbara donated books and funds to create the Barbara Steffens Hedin Alcove on Law, Literature, and the Arts at the University of Minnesota Law School Library. After his death, a significant portion of his library went to the Law School, with the expanded collection now called the Hedin Law, Literature, and Arts Collection. The remaining volumes were happily received by the University of St. Thomas School of Law, which has created the "Douglas A. Hedin Reading Room" at the Schoenecker Law Library.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara, three siblings and a large and devoted circle of extended family members.

**ANDREA F. RUBENSTEIN AND ELIZABETH A. GLIDDEN**

## IN MEMORIAM

# DOUGLAS R. HEIDENREICH

FEBRUARY 29, 1932 – JANUARY 4, 2023

Douglas R. Heidenreich was born on February 29, 1932, and grew up in St Paul's West 7th neighborhood. As a teenager and student, he had jobs at a local gas station and at Sanitary Dairy, where his father drove a milk truck. He died peacefully on January 4, 2023, after spending most of his adult life in homes that literally overlooked his old neighborhood and the Mississippi River bluffs that he loved.

Doug attended Monroe High School and then the University of Minnesota, where he majored in math and played football on what he claimed were "some of the worst teams in the school's history." It was at the U that he became interested in the work lawyers do to help people, which is why he pursued his J.D. After serving two years with the Army tank corps in Germany, he enrolled at William Mitchell and graduated first in his class in 1961. After two years at the Minneapolis firm Erickson, Popham, Haik and Schnobrich, he returned to St Paul, joined the William Mitchell faculty, and quickly rose in school leadership. He became acting dean in 1964 and permanent dean the following year. During his ten-year deanship, the law school enjoyed impressive growth and moved to its current location on Summit Avenue. In 2000, he researched and wrote the first and hitherto definitive history of William Mitchell College of Law, called "With Satisfaction and Honor." Always interested in local legal history, he acted in a theater group of lawyers and judges that recreated historical trials of legal importance. The group performed at the Landmark Center for several years.

His true vocation was teaching, and he served Mitchell Hamline School of Law in that capacity for more than 60 years. A self-proclaimed curmudgeon, he loved teaching the law and made a strong impression on everyone who knew him. Thousands of aspiring lawyers passed through his classrooms; many more knew of him by reputation as a notoriously hard grader. Many of his former students approached him or his family members to say hello or share a story or memory. Sometimes these were tales of the worst grade received in their law school career; more often they involved occasions where he was kind, supportive and generous, often to the initial surprise of the recipient, but no surprise to those who knew him well. Even after Doug retired, he continued to come to school every day to tutor students who needed additional help and converse with whomever was around.

He traveled extensively, most often to France. He loved music and animals, enjoyed baking for family and friends, shopping for and purchasing vast quantities of books (an astonishing number of which he read), taking regular drives through Fort Snelling State Park in search of deer, and applying the Socratic method to his granddaughter during weekly Sunday afternoon visits.

To the end, he remained an inveterate storyteller, an avid historian, and a wise and generous soul.

He is greatly missed.

**LISA HEIDENREICH**

IN MEMORIAM  
**NICOLE HITTNER**  
MAY 31, 1978 – JULY 8, 2023

Nicole Hittner, 45, of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota passed away on July 8, 2023, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. She was with her husband Keith and only sister Jessica, each holding her hands at the time of passing. Nicki is survived by her husband Keith Hittner Jr, daughter Elsiana Grace (14), son Keith Henry (12), daughter Trinity Rose (10), father Michael Plourde, mother Janet Plourde, sister Jessica Plourde, aunts, uncles, and so many nieces and nephews that absolutely adore her.

Nicole grew up with her sister Jessica in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and was a fierce protector and friend to her “baby sis” every day of her life. She lived in town for a time, but moved in with Grandma Elsie while her parents built a home on an acreage property just outside of town. This is when her bond with Grandma Elsie grew so strong. Nicole attended Immaculate Conception elementary school and Memorial High School in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. There she played volleyball and loved choir. Nicole was active in her children’s school—doing schoolwork with her kids was a source of joy. Nicki was especially excited that her girls play volleyball, like she did, and that her son is an aggressive little bulldog of a hockey player.

Nicole graduated magna cum laude from the NYU Stern School of Business in 2000, by way of sunny Arizona where she started with two years at ASU. After graduating she became a public accountant with Price Waterhouse Coopers. She knew the grind of travel could not be sustained long term for her overall life goals, so she moved into recruiting for executive positions, while preparing herself to attend law school. Nicki attended William Mitchell College of Law from 2005-2008, where she graduated magna cum laude. Nicki was brought on as a Summer Associate during law school in 2007 at the firm Lindquist & Vennum. She was an editor of the Law Review and at the top of her class. Nicki stayed with L&V and ultimately became a partner. In 2018, Lindquist merged with and became Ballard Spahr, where she stayed until 2021. In 2019, Nicole was honored as a Top Woman in Finance by MN Finance and Commerce. Nicki found better work-life balance in 2021 when she started working at Taft Law Firm in downtown Minneapolis. Nicole was a corporate law partner with a legal practice focusing on mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance. Her children were especially proud of her service to the Minneosta Judicial Branch. Nicole also served as a Judicial Referee for many years rendering decisions in Dakota County Conciliation Court.

Nicole now rests beside her Grandmother Elsie in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Nicki, you were an absolute force here on Earth, and you will continue to be that for us in spirit. From the very beginning until your last days, you commanded the room. Everything in between that time was a gift to all who were privileged to know you.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF NICOLE HITTNER**

## IN MEMORIAM

# THOMAS E. HOLLORAN

SEPTEMBER 27, 1929 – FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Thomas E. Holloran, esteemed lawyer, business executive, academician, and community leader, died with family present, at his residence in Minneapolis. Tom was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Holloran Harley in 2017, and is survived by his wife, Patricia, his daughter, Anne Holloran, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Tom attended Washburn High School, obtained his undergraduate college degree (1952) and law degree (1955) from the University of Minnesota.

Tom served in the Naval Reserve, including on active duty, from 1952 to 1954, and began his legal career at Wheeler & Fredrikson, in Minneapolis, joining his friend John Byron in 1955, working in what he described as a hallway with their desks.

As a Fredrikson associate, Tom began representing two entrepreneurs who were developing a medical device using electricity to address heart rhythm issues. Tom incorporated Medtronic in 1957. He left Wheeler & Fredrikson and joined Medtronic in 1967, where he served as General Counsel, Executive Vice President, and President. In 1975, Tom left Medtronic to pursue other business activities, including serving as Chair and CEO of Inter-Regional Financial Group, Inc. until 1985.

In addition, Tom served for three years as Mayor of Shorewood, and a municipal judge in Minnetonka, then for ten years as a member of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, including three years as MAC's Chair.

Tom was a devout Catholic and an ardent supporter of the University of St. Thomas, where he served on its Board for ten years, while teaching at the University's business school and supporting the establishment of the University's law school where he also taught for many years.

Tom was a firm believer in the importance of strong boards of directors and excellent corporate governance practices, and in addition to serving on Medtronic's Board following incorporation until age 70, and the St. Thomas Board, he also served on the boards of ADC Telecommunications, the Center for Diagnostic Imaging, Flexsteel Industries, Malt-O-Meal Co., MTS Systems, Polaris, and National City Bank.

Tom was very supportive of lawyers' and law firms' pro bono efforts, and giving back to their communities. He emphasized both in his 2002 remarks at Fredrikson's annual celebration of pro bono and community service activities, saying "I am warmed by Fredrikson's commitment as an institution and individually, through its lawyers, to strengthening the fabric of our community through personal service and leadership for individuals and community organizations that serve those in need."

In all aspects of his business, community and academic work, Tom personified the importance of community service, generosity, integrity, respect for people and ethical values. These values, all central to the founding in his honor of the Holloran Center for Ethics in the Professions at the University of St. Thomas, to teach and articulate those values and principles for the benefit of future generations and our society, which the Center continues to do under the strong guidance of Neil Hamilton and Jerry Organ.

Today, Fredrikson and all those touched by the life and values of Thomas E. Holloran, acknowledge and celebrate a true example of servant leadership, and a wonderful lawyer, colleague, and human being.

**PATRICIA HOLLORAN, ANNE HOLLORAN, JOHN STOUT, AND NEIL HAMILTON**



## IN MEMORIAM

# THOMAS C. HUNT

MAY 22, 1938 – NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Thomas C. Hunt of Wayzata, Minnesota, age 85, was born May 22, 1938, in Schenectady, New York, and died on November 12, 2023 in Minneapolis. Preceded in death by parents Samuel Ellery Hunt, Marcia Kundert Hunt, and Betty Paddock Hunt. Survived by spouse John Wheelihan, children Lang Wharton Hunt (Kerry), Lucy Hunt Nelson, granddaughter Marina Hunt Healy. Siblings, twin brother Donald S. Hunt (Jane), Penny Hunt, Patricia Hunt Preheim (Tim), extended family and many friends.

Tom graduated from Carleton College in 1960 and the University of Michigan Law School in 1963.

He practiced law with the Minneapolis firm of O'Connor, Green, Thomas, Walters & Kelly before being appointed Special Assistant Attorney General, assigned full time to the state insurance department by Minnesota State Attorney General Douglas M. Head. Governor Harold Levander appointed Tom as Minnesota State Insurance Commissioner in April of that same year. In July of 1967, Governor Levander also appointed him to head the new Minnesota Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Hunt served as chairman of the department's commission which included, in addition to himself, three other commissioners.

In October of 1970, Tom joined the law firm of Fredrikson, Byron & Colborn where he developed an insurance practice, engaged in estate planning, public affairs and assisted with the firm's recruiting and hiring. He was known by his colleagues for being kind, collaborative, client focused, positive, welcoming, and enthusiastic.

In 1976, Tom resigned from Fredrikson to join the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company as its executive in charge of government affairs.

Tom left the St. Paul Companies to pursue his dream of establishing his own interior design practice where he was able to use his creative skills. His practice ranged from the Twin Cities to other cities across the country. His greatest design talent was the creation of spaces that reflected his clients' unique tastes, personalities and collections in an always elegant, comfortable and sometimes whimsical way. He had an intense interest in contemporary art, visiting galleries across the US and on many trips abroad with his husband, John. Tom had a lifelong passion for music, especially classical and opera. He loved to sing and always did so with great gusto and enthusiasm.

He was active and generous in his community service as a board member for various arts and social service organizations. He was a 60-plus year member of Plymouth Congregational Church, active on various committees and a generous donor to multiple fundraising campaigns. He was one of a group of friends known as the Bakers Dozen (13) who created an annual and very successful fundraising gala that supported programs for persons with traumatic brain injury.

Tom was always authentic and true to himself. He was a man of unimpeachable integrity. His wit and humor were abundant, usually dry and sometimes acerbic. His exceptional intellect was always evident. Even in the midst of Alzheimer's dementia, Tom expressed love and flashes of wit and humor with his family. He continued to the end to be the impeccable gentleman he always was.

JOHN WHEELIHAN

IN MEMORIAM  
**MARK ALAN JACOBSON**

APRIL 7, 1961 – APRIL 27, 2023

Mark was an exceptional lawyer who embodied the ethos of his profession. He was talented, compassionate, and prioritized the truth of “justice for all” above all else. Passionate about teaching, Mark could often be found creating opportunities for others: on the softball field with his daughters’ teams, on the lake teaching others how to (ice)fish, on councils and in board rooms for worthy causes, and all with the kindness of a true mentor and friend.

Mark attended Groton Boarding School in Massachusetts; the University of North Carolina for his undergraduate studies (where he developed a fierce devotion to Tarheel basketball); and graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School with high honors. He clerked for the Honorable Judge Coyle in Fresno, California before heading to Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. to begin practicing law. In 1991, he returned to Minnesota to join Lindquist & Vennum (now Ballard Spahr), where he honed his antitrust practice and developed a deep love for pro bono work with asylum seekers. It was this passion that led Mark to the Center for Victims of Torture, where he served as a board member until his death. Mark proudly concluded his career at Cozen O’Connor, where he was valued not just for his legal expertise, but also for his warmth, caring, and devotion to coaching the next generation of lawyers.

Mark is survived by his wife of 35 years, Jill Conda; his daughters, Katie and Megan; his granddogs, Millie and Mabel; and many family members, friends, colleagues, and peers who carry on his passion for making the world a better place for everyone.

**JILL CONDA, KATIE JACOBSON, MEGAN JACOBSON**

## IN MEMORIAM

# MICHELLE MARIE JACOBSON

SEPTEMBER 29, 1971 – NOVEMBER 27, 2023

Michelle Marie Jacobson, age 51 of Minneapolis, peacefully left this world on Sunday November 27.

Michelle was born September 29, 1971, at Queen of Peace hospital in New Prague, Minnesota, to Ethel (Skluzacek) and Theodore “Butch” Jacobson. After attending grade school at St. Wenceslaus Catholic School, she graduated at the top of her class in 1990 from New Prague Senior High School.

Following high school, Michelle’s passion for learning led her down the path of an Ivy League education at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. An avid and impassioned reader, Michelle channeled her fervent love for literature into degrees in English and German; ultimately graduating cum laude in 1994, and being a proud Mount Holyoke alumna to her death.

With a need to do something greater in life, and a desire to help people, Michelle continued her education at the University of Minnesota Law School; graduating cum laude, with a Juris Doctorate, in May of 1997.

Channeling that need to serve the greater good led her to the Minneapolis City Attorney’s office. She joined the attorney’s office in 1998 as a criminal prosecutor, serving in a broad number of capacities. In 2003 she was asked to take a greater role, suitable for the passions that made her a great person. It was at this time that she was invited to serve as a liaison for the family violence unit of the Minneapolis police department. Michelle helped the Minneapolis Police Department establish protocols, systems, and processes for the handling of domestic violence cases.

The work she did on domestic violence significantly improved the city’s ability to track, and ultimately prosecute, cases involving domestic violence; improving, and saving, the lives of countless women and children. For this work, Michelle ultimately received the Shelia Wellstone “Gold Watch” award in 2007, which is an award for “outstanding individuals who have made a permanent and significant improvement in the criminal justice system” related to domestic violence.

Michelle continued her work at the city for 20+ years. On top of her work at the city, Michelle also sought to make the future of law better, serving as adjunct professor at both the University of Minnesota and the William Mitchell College of Law.

Above all though, Michelle LOVED her nieces Claire and Nora. Ever the proud aunt, Michelle loved spending time with them, taking them places and watching their activities when she was able. Her love for them was evident to the end, as her last words were spent expressing how proud she was of them.

Michelle is survived by her sister Stephanie Jacobson-Landon, and Stephanie’s partners Heather Baker and Erika Apicella, of Provincetown, Massachusetts. Brother Ted (Tina) Jacobson, as well as nieces Claire and Nora, of New Prague, Minnesota. Michelle also leaves behind her significant other Steve Henningsen of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. Michelle is preceded in death by her parents Theodore (1976) and Ethel (2013) Jacobson, as well as sister-in-law Tammy Jacobson-Landon (2019).

**TED JACOBSON, TINA JACOBSON, AND  
STEPHANIE JACOBSON-LANDON**

## IN MEMORIAM

# CYNTHIA MARIE JOHNSON

FEBRUARY 17, 1948 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

Known professionally as C.M. Johnson, Cindy Johnson was the first woman and youngest person appointed as Commissioner of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Few have had such a profound impact on the Minnesota justice system as Cindy did.

Cindy was an incredibly kind, immensely intelligent, and ridiculously funny person who genuinely loved life and treated everyone with dignity and respect. Born on February 17, 1948, in Duluth, Minnesota, Cindy died on September 11, 2023, after a brief illness.

Cindy was a double Marquette honors grad with a Bachelor of Arts, History degree, and Law degree. She was a consummate legal scholar who loved the U.S. Constitution, considering it the most important legal document in the United States because it serves as the basis for our freedom, our rights, and our great Republic.

Cindy became a lifelong Saint Paul resident after being admitted to the Minnesota Bar, experiencing a stellar legal career that was nothing short of exemplary. Cindy began her 25-year career at the Minnesota Supreme Court, serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Justice George Scott. The Minnesota Supreme Court Justices so admired Cindy's legal abilities that they asked her to assume the role of Assistant Supreme Court Commissioner immediately following her clerkship. Three years later, the Justices appointed Cindy as Commissioner of the Minnesota Supreme Court, a remarkable ascendance to a position she held for over 20 years.

Cindy was one of Minnesota's pioneer women, paving the way for women lawyers to achieve greatness. Her stunningly brilliant career as Commissioner was impactful, whether measured by her contributions as legal advisor to the Justices, mentor to the law clerks, or by her unparalleled legal analysis and draft-opinion writing. Cindy left an indelible mark on the Minnesota Justice system for which we all owe her a huge debt of gratitude.

After leaving the Court, Cindy experienced tremendous success in the private sector, serving as the General Counsel of The Mercanti Group, LLC., for which The Minneapolis Business Journal recognized her in 2010 as a "Women in Business Industry Leader."

Cindy was a voracious reader, avid traveler, and sports enthusiast. Passionate about the Minnesota Twins, when out-and-about, she kept her phone playing every Twins game close at hand. She was a natural-born athlete who excelled at golf; playing in the USGA Women's Senior Open only a few months after successfully battling breast cancer. As in the practice of law, Cindy was fierce and invincible.

Despite her countless professional successes, Cindy defined herself not by her career accomplishments, but rather as a loyal daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She would do anything for those she loved. She lived an exceptional life with great joy, never looking in the rear-view mirror. She often remarked, "I have no regrets. I have had a marvelous life." And, indeed, she did. She leaves behind a phenomenal legacy and is profoundly missed.

**BARBARA D'AQUILA AND KATHLEEN MAHONEY,  
PROUD TO CALL THEMSELVES CINDY'S BEST FRIENDS**

IN MEMORIAM  
**CHARLES “CHARLIE” KELLY, III**

**MAY 15, 1953 – JANUARY 14, 2022**

Charlie Kelly died of COVID-19 at Heritage of Edina Memory Care Community on January 14, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by parents, Charles F., M.D. and Kathleen Kelly; and brother, Thomas. Survived by his wife of 44 years, Susan; two children, Charles “Chuck” (Megan) and Brenna Kelly; grandchildren, Nola and Cole Smillin, and Charles “Charlie” and Samantha “Sam” Kelly; brother, Michael W., M.D. (Brig) and sisters, Ann Little, Patty Jorgensen (Lane), and Mary Greenbush (Steve); many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; and his faithful canine companion, Ivy.

Charlie was born on May 15, 1953, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The oldest of six siblings, Charlie led by example from an early age. He grew up in Edina and was a proud defenseman for the Edina Hornet Hockey team from 1968-1971. He continued his hockey career playing for the St. Louis Billikens, and later transferred to St. Cloud State, where he earned his bachelor’s degree and met the love of his life, Susan Kelly, who he married in 1977.

After starting his family, Charlie enrolled in Law School and was a 1987 graduate of William Mitchell College of Law. He spent his early career working as a corporate attorney for an insurance company before establishing his own practice, Kelly Law Firm, Ltd., in 1992. He was well known and respected in the Edina community as the handsome attorney who officed on the corner of 50th and France. Charlie was a Minnesota State Bar Association member and admitted attorney of both the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota and the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota.

Charlie’s practice focused on estate planning, probate, real estate, and small business matters, and he took exceptional care of his clients. Being a lawyer was more than conducting business transactions for him. It was about being a trusted advocate and truly taking care of people when they needed help. He treated people well and loved making someone else’s day by taking a load off their shoulders or inviting a lonesome elderly client to his home for a holiday dinner. He had a giant heart and steadfast commitment to “do the right thing” no matter what.

Charlie was diagnosed with Younger-onset Alzheimer’s in 2015. True to form, he lived as gracefully with Alzheimer’s as without, enriching the lives of those around him. Even while living with advanced stage Alzheimer’s, Charlie traveled to Washington, D.C. with his son Chuck to advocate for Alzheimer’s causes to Members the U.S. Congress. Charlie appreciated simple joys and lived a very fulfilling life. He loved rock & roll music and playing golf, which he played well and often. He was loved for his quick wit, mischievous giggle, and patient demeanor. A loyal friend, a devoted husband, and a larger-than-life Dad and Papa who loved his family, Charlie will always be remembered as a true Irish gentleman.

**SUE, CHUCK, AND BRENNAL KELLY**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**VELMA “VIKI” KIMSAL**

**MARCH 10, 1943 – OCTOBER 27, 2023**

Viki passed away on October 27, 2023, as the result of Multiple Myeloma, a blood cancer.

Viki began her legal career in 1986 as a secretary at Dorsey Whitney. She had a love of the law and an intense interest in ethical leadership. Viki pursued that interest while attending William Mitchell College of Law, where Neil Hamilton was her advisor.

Viki completed her legal studies and was admitted to the state bar in October 1993. She returned to Dorsey Whitney as a staff attorney in the Indian Law Department. While at Dorsey, she was responsible for coordinating legal research, editing a six-volume binder collection on Indian gaming law and Tribal/State Compacts, as well as assisting department attorneys in resourcing materials, especially recent court developments.

After leaving Dorsey in 1999, Viki continued her career at the Northwest Area Foundation and St. Mary's University where she taught Business Law and served as a Program Director. She retired from St. Mary's in 2011 and continued to serve her community and church through a variety of volunteer activities.

**KENT GUSTAFSON**

IN MEMORIAM  
**HON. MARY LOUISE KLAS**

JUNE 5, 1930 – JUNE 9, 2023

Mary Lou May grew up on the east side of St. Paul, the eldest of two daughters of an Irish milkman and Austrian homemaker. She earned a full scholarship to St. Joseph's Academy—awarded to the highest-ranking female graduate of St. Paul's Catholic grade schools. At St. Joe's, and later at the College of St. Catherine and William Mitchell College of Law, she developed a lifelong commitment to the pursuit of justice and equality.

"No one told me I couldn't do something," she would say. "Around me were intelligent, articulate, and capable role models."

Mary Lou graduated with honors from St. Kate's in 1952, but there were few jobs for women. She was hired as an executive assistant to former Governor Orville Freeman, and in 1956 she enrolled in the St. Paul College of Law (now Mitchell Hamline School of Law) where she was one of only three women in her class.

On the first night of classes, Mary Lou met Daniel Klas, a Hamline graduate and history teacher from Wabasha. They were married in 1958 and, by the time they graduated, they had two of their five children. Even though Mary Lou ranked second in the law school class, she faced gender discrimination.

"There were no jobs for women lawyers," she recalled. She became active in the Minnesota State Bar Association and got involved in politics. "I wasn't on the golf course. I was doing the grunt work."

In 1973, she and Dan formed their own law firm, and she focused her practice on family law. In 1986, Governor Rudy Perpich appointed her the first woman to the Ramsey County District Court.

It was through her work as a family lawyer and then as a judge that Mary Lou became aware of the consequences of domestic violence in a legal system that failed to protect women. She began by trying to change the culture, one judge at a time. She took on leadership roles in the training of new judges, ensuring that the curriculum included sessions on family law and domestic violence. She traveled nationally to speak on custody issues, to participate in training on domestic violence issues and to testify before the U.S. Senate.

"When we make it safe for women and children to be in their homes, we will make it possible for each of us to be safe on the streets," she said.

Leaving the bench at age 70, she continued her crusade. She traveled with Advocates for Human Rights to Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkan countries to train judges, police, and legal professionals on domestic violence.

Despite being diagnosed with Parkinson's and neuropathy in 2011, Mary Lou continued her advocacy work for more than a decade. Asked why she didn't slow down in retirement, she answered, "I didn't have a choice. Women and children are dying."

Her children and grandchildren are proud of her legacy and hope her example continues to teach and inspire.

Mary Lou is survived by her daughters, Mary Ellen (John) Kennedy, Kathy (Rob) Thames, Barbara Klas, Trish (Jim) Montalbano, and son John (Christine) Klas; 13 grandchildren and great-granddaughter; her sister, Joan (Melvin) Meyer. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Daniel Klas, and parents, William and Marion May.

**BARBARA KLAS**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**DOUGLAS EARL KLINT**  
**JULY 17, 1950 – DECEMBER 8, 2022**

Douglas was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and was raised in Coleraine by his loving parents, Earl and Eleanor, alongside his siblings Karol, Barbara, and Gregory. Their family flourished on a foundation of faith, love, respect, hard work, and deep devotion to each other.

Doug graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Business Administration. He obtained a Juris Doctor Degree from William Mitchell College of Law, cum laude, in 1976, and was an editor of the 1974 law review. He became an associate attorney at Weaver, Talle, and Herrick in Fridley, Minnesota before stepping into his true passion of Corporate Law. Doug became Vice President/General Counsel of Zycad Corporation, a publicly traded technology company in St. Paul, Minnesota then Menlo Park, California, from 1984 to 1998. He then served as Vice President/General Counsel and eventually President/CEO of Aspec Technology, a publicly traded semi-conductor IP company in Sunnyvale, California from 1998 to 2001. In 2002, Doug was asked to join TASER/Axon in Scottsdale, Arizona as Vice President and General Counsel, and eventually became President in 2010 while continuing as General Counsel until his retirement in 2018. He was responsible for legal, risk management, corporate governance, securities compliance, intellectual property, and led the medical advisory board. Doug was an incredible leader with unstoppable drive and led Axon through challenging periods of adversity. He was the definition of grace under fire and his immense wisdom, calm leadership, and determination to be a fierce advocate for integrity allowed him to be the driving force to success in the legal battles at Axon. He was compassionate and humble and fostered many deep relationships with others throughout the company.

Doug met the love of his life, Kimberly, on a motorcycle ride around Lake Harriet in Minneapolis in 1981. Their instant love and connection founded on their Christian faith led to marriage on October 8, 1982, and a beautiful life with their 3 children. They found roots in Danville, California; Orono, Minnesota; and Scottsdale, Arizona. Every day with Doug was lived to the fullest and never short of adventure. His ultimate enjoyment was time spent with family and friends and he extended his generosity with his motto "the more the merrier." He shared his love for boating, skiing, travel, and motorcycles with his family and they were always his top priority. To know Doug was to know love, acceptance, and immense generosity and he never held back his feelings for those he loved. He was so proud to be Papa to his 6 grandchildren.

Doug unexpectedly passed away at the age of 72 after battling a new diagnosis of interstitial lung disease. Because of Doug's faith, we take great comfort in the assurance that he is now in heaven. He is deeply missed by Kimberly, and his children Alex (Laura) Klint, Bryan (Brooke) Klint, and Sarah (Lars) Held; 6 grandchildren and many other beloved family members and friends.

**THE KLINT FAMILY**



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**HON. FRANKLIN J. KNOLL**

**APRIL 30, 1940 – MAY 18, 2023**

Franklin Jude Knoll, age 83 of Plymouth, passed away May 18, 2023. Survived by wife, Margot; children, Elizabeth Knoll (John Heigis), Caroline Fullerton (Robert) and Jonathan Knoll (Katherine); grandchildren, Emma Stomberg, Jemma Heigis, Liam Heigis, Evelyn Heigis, Mae Fullerton, John Fullerton, Ella Fullerton, Mary Knoll and Thomas Knoll; sister, Helen Fitzgerald (David); deeply loved nieces, nephews, and many wonderful and close friends. Preceded in death by siblings, Mary Knoll, Elizabeth Kane (William) and John Knoll (Concy Rajkumar).

Frank was born April 30, 1940, in St. Cloud. He graduated from St. John's Preparatory School, received a B.A. from St. John's University in 1962, and a J.D. in 1966 from University of Minnesota Law School. His deep commitment to public service, civil rights and social justice spanned his entire career and reflected an unwavering belief in the importance of serving the underserved. Frank served as general council for the Minneapolis Urban Coalition, was a Hennepin County public defender, served in both the Minnesota House and Senate, was appointed Hennepin County District Court Judge in 1984, and volunteered at Cristo Rey High School in South Minneapolis. Frank had many long-time friends that meant the world to him. His values of kindness, respect, and forgiveness were evident throughout both his professional and personal life.

Frank's artistic abilities flourished in his woodworking and poetry. He was a master woodworker, receiving numerous blue ribbons from the Minnesota State Fair, and was happy to know that many of his pieces are with people he loved. His heartfelt poems allowed him to find some peace and make sense of the human suffering witnessed in many unforgettable cases as a judge. He was a life-long reader, with an abiding love and respect for words, and had a deep and varied appreciation for music, ranging from Dire Straits to Dvořák.

Frank married his dear Margot in 1965. Their marriage is a tribute to enduring love and an impactful life of shared values. He loved his family deeply. In later years, nothing brought more sparkle to his life than when he and Margot were with their grandchildren, who always held a special place in his heart.

**THE FAMILY OF FRANKLIN J. KNOLL**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JOYCE HELEN LAHER

MARCH 14, 1943 – FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Joyce's jobs and the questions that followed could fill a book. For example, "what do you do with 700 pounds of bear meat?" greeted Joyce on her first day as Assistant Food Editor at the Detroit Free Press. Such questions helped her make logical shifts in her professional development, and brought her closer to an interest in the law.

She would talk your arm off and stayed close to the colleges and universities in the Twin Cities and Detroit where she grew up. Her strong Catholic Polish family adjacent to the Big Three manufacturing plants kept her close to the "real" world.

When Joyce was seven, her family received devastating news that she had Polio and her prognosis was dim. Living near a world of cars was a good thing due to family trips to Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Nobody seemed to have a cure or even explanations. But those experiences developed a resiliency in Joyce and her family.

Joyce graduated from and met her husband at Wayne State in Detroit. In 1969 they stuffed their belongings (and a 125-pound German Shepherd) into a Corvette, then moved to the Twin Cities where he worked as a drug counselor for Catholic Charities, and she worked at Metro State in student counseling and personnel. The importance of legal considerations to academic committee outcomes drew her to the legal profession.

Joyce entered the University of Minnesota Law School, lined up a summer clerkship with the University Attorney's office, then suffered a heart attack the week before she was to start. She clerked for Justice Rosalie Wahl following her graduation.

Joyce then spent two years at the NLRB. She recommended government work for lawyers considering litigation careers, noting "you get to court earlier, faster and more often, in government agencies."

She then took a "fun" position with the Minneapolis Water Department after the City failed to bill 50,000 accounts for over two years. She prepared the City's responses to appeals and explained to many customers that "even though water comes from God, it's not free."

Next, she returned to working with students as Career Services Director at Hamline Law. She was instrumental in maintaining support and cooperation among Minnesota law school career offices and was active on bar committees and in leadership at the National Association for Law Placement. She took pride in her work regarding alternative careers, including the study "The Redirected Career," which she co-authored.

In her last position, at the University of Minnesota Disability Services Office, she focused on students with psychiatric disabilities and knew her JD added value to her work with boards and committees dealing with disability issues. She maintained that disability is a difference, not a deficiency.

Joyce and her husband were active in the Marriage Preparation Program at St. Gerard church in Brooklyn Park. Polio caught up with Joyce last year and she passed away just before her 80th birthday. She is survived by her husband Byron, sons Sam and Joe, and many friends, colleagues, and relatives.

**BYRON LAHER AND JOAN BIBELHAUSEN**

IN MEMORIAM

**HON. HENRY (HARRY) W. MCCARR**

**JULY 4, 1927 – FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

My name is Tom McCarr and on behalf of my sister and I, I'd like to share some memories of our father—Harry McCarr.

Harry was born on the 4th of July in 1927 in St. Paul where he was raised and went to school, including graduating from St. Paul College of Law in 1955, where he finished #1 in his class. While in law school, he met Genevieve Schweizer, also from St. Paul. Our Mom and Dad were married while he was still in law school in 1954, and were married for 66 years until our Mom's passing in 2021.

Early on in his legal career, Harry held a number of legal jobs in Ramsey County. In 1963, he was hired by then Hennepin County Attorney George Scott as an assistant county attorney on one condition: "If you are going to work for me, you are going to vote for me." And so, lifelong St. Paul residents, Harry and Genevieve, moved all the way over to Minneapolis where they lived for almost 60 years. Harry spent 13 years in the County Attorney's office. In 1976, he was appointed by then-Governor Wendell Anderson to the Hennepin County Municipal Court and then in 1983 was elevated to the Hennepin County District Court by then Governor Rudy Perpich, where he served on the bench until his retirement in 1994. Harry was known for his decisive decision making and for taking on and resolving a very heavy caseload.

In 1974, the Minnesota Supreme Court appointed Harry as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure which provided the impetus for Harry being commissioned by West Publishing to author a treatise titled Minnesota Practice, Criminal Law and Procedure. Harry would write four editions of this treatise with the last two editions being co-authored with fellow Hennepin County Judge, Jack Norby. This treatise is still in print and online today, and is used by Minnesota lawyers as a resource for those who practice criminal law to this day.

Harry also taught law students at both Hamline and William Mitchell law schools, teaching legal writing and trial advocacy classes. After retiring as a judge, he spent time as a substitute judge in the metro area, an arbitrator/mediator, and was a member of a Minnesota panel assessing criminal mental illness cases. At age 92, he "officially" retired when he decided not to renew his law license.

Our Dad absolutely loved being a lawyer and serving the people of Hennepin County. The reason why he loved being a lawyer is that this was his way of helping people. He was a devout Catholic and incorporated his faith into his professional life as a lawyer. He was incredibly hardworking, honest, and loyal.

Harry died on February 1, 2023, at the age of 95. He is survived by his two children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**THOMAS MCCARR**

IN MEMORIAM

**J. PATRICK MCDAVITT**

**NOVEMBER 30, 1945 – AUGUST 11, 2023**

Patrick McDavitt was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 30, 1945. He graduated Cum Laude from the University of Dayton in 1967 with a degree in economics, and Notre Dame Law School in 1970.

Pat's legal career began following his Law Review experience at the Notre Dame Law School by accepting a judicial clerkship for Minnesota Federal District Court Judge Miles Lord in 1970. Pat then joined the small Minneapolis firm Levitt Palmer Bowen Rotman & Share upon the recommendation of Judge Lord. Pat quickly rose within the firm as an extraordinary fledgling litigator, becoming a partner shortly before the firm's merger with Briggs and Morgan in 1983. He retired from the firm (now Taft) in 2016. Pat's good judgment, skills, and efforts impressed senior lawyers, clients and his peers. He served as the firm's Ethics Compliance Officer along with Board of Directors membership and many committee assignments within and outside the firm. He was most proud of the firm's Pro Bono efforts, chairing that committee for years.

His golfing skills were only exceeded by his perseverance when training for or running one of his many marathons, including several Boston Marathons. Pat continued running even after his brain surgery following the diagnosis of glioblastoma. He also realized a hidden talent of writing poetry! His faith and character allowed Pat to openly communicate with a number of his close friends within and outside the firm about his cancer, the expected outcome, and his love and caring for each of them. His many recollections and openness serve as inspiration to so many of his close friends, former law partners and family members.

Pat passed away with his family at his side on August 11, 2023.

**PAMELA MCDAVITT AND STEVE WINNICK**

IN MEMORIAM  
**RICHARD (“RICH”) MILLER**

**MAY 11, 1938 – OCTOBER 11, 2023**

Rich was born May 11, 1938, and was the only child of Clarence and Lyle Miller of Fairmont, Minnesota. Rich attended Fairmont High School, where he excelled in academics and sports. Upon his graduation in 1956, Rich attended Iowa State University before transferring to the University of Minnesota on an ROTC scholarship.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1960, Rich married his high school sweetheart, Sylvia Reinke, in Fairmont. They immediately moved to Long Beach, California, where Rich began his Naval career as an officer. In 1963, Rich and Sylvia's daughter, Julia, was born while they were stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. After his active-duty service, Rich returned to Minneapolis with his family and attended law school at the University of Minnesota. Rich and Sylvia's son, Allen, was born in 1968.

Rich was admitted to the Minnesota Bar in 1967 and for his forty years as a lawyer he was among Minnesota's preeminent labor lawyers. Beginning in the 1970s, he practiced with renowned labor lawyer Sam Sigal, as Sigal & Miller. In 1985 he was a founding partner of Miller O'Brien (now Miller O'Brien Jensen, P.A.), which is Minnesota's longest-standing labor and employment law firm. Rich's roots and influence in the labor movement were wide and deep. He was for many years principal counsel for the Minnesota Building Trades Association, the Minneapolis and St. Paul Building Trades, as well as the Minnesota AFL-CIO. Rich was active in the Minnesota Bar Association. He held several officer positions and was Chair of the Labor/Employment Law Section of the Bar. Rich's reputation for labor law excellence was matched by his reputation for professionalism and collegiality. He brought intellectual rigor, honesty, dignity, and a sense of humor to his dealings with his clients, but also to his opponents. In recognition of Rich's unique blend of competence and collegiality, he was awarded in 2007 the Minnesota Bar Association's highest honor for labor lawyers, the Leonard Lindquist Distinguished Practice Award.

Despite the long hours Rich devoted to his clients and law practice, he found time to pursue many other interests. Rich was an early participant in the amateur running movement starting in 1970s, and Rich continued to run virtually every day until his mid-70s. He ran several marathons, including the Boston, Twin Cities, and Grandma's marathons. Rich loved sailing and enjoyed summer-time adventures on the St. Croix River. Rich and his family went to Breckenridge, Colorado to ski in the winter and hike in the summer. He also took up competitive mountain biking.

All who knew him will remember Rich for his sense of humor. He was the consummate straight-man—delivering sharp wit with a straight face. Rich closely followed local and national politics. He cared deeply about democratic values and fairness. He relished a good debate.

**SYLVIA MILLER**

IN MEMORIAM  
**DALE J. MOE**

**DECEMBER 10, 1949 – MARCH 26, 2023**

Dale Moe passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 26, 2023, from heart disease. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gayland “Buster” Moe and Leone Moe, and brother John Moe. Dale was survived by his former wife, Nancy Watkins, and their three daughters Kelly Moe, Linsey Moe, and Abbie (Chad) Miller; grandchildren, Izzy, Jacksy, and Teddy Miller; Girlfriend, Cynthia Frances; siblings, Peter (Diane), Diane, and Paul (Karine), many cousins, nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Dale was an Eagle Scout (Troop 187 in south Minneapolis) and graduated from Washburn High School in 1966. He attended Dunwoody Institute and the University of Minnesota, and graduated from William Mitchell Law School in 1976. After stints at various title insurance companies, he joined Eastlund Hutchinson Ltd. in Savage, and practiced real estate law with that firm (and its predecessors) for over 35 years until the day he passed.

Dale was an active member of the real estate bar, including being a long-time member of the Uniform Conveyancing Forms Advisory Task Force appointed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, and serving as a Deputy Examiner of Titles for Scott County. In addition, Dale was a loving father, grandpa “Buppy,” brother, and friend. He was incredibly social and could find something to talk about with anyone. He was always excited to help someone out or lend them a tool (from his collection). He was passionate about working on his vintage cars, history, reading, coaching all his daughters’ softball teams, motorcycles, camping, road trips, and being with family (to name a few). He will be greatly missed by all his many, many friends and family, but always remembered.

**ABBIE MILLER, LINSEY MOE, AND KELLY MOE**

## IN MEMORIAM

# HON. LEONARD ALLAN NELSON

MAY 25, 1931 – DECEMBER 5, 2022

Leonard Allan Nelson of Edina, Minnesota passed away on Monday, December 5, 2022, at the age of 91. He was born on May 25, 1931, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Following high school, Leonard joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany from 1948 to 1952. He then attended the University of Minnesota, thanks to support from the G.I. Bill, for which he remained grateful his entire life. He received his J.D. degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 1960 and then began a legal career that included private law practice as well as serving in various Minnesota state government positions, including his appointment by Attorney General Warren Spannaus to the position of Special Assistant Attorney General, and his appointment as a State of Minnesota hearing examiner. In 1985, Leonard was appointed as a federal administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration and served in that role until his retirement in 2011 at the age of 80. He cared deeply for fairness and helped many people through difficult situations. He had a real soft spot for the underdog.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Anna (Johnson) Nelson, his brother Norman Nelson, and his sister Jeanette (Nelson) Revalee. Leonard is survived by his wife of 66 years, Grace (Fransen) Nelson, his three children, Ann Nelson Moulton (Ben), Bradley Nelson (Katie), and Heidi Nelson Young (Grant), and nine grandchildren: Haley, Tucker, and Chase Moulton; Graham, AJ, and Lindsay Nelson; and Anna, Jackie, and Wyatt Young. Leonard was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who will be deeply missed by his family. Leonard was interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on July 28, 2023.

**THE NELSON FAMILY**

IN MEMORIAM  
**DAYLE NOLAN**

**JUNE 7, 1946 – FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

We don't choose how we die, but we do to choose how we live. Dayle Nolan made this world a better place because of how she lived.

Dayle grew up in the last house within the city limits of Hutchinson, Minnesota, as the second of Bob and Betty Witcher's four children. Her childhood was formative and sometimes eclectic. There were challenges—money was tight and her parents had their own struggles—but also fond memories that included exploring uninhabited woods on her property and vacationing in an old school bus that her father single-handedly transformed into a DIY recreational vehicle.

In school, Dayle stood out for her beauty and brains. She graduated 4th in her class with high honors and was one of only a few Hutchinson High School seniors to receive a national merit scholarship. Her early career progressed from her first job detasseling corn to paying her way through university working quality control on the assembly lines at 3M. After college she studied immunology and traveled across the U.S. to research toads, sea lampreys and paddlefish before finding “her purpose” in law.

Dayle was an attorney for more than 40 years, most of which were spent at Larkin Hoffman in Bloomington where she founded the firm's labor and employment practice and chaired the practice group for years. She was known as a zealous advocate for clients who shaped employment law in Minnesota, particularly as it relates to civil rights. Often the only woman in the courtroom, she shattered glass ceilings and helped to blaze a trail for a new generation of attorneys. She mentored many along the way, championed equity and inclusion, and earned the trust, respect, and admiration of peers, adversaries, colleagues and clients alike.

Outside the courtroom, Dayle was known for being generous to a fault, wearing her heart on her sleeve, telling it like it is, and having an adventurous “up for anything” spirit that led her to visit every continent but Antarctica. Her big, beautiful smile lit up any room and she perfected the art of laughing at herself. She cherished her friendships and was drawn to people who were zany, fun-loving, a bit mischievous, and who made her laugh.

Dayle passed away peacefully on February 4, 2023, surrounded by family. She leaves a deep void in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Especially her sister and best friend, Deb Carrigan, her children, Casey and Mike, of whom she was fiercely proud, their spouses, Andrew and Carol, who she loved like her own children, and her grandchildren, Riley, Maren, Mae, Teddy, and Callan, who knew her as “Nammy” and were the light of her life.

**MICHAEL NOLAN AND CASEY NOLAN**



## IN MEMORIAM

# MELVIN J. PETERSON, JR.

NOVEMBER 8, 1948 – OCTOBER 26, 2023

Melvin J. Peterson, Jr. was born November 8, 1948, to Judge Melvin J. Peterson, Sr. and Lois M. Peterson in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mel would often say that as a child he disliked all the moving around the family did, going from St. Paul, to Hutchinson, to Arden Hills, to Golden Valley, and finally, Minneapolis. In his adult life, Mel wanted stability. Once he settled in Maple Grove he never left; living and practicing law there for over 40 years. Mel graduated from DeLaSalle High School in 1966. He served in the U.S. Navy during the height of the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1971. After leaving the Navy, Mel returned to Minnesota and continued his education, graduating from Hamline University and Hamline School of Law.

As the son of Melvin J. Peterson, Sr., Judge of Probate Court, Mel had large footsteps to follow; however, Mel carved out his own niche, devoting the main portion of his practice to criminal law. He often said that his clients were “the little guys” who didn’t have many advantages in life but still deserved the best representation he could provide. Mel was a warrior who was willing to go to battle for his clients; he loved a good argument. Mel not only acted as their attorney, but as an advisor, doing his best to counsel his clients to follow a better path in life. His clients could always count on his honesty, he never sugar coated anything or promised results that he could not achieve.

Mel worked at various small firms, but was happiest working as a sole practitioner and being his own boss which—given his strong personality—was the best option for him. The ability to manage his own schedule allowed Mel time to devote to his other passion, the game of golf. Though he spent many hours practicing and golfing, he never neglected his clients, he just reduced his work load during the summer months. There were many client meetings held on the golf course.

Mel was always willing to help all who knew him. He was generous with both his time and his legal expertise and was known for his integrity and fairness.

Mel is survived by his wife of 45 years, Julie, children, William Peterson (Tracy), and Laurel Peterson (Mike); his sisters Sharon Peterson and Deborah Peterson; nephew Jeremy Harris; and grandchildren, Rose, Peter, Gideon and Kyla, who brought him much enjoyment and pride. He will be dearly missed.

**JULIE PETERSON**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**HON. DELILA F. PIERCE**  
**JANUARY 21, 1934 – AUGUST 5, 2022**

Delila passed away in her sleep at her home in Golden Valley, Minnesota. She really enjoyed her home, especially with her swimming pool and lovely yard.

Delila passed away due to cardiac arrest. A very sad morning; we didn't expect that at all. Still have trouble with her passing.

Delila was born in Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

She was a very private person, and kept things to herself, but when you needed help you could call on her anytime and Delila would be more than willing to help, if at all possible.

When she graduated from law school at the University of Minnesota with honors, Delila went into private practice for a while, then went into partnership with Marlene Mitchell.

Delila loved to travel all over the world. She took our mother and father with her to Rome, Italy; Germany; Poland; Puerto Rico; and Mexico until their passing. Delila kept traveling right up to her passing.

Delila had a condo in Florida. She stayed there in the wintertime and her neighbors were all really nice. They really miss her. She was on the board at the condo. They voted her president after a few years.

Delila came from a family of seven with four brothers and two sisters, as well as many nieces and nephews. We all had fun at her cabin in the summer; and she enjoyed having us.

Delila, we all love you and miss you very much.

Delila served on the Fourth Judicial District bench from 1973 to 2002. She was the first female Family Court Referee. A year later, she was appointed to the Municipal Court bench. She became a District Court judge when the Municipal Court and District Court benches merged in 1983. She was a wonderful colleague on the bench. She was generous, hard-working, self-effacing, and kind-hearted. She mentored many judges. She was also a lot of fun. As one judge remarked, "they don't make them like Delila anymore." She is missed by her former colleagues.

**THE FAMILY OF DELILA PIERCE  
AND HER FORMER COLLEAGUES**

IN MEMORIAM

**HON. STEPHEN DAVID RADTKE**

**MAY 18, 1941 – JUNE 21, 2023**

Stephen David Radtke passed away on June 21, 2023, in Edina, Minnesota, where he lived with his wife and best friend, Kathy Radtke. He was 82 years old.

Steve was born on May 18, 1941, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, near the southeastern Minnesota town of Hokah, Minnesota where he was raised. He graduated from Winona State University in 1963. His student teaching while at Winona State took him to Caledonia, Minnesota, where he met Kathy, who was already a music and English teacher there. He immediately knew she was the one and they married in 1963.

Steve's career journey took him many places, both geographically and professionally. He started as a high school math and drama teacher, including in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where he and Kathy lived for two years. While there, Steve developed a passion for the law and so upon their return to the U.S. he attended William Mitchell College of Law at night, graduating in 1973.

A trusted and highly respected attorney, Steve spent most of his years practicing in Bloomington, Minnesota. Some of his most meaningful work was his commitment defense work, where he represented people with mental illness regarding their commitment to a State facility; this work included challenging the constitutionality of certain Minnesota statutes before the Minnesota Supreme Court. He also loved his time serving as a Hennepin County Conciliation Court Judge, especially when his grandchildren visited to have lunch and see him in his black robe.

Steve was never one to sit still. He served in leadership of many churches he attended, helped Kathy direct countless school and church musicals and choir tours, was a proud bass in the Augsburg Centennial Singers, and together with Kathy shared the gift of hospitality with their family, friends, and faith communities.

Steve loved the outdoors, was an accomplished and self-taught woodworker (building rocking horses and chairs for children and grandchildren), built and collected many grandfather and cuckoo clocks (none of which chimed at the same time), travelled extensively with Kathy around the world, and loved spending time at Cedarhaus, the cabin that he and Kathy had built on Cedar Lake near Aitkin, Minnesota. He also loved telling jokes—sometimes they were funny, but they were always told with a twinkle in his eye.

Most of all, Steve was passionate about sharing his strong faith. He wanted those who survive him to know that he died with the faith described in John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Steve is survived by his wife Kathy, his son Shawn Radtke, daughter Heather (and Karl) Olsen, and son Keith (and Jody) Radtke, his grandchildren John-Stephen, Gunnar, and Maya Radtke, Ariane (and Afik) Olsen Faerman, Braden, and Garrett Olsen, and Tyler, Joshua, and Nathan Radtke, and his great grandchildren Lyra and Charlie Radtke. He is loved and missed by many.

**KEITH P. RADTKE**

## IN MEMORIAM

# THOMAS M. REGAN

SEPTEMBER 25, 1956 – FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Tom was born in Mankato, Minnesota, into a family of lawyers. He followed in his family's legal footsteps and attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He graduated with a BA in Sociology in 1978 and a law degree in 1981. While he was there, he also met and married Deb, the love of his life. After graduation, they moved to Minneapolis, and Tom started his law career at Nichols & Kruger. It was there that Tom was given his first tax litigation case, and he was hooked. In 1987, he founded Regan Tax Law, working almost exclusively with tax litigation cases. That same year, he was named Minnesota Small Business Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

Tom was a frequent and sought-after CLE lecturer. He also received many recognitions as an attorney and was most proud of being named a Super Lawyer for more than 25 years; every year since its inception. It was easy to see why Tom received that designation. During his 41-year career, he represented everyone from small businesses to grandmas to celebrities with the same compassion and kindness. He ensured that they felt cared for enough to sleep at night.

Clients described him as very warm, soft spoken, extremely intelligent with a contagious smile, a remarkable, kind man, a great support, a friend during a trying time, and someone who made an incredibly positive impact on their lives. Even after Tom knew that he did not have much time left, he thoughtfully considered his clients' well-being and worked tirelessly to make sure each one was taken care of.

Tom's colleagues described him as the consummate professional who never let his emotions get the better of him. They also described him as smart, principled, respectful, kind, meticulous, knowledgeable, and always willing to lend a helping hand. In addition, his colleagues and co-workers described him as having a big heart. Few were better at telling a client's story and consistently achieving favorable results. Those who opposed Tom offered their praise both while he was practicing and after he passed. One colleague stated that the Tax Bar had lost an absolute giant and, even though he will be sorely missed, his memory will not soon be forgotten.

Tom absolutely loved being a dad. He took great pleasure in sharing his love of the water with his son, Scott, and his daughter, Brianna. The family spent most summer weekends at the lake. He also loved following and supporting the interests of his kids and grandkids and sharing everything they were up to with whomever would listen.

Tom's legacy will live on in all those he touched with his infectious smile and clear joy for life, but especially in those he loved the most: his wife of 42 years, Deb; son, Scott (Ali) Regan; daughter, Brianna Regan (Kyler Chase); grandchildren, Emmeline and Nels; sisters, Fay Regan and Molly Regan (Conrad Osborne); sister-in-law, Carol Regan.

**DEB REGAN**

IN MEMORIAM

**JEFFREY BRUCE RING**

**AUGUST 2, 1951 – AUGUST 12, 2023**

“The greatest thing, you’ll ever learn, is just to love, and be loved in return.”

Jeffrey Bruce Ring passed away in Robbinsdale, Minnesota on Saturday, August 12, 2023, with his loving family by his side. Jeff was born in Minneapolis on August 2, 1951, to Harold and Florence Ring. He was a 1969 graduate of Blake High School in Hopkins, Minnesota and went on to attend the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1973 with a major in Speech, Rhetoric, and Public Address. He graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1977.

Jeff began his legal career as a prosecutor, first for Hennepin County and later for Freeborn County, where he remained for eight years. He then returned to the Twin Cities where he began a long and distinguished career in criminal defense, specializing in DWI defense.

Jeff had a passion for life and all it had to offer. A true bon vivant, Jeff had an extensive collection of art, fine furniture, and good wine. Often, when he dined out, restaurant staff knew him by name. In the evenings he could be found on his porch with his doggies, smoking a cigar and reading a good book. Jeff loved traveling, movies, all kinds of music, writing, and will be remembered as a prolific storyteller with a wonderful sense of humor. Generous and gracious, he opened his home and his heart to many friends and family over the years, including several foreign exchange students.

Jeff possessed an incredible legal mind and was well-respected and regarded throughout the legal community. He zealously represented his clients and served as a trusted and valuable mentor to his colleagues. Frequently referred to as a ‘walking law library,’ Jeff had the ability to not only remember case law, but to weave it expertly into a truly unique and powerful tapestry of argument. Many of his colleagues came to recognize Jeff’s rather long telephone calls about the latest shift in case law as simply Jeff working through the first draft of an argument, testing out loud not just its logic, but its sonority. The courtroom was his stage, and as any actor knows, rehearsal is imperative.

Jeff was a long-time member of the Minnesota Society for Criminal Justice, a group whose counsel, friendship, and advice he valued deeply.

Jeff was diagnosed with CNS Lymphoma in June of 2023. He fought bravely to the end. He is deeply missed. Jeff is survived by his daughters Heather Ring (Gary Meyer), Lisa Finnvik (Brian), Molly Ring (Joshua Abelson) and their families, as well as his siblings, Terry (Avi) Schonwald, Michael (Susie Montpas) Ring, and Joanne (David Levine) Ring, grand and great grandchildren, countless nieces, nephews, friends, colleagues, and his five exchange students. He was predeceased by his wife Verla, his parents Harold and Florence, his father- and mother-in-law Vincent and Coletta Tennesen, his sister Marnie Ring, as well as his beloved doggies Zoe and Mocha.

**JEFF'S DAUGHTERS HEATHER RING, LISA FINNVIK,  
AND MOLLY RING**

IN MEMORIAM

**ROBERT H. RYDLAND,  
CAPTAIN USN (RETIRED)**

**MAY 28, 1946 – DECEMBER 14, 2022**

Captain Robert H. Rydland passed away December 14, 2022, at the age of 76, with his loving family by his side. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Roxanne Rydland; his two children, five grandchildren, and eight siblings. Robert will be greatly missed by the entire family.

Robert (Bob) was born in Crookston, Minnesota, to Arne and Helen Rydland. He grew up in Golden Valley, Minnesota. Bob graduated from Robbinsdale High School, Saint Olaf College, and the University of Minnesota Law School. Bob was an AFS foreign exchange student in Germany during his junior year in high school where he met his future wife, Roxanne, who was also an AFS exchange student from Minnesota. After graduating from college, Bob deferred his enrollment in law school and joined the United States Navy. He was accepted to flight school and became an A-6 Intruder pilot. He had several cruises on the USS Forrestal and made many successful carrier landings. Bob and Roxanne spent eight years of active duty stationed in Florida, Mississippi, Texas, Puerto Rico, and Virginia. He continued in the Navy Reserve and was President of the Reserve Officer Association.

After leaving active duty, Bob returned to Minnesota and attended law school at the University of Minnesota. He was in private practice for many years before he joined the ELCA Board of Pensions as Vice President, General Counsel. Bob was very active in the community. He served as President of the Hennepin County Bar Association, was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Minneapolis Foundation and lifelong supporter of Ducks Unlimited.

Bob loved to travel and explore new places. He particularly loved traveling with his family. He enjoyed many Christmas holidays in Honolulu at the Hale Koa; winters in Grand Cayman and Fort Walton Beach; many tropical evenings watching for the “green flash;” several family cruises to Alaska; fishing and hunting with his brothers; and many, many summers “Up North” at Cass Lake and Kabekona Lake.

Bob was a very loyal person—especially to his family and his church. He was a longtime member of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

**ROXANNE RYDLAND**

IN MEMORIAM  
**RAUL SALAZAR**  
JULY 25, 1934 – APRIL 6, 2023

Raul Salazar was an amazing man. He accomplished so much during his life. He was born in an adobe house with a dirt floor on a ranch outside of Eloy, Arizona, and went on to become the first Hispanic to graduate from the University of Minnesota Law School. He lived the American Dream. His parents were ranchers and instilled in him the value of work and the need for education. He grew up picking cotton, various other manual labor jobs, and playing high school football. He quickly realized he wanted more out of life. As graduation approached, he knew he wanted to go to college and eventually law school even though a high school counselor told him that, "Mexican boys don't have the mental capability to attend professional school." This may have daunted many others but for Raul such remarks only furthered his desire for something better. (Years later he was the first professional to be inducted into his high school Hall of Fame.)

He attended college in Tucson, Arizona and did his first year of law school there. He traveled to various cities in search of a place offering more opportunities than Arizona. He was accepted into the University of Minnesota Law School where he completed his last two years. He built his law firm with his law partner of 60 years in Minnesota. After building a successful practice, Raul entered the political arena and ran against George Pillsbury for a seat in the Minnesota Senate. Following the election, he resumed his law practice and would later sit as chair on the Minnesota Board of Judicial Standards. He loved a good debate and friendly competition. He enjoyed representing corporations, entrepreneurs, and migrant workers. He was an intelligent, gregarious man with a big personality and zest for life. He had the gift of reading people and making others feel valued. He was loyal to a fault. He loved boating on Lake Minnetonka with family and friends. He loved reading a good book on a beach or snow skiing at Vail; a long way from Eloy and the dusty farm fields of his youth.

Raul left this life in 2023 with courage and quiet grace and is greatly missed by wife Terry, daughter Dawn, and son Tim.

**TERRY SALAZAR, DAWN SALAZAR AND TIM SALAZAR**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**JAMES SIFFERLE**

**APRIL 12, 1931 – MAY 17, 2023**

James L. "Jim" Sifferle, age 92, of Bloomington passed away on May 17, 2023. Preceded in death by loving wife Mary Pat, parents Edward F. and Mae Sifferle, sister Rita Maley, and brothers Edward J. and Michael Sifferle. Survived by beloved sister Judy Hillstead, daughter Patricia, sons William (Kari), Gregory and David, grandchildren Brendan, Ana, Joseph, Matthew and Aaron, and many nieces and nephews.

Raised in Minneapolis, Jim graduated from St. John's Preparatory School and the University of Minnesota Law School. He worked as an estate tax attorney and then spent more than 30 wonderful years in retirement, during which he enjoyed traveling, reading, spending time with family, gardening, napping and generally puttering around.

**THE FAMILY OF JAMES SIFFERLE**



## IN MEMORIAM

# RUSSELL MORGAN SPENCE, SR.

JANUARY 24, 1937 – DECEMBER 27, 2023

Russell Spence was born in Amboy, Minnesota, to Vernon George and Eunice Marian Spence (Fisk). They moved to Spring Valley, Wisconsin where he farmed as a boy, while attending a one-room grade school. Russ often bragged about how he skipped the 3rd grade, but usually fessed up that was only because there were just 2 students in that grade. He convinced his parents to let him enlist early in the army at 17, becoming a paratrooper in the 11th and 101st Airborne Divisions, stationed in Munich, Germany. After his service, he returned to Spring Valley, where in 1959 he eloped to Iowa with his high school crush, Mary Josephine Richardson, after persuading her to break off an engagement. They moved to River Falls, Wisconsin, where he graduated from college. They then moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they started their family while Russ worked days and went to evening law school at William Mitchell College of Law.

He then joined the recently-formed Minneapolis law firm of Robins, Meshbesh, Singer & Kirshbaum, as an investigator, working his way up to becoming named partner at Meshbesh & Spence, Ltd. Over his three decades of work there, Russ started and built what has become a very successful plaintiffs' personal injury practice for his firm, mentoring many fine trial attorneys, connecting with juries and winning record recoveries for his clients. Today, the PI practice Russ built is the firm's central practice area and it is nationally respected. Although Russ had some heart health issues beginning at age 49, he fought through those, continuing to practice law for years. He was President of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association (now Minnesota Association for Justice), active in the American Board of Trial Advocates and a committed supporter of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers.

After his first wife Mary Jo passed away in 1994, Russ reevaluated life's priorities. He later married Laurel Anne McGraw, enjoyed family gatherings, travels to 31 different countries and the fruits of his labors for the next 27 years. Russ loved time farming at his Spring Valley "hobby" farm, where he helped and worked with family and friends. Although he wore 3-piece suits in court, he never forgot how to roll up his sleeves and get his hands dirty doing honest, day's-long, physical work. He was an avid golfer and long-time hunter, which even took him to Wyoming and Colorado for horseback ride-in excursions with cherished friends. He enjoyed time in Scottsdale, the Twin Cities, at Balsam Lake, and of course, his farm. Russ will long be remembered as an engaging, caring, generous and authentic man, who was a great storyteller. He successfully challenged himself, and those around him, overcoming many obstacles along the way. Paraphrasing Frank Sinatra, "he did it [his] way!"

Russ is survived by his second wife, Laurel Spence, son Russell "Mick" Spence, Jr. (Darran), daughters Suzanne and Claire Spence, stepdaughter Sophie Callahan (Jared), and grandchildren Sophia, Griffin and Russell Spence, III.

**RUSSELL M. "MICK" SPENCE, JR.**

IN MEMORIAM  
**RUSSELL J. SUDEITH**  
MARCH 19, 1940 – MAY 29, 2023

Russell J. Sudeith graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1966 and joined Felhaber Larson shortly thereafter. His practice primarily focused on the areas of corporate and business law, including mergers and acquisitions. Russ was sincerely interested in his clients as individuals, and in their families, in their businesses; indeed, in all aspects of their lives. His integrity, commitment, and ability to resolve difficult issues enabled his clients to meet their objectives. He was as proud of their successes and as happy for their good fortune as if the successes and good fortune were his own. This personal commitment made him passionate and tireless, and always a consummate professional in his service to clients. Many of his long-standing clients became very good friends and their friendship continued into their retirement and his retirement. Russ was also active in his community, especially in his early years with the firm, and passionate about his causes.

Not only was Russ an extraordinary lawyer, mentor, and friend, he was an exceptional leader. Felhaber was the beneficiary of his leadership skills by his many years of service on the Board of Directors, where he served in many roles, including President and Chairman of the Board. Russ retired in 2016 after 50 remarkable years of practicing law.

His colleagues remember him well:

“A man of his word ... If Russ Sudeith promised or committed to something, he saw it through and did it. Which means that Russ had a quality which is sadly not often attributed to people today — he was honorable. Russ was, of course, a terrific lawyer, mentor and leader, and I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with him. But his honor, candor and commitment (along with a great sense of humor) are the qualities I most remember.”

“Having an office next to Russ for almost ten years, I witnessed first-hand and on a daily basis, not only his love of the law, but what a constant and tenacious advocate he was for every single one of his clients. He was also compassionate, funny, and very easy to talk to. I feel incredibly lucky to have learned so much from him and will miss him deeply.”

“Russ Sudeith was a wonderful father, a great lawyer, a loyal friend and partner, and gifted storyteller.”

To sum it up in one sentence: Russ Sudeith was an amazing person with extraordinary talents who led a remarkable life.

**BILL ECKLUND**

## IN MEMORIAM

# R. CHRISTOPHER (CHRIS) SUR

SEPTEMBER 8, 1967 – FEBRUARY 25, 2023

Chris Sur died on February 25, 2023, while cross-country skiing in Theodore Wirth Park in Minneapolis. The sky was a brilliant blue and the sun was shining, which Chris documented in his last moments, snapping several photos before his final descent. Those last photographs were among thousands of pictures Chris took near the end of his life. In 2021, he was diagnosed with metastatic prostate cancer. As he valiantly fought the cancer, he embraced life, taking pictures of everything he saw and experienced, and sharing his photos and stories on Instagram. Chris had a keen eye, unending positivity, and an extraordinary wit, and his Instagram posts were beautiful, inspiring, and hilarious. He shared that his cancer treatment was working remarkably well, making his unexpected death from cardiac arrest especially cruel.

Chris is survived by his wife, Theodora (Teddie) Gaitas, and his daughter, Clea Gaitas Sur, who was a senior in high school when she lost her dad and is now a college freshman. He is also survived by his sister, Jennifer Sur, who lives in Massachusetts. In 2020, Chris's father, Richard Sur, passed away. His mother, Catherine Sur, passed away in March 2024.

Chris grew up mostly in Massachusetts, graduating from Concord/Carlisle High School. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he played saxophone in the jazz band and majored in history, graduating *summa cum laude* in 1989. In 1994, Chris graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School. Following law school, he moved to Minneapolis, attracted by the abundant outdoor activities, snowy winters, and a position at Faegre & Benson.

Chris found his legal home at Maslon LLP, where he started as an associate and became a partner. During his 27 years at Maslon, he represented individuals and businesses in commercial litigation and business torts. Chris was a talented lawyer, he loved to help his clients, and he was a great colleague. He was also a kind and supportive mentor to new attorneys at the firm.

Chris was engaged in his community. He was a longtime board member and friend of Tubman, serving as board chair from 2009 to 2011 and remaining involved with the organization until his death. He also chaired the Kingfield Neighborhood Association.

Outside of his work and community activities, Chris led a joyful and full life. He loved mountain biking, cyclocross racing, and cross-country skiing, and he shared these activities with a wonderful group of close friends. Chris was passionate about music, and he frequently saw live performances ranging from jazz at the Dakota to Afrobeat at the Cedar to punk at the Entry and everything in between. Most of all, Chris loved being with his family. And his family loved being with him. He was an utterly unselfconscious dad who delighted Clea and her friends with his antics. He was the family chef, who tackled challenging recipes and worked hard to master Greek cooking for Teddie. He was a great listener. He was laid back and patient. He was wise and kind and fun and so special.

**TEDDIE GAÏTAS AND CLEA GAÏTAS SUR**

## IN MEMORIAM

# TIMOTHY THORNTON

JANUARY 3, 1949 – AUGUST 23, 2023

Timothy Thornton, who died Aug. 23, 2023, at the age of 74, became a lawyer because he was fired from a job reading gas meters in Florida.

It was a fortunate turn of events. Outside of husband, father and grandfather, there was no role Tim enjoyed more than attorney. Perhaps no profession was better suited to showcase his sharp thinking, persuasive writing style and unwavering loyalty.

He routinely told his four children that being an attorney was a “[expletive deleted] way to make a living” but there was no denying that he deeply enjoyed the challenges, the work, and the people he encountered throughout his career.

After graduating from Florida State University College of Law, he was set to move with his wife Alice to Milwaukee to start his career. A serendipitous meeting with Bill Egan altered those plans and instead he accepted a job offer at the Rider Bennett firm in Minneapolis.

After a brief stop at the eponymous Hart, Bruner, O'Brien and Thornton, he joined Briggs and Morgan (now Taft Stettinius & Hollister.) There he built a practice as a litigator in the utilities, railroad, and transportation industries and earned the nickname “Thunder”—one he never enjoyed. He also met lifelong friends and colleagues Sam Hanson and Mike Krikava.

The next stop was the role of general counsel at Northwest Airlines. When the airline was sold in 1989, Tim was again fired, an outcome he had anticipated, and he returned to Briggs to practice law until he retired in 2019.

Tim gave each case his full attention. He very much enjoyed going head-to-head with the leaders of the airline's various unions and opposing counsel. He could be aggressive and curt but was almost always respectful. Routinely he concluded a long day of negotiations, depositions, or mediations with an invitation to opposing counsel to join him for a beer at O'Gara's Bar & Grill in St. Paul or at the Mission at the IDS Center. His admiration for the profession of “lawyer” and loyalty to his fellow combatants was obvious. He took great pride in a well-written brief or a compelling oral argument and was quick to tip his hat to a fellow purveyor of the craft doing exemplary work.

None of Tim's children went to law school, which was a minor disappointment to him. He instead turned his mentoring energies to the younger attorneys he practiced with. He thoroughly enjoyed working with the “kid lawyers” and stressed the importance of analysis before action and careful editing.

Many of the attorneys Tim took under his wing became friends. Jack Perry, Tom Basting, Paul Thissen, Jon Schmidt and his daughter-in-law Molly Borg Thornton were frequent visitors to his St. Paul home. He was no doubt demanding from his mentees but also immensely proud when they succeeded.

Tim is survived by Alice, three siblings, four children and 10 grandchildren.  
He is missed.

**THE FAMILY OF TIMOTHY R. THORNTON**

## IN MEMORIAM

# WELLINGTON “DUKE” WHEELER TULLY, JR.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1933 – JUNE 21, 2023

Wellington “Duke” Wheeler Tully, Jr. age 89, of Bloomington, Minnesota, died on June 21, 2023. He was born September 18, 1933, and grew up in Minneapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wellington, Sr. and Prudence. Duke was the oldest of three children and is survived by his brother Ralph (Karen) and sister Prudence, who he loved dearly. He went to West High School, where he made many friends, and he remembered them all fondly. Once he graduated, he went to the University of Minnesota, going to law school and graduating in 1957.

Duke loved history, music and singing. His greatest pleasure was spending time with family and friends, chatting over a cocktail. Duke loved to travel and experience the world. He relished his years in the fraternity as a DKE and has many fond memories from that time. He met his wife there, Ellen Margaret Newman, a woman who was beautiful, intelligent, witty and kind. They had three children, Mark (Wendy), Chris (Erin), and Sarah.

Duke started out his law career working with his father and brother at their firm, Tully and Strong. In 1967 he moved on to create a new law firm with Bob Henson, creating Henson and Tully. In 1976, Duke and Bob joined with Stan Efron and others creating an even larger law firm, Henson and Efron. He loved working on a broad range of legal work and found that variety a great source of satisfaction. Over the years real estate law became his special love. At the firm, Duke was considered to be the go-to guy in real estate, and was willing to share his expertise with other attorneys and staff. Those who worked with him remembered him for how much he enjoyed interacting with people and he worked hard for his clients. He was generous, and put the well-being of the firm ahead of himself. He spent the rest of his career with Henson and Efron until his retirement.

Ellen and Duke had 44 wonderful years together and an amazing marriage, Ellen died in 2001. Then in 2005, Duke was lucky enough to find another wonderful woman. He married Elizabeth Lundquist Olson. She was also beautiful, intelligent, witty, and kind. Unfortunately, she passed in 2016. Elizabeth’s children became a second family, including Scott (Kelley), Liz (Jenny), and Jeff Olson. Dad is also survived by his grandchildren, Andrew (Allie), Tom (Sari), and Ian (Molly), and great granddaughter Adalynn and step grandchildren, Katie (Cory) and Lucie, and a great-grandchild, Rori.

**MARK, CHRIS, AND SARAH TULLY**

IN MEMORIAM  
**JEANNE H. UNGER**  
JULY 16, 1955 – JULY 7, 2023

Jeanne Unger died on July 7, 2023, nine days short of her 68th birthday. Although she left us much too young, she lived her life with much love, warmth, compassion, and exuberance for all that life has to offer.

Born in Minneapolis, the daughter of a trial lawyer, she seemed destined to become a lawyer herself after serving as a dinner table “juror” for years with her eight siblings while her father tested out the arguments and theories of his latest case on his family. Years later, much to her chagrin, during an undergraduate “Constitutional Interpretation” course at the University of Minnesota, her analytical nature was on full display when her professor, Harold Chase, read her midterm essay answer aloud to the entire class to illustrate an excellent answer. Since a young age, Jeanne embodied the humility, aptitude, courtesy, and ambition that makes a great lawyer.

After college, Jeanne graduated with honors from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1981. She started her career at the Rider Bennett law firm, where she opted to work part time for many years and became the first woman to make partner while working part-time. This blazed a trail and alternative career path for women lawyers who followed her. She eventually retired from the Bassford Remele law firm after 2017 at age 62. Over her career, she rose to national prominence and recognition in insurance law. Jeanne was a popular speaker at national seminars for insurance lawyers and claims personnel. During her legal career, she also devoted decades of pro bono service to representing an Alabama man who was sentenced to death for a crime committed as a teenager. Jeanne was a lifelong opponent of the death penalty and advocate for social justice. She engaged in numerous political, civic, and faith organizations throughout her life.

Despite professional success, she adhered to life priorities that placed her family and friends ahead of everything else. She struck a thoughtful balance between being a present and loving spouse, mother, and friend on the one hand, and the demands of her professional life on the other. Her balanced approach to life did not go unnoticed. She became an inspiration, model, and mentor to many young lawyers, particularly young women lawyers. She also inspired her daughters, Katherine and Emily, to become successful lawyers and mothers to her four beloved grandchildren, currently ranging in ages 4 to 9.

Unbeknownst to Jeanne, among the admiring political science classmates who were regaled with her perfect midterm essay, was me, her future husband. Two years later we met as student activists at the University. While I recalled her brilliance and beauty from years earlier, after meeting her I was smitten with her kindness, compassion, humor, energy, and zest for life. We married in 1979, after we survived the first year of law school together. We agreed then that our lives together were meant to last. And they did, until death did us part. She is greatly missed by me, our family, and all who knew and loved her.

**MICHAEL W. UNGER**

## IN MEMORIAM

# JAMES GERRIT VANDER LINDEN

MARCH 9, 1950 – MAY 9, 2022

Jim's passion, after his family and many many friends, was the law. Jim was never in it to make a lot of money. Two of his many claims to fame were: getting sworn into the Supreme Court by Sandra Day O'Connor, and suing Richard Nixon and winning his case to let weekend military personnel wear wigs instead of shaving their heads.

Workers Comp was his chosen case load. His need to help people and get them what they deserved both in workers comp, personal injury, and later in his career, FCA cases—better known as whistle blowers, and crimes against the government—usually ended up as 80-hour weeks.

Time was sacrificed for the good of many from his family. He regretted that time lost many, many times toward the end of his life. But, as all you attorneys know, that's the way it is. Jim was sometimes paid with potatoes, fish, pheasant, and once a cow.

Had Lewy Body Dementia not taken over his mind and body, he would still be practicing law at 74.

Jim was a force to reckon with whether in law or life. His 6' 6" presence was one thing. His booming voice and kind heart another. Jim was the most honest man I have ever known. This trait made him the attorney he was. His photographic memory was also a big tribute to his practice and life.

Even with the incredible hours he kept in the office and at home, he attended all but a few of his sons' various sporting games. He could remember the names of most of their friends' names until LBD.

I am so proud to have been married to this wonderful man for 43+ years. His two sons, Charlie and Jack, are a tribute to what a good father he was. He was not only kind, loving and generous but faithful, funny, and romantic.

Jim's family were straight out of a perfect family textbook; they will forever be mine.

Jim's Mom and Dad's whirlwind romance and love for each other was very hard to live up to. They are the shining example. Their three kids, Susan, James, and Sally have all used this example of Van and Gladys as the way life and marriage should be lived.

Jim's love of golfing, skiing, hunting, fishing, and traveling has carried over to his sons, grandkids, and me. His sense of humor is still present through me. I call them Jimisms. Even though life must go on, time spent with Jim, is time never lost. His impact on me, his kids, his family, friends, clients and adversaries is time never lost.

Jim not only filled a room with his presence but filled it with his being. He was there to listen, to laugh, to cry, to hug. He knew people and what they needed. HE WAS THERE.

Jim is so missed and loved.

SUSAN VANDER LINDEN

IN MEMORIAM

**JAMES (JIM) ROBERT WALDHAUSER**

**MAY 4, 1952 – AUGUST 1, 2022**

Jim, age 70, passed away peacefully on August 1, 2022, surrounded by family and friends.

Born and raised in South St. Paul, Jim was a graduate of South St. Paul High School, St. Cloud State, and William Mitchell School of Law. He lived life to the fullest. He loved socializing and traveling with his wife, friends, and family. An avid sports fan, his early years were remarkable—some of his favorites were playing hockey, baseball, and golf. Jim reveled in experiences such as Twins baseball, the Vikings, hockey, college basketball, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, traveling the world, and heading to the cabin.

An exceptional attorney, Jim specialized in Worker's Compensation claims throughout his 35 years of practicing law. He successfully represented a wide variety of clients in various industries, including manufacturing, health care facilities, education services, professional sports teams, and retail businesses. Jim was widely respected by his clients, colleagues, other attorneys, and judges. Jim served on numerous committees including the Workers' Compensation Committee, Defense Research Institute, and the NFL Safety Committee. He was also an active member of several professional associations including the Sports Lawyers Association, the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, and the Hennepin County Bar Association (HCBA). Jim served as President of the Cousineau, Waldhauser & Kieselbach Law Firm from 2012-2016.

We will remember Jim as a born leader; humble, considerate, kind, witty, energetic, generous, and a smart man with a heart beyond measure. His smile was as bright as the sun. He was an outstanding person who made a difference in the lives of everyone who knew him.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Jerry. He is survived by his loved and loving wife of 27 years, Shelley, mother Joan, siblings Barb (John) Brian, Tom (Gail) Waldhauser, David (Diane) Waldhauser, nephews and nieces Mark, Amy, Kate, Melissa, Kristyn, Ben, Anna, Jacob, Daniel, and many very dear friends.

**SHELLEY WALDHAUSER**



IN MEMORIAM  
**TIMOTHY MICHAEL WALSH**  
JULY 31, 1959 – FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Tim passed away on February 21, 2023, at N.C. Little Hospice in Edina surrounded by beloved family and friends. He was 63 years young.

Tim was born and raised in Minnesota. He graduated from Saint Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights and received his undergraduate degree from Creighton University. Following in the footsteps of his father, James Walsh, Tim went to law school and received his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law. He stepped into the not-always-benevolent world of law with the world at his feet.

Tim's law practice began in 1985 as corporate counsel at ITT Diversified Financial Services. When a corporate reorganization required a relocation to Chicago, Tim was determined to stay in St. Paul. His determination paid off and he went to work at Leonard, O'Brien, Spencer, Gale & Sayre for fifteen years. After that, he entered corporate practice, spending eight years as executive vice president and general counsel at C&C North America. In the second half of his career Tim returned to private practice, becoming a shareholder at the Henson Efron Law Firm. He concluded his distinguished career at the national law firm of Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, practicing corporate and real estate law.

Tim received many recognitions throughout his career and lent his legal skills to many social causes. None were more meaningful than his work for the Solar Commons Project, an initiative dedicated to reparative justice work in low-income communities. Tim led the Solar Commons legal team with his sister-in-law, Professor Kathryn Milun, and his colleague, attorney Maria Pitner. They authored an article published in the Vermont Law Review in 2023 presenting a new community solar ownership model based on their decade of community engaged work in the United States.

Tim's combination of knowledge and generosity was coupled with a capacity to build interpersonal relationships through collaboration and conviction. He leaves behind a loving family and a large group of colleagues and lifelong friends. He is greatly missed.

**PATRICIA J. MILUN**

## IN MEMORIAM

# MARK H.B. WILLIAMSON

JANUARY 16, 1960 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Mark changed his residence for good to the only place better than Minnesota on September 13, 2023. Mark was a Minnesota boy, born in Truman on January 16, 1960. He was proud of his small-town upbringing but couldn't resist the pull of the Gophers. Now that Sid Hartman is gone, no one loved Gopher Sports as much as Mark. He was well-versed in the glory years of Gopher football and was always sure that this was the year the Gophers would get back to the Rose Bowl. The annual frustration only honed his joy and optimism for the next season. PJ, please, please beat Michigan this year. SKI-U-MAH.

After graduating in 1982 and a brief stint in graduate school, Mark left for the City that Never Sleeps to attend Columbia Law School in New York City. He made some of his friends for life—Ted and Kevin—in the law school class of 1987.

Minnesota was never far from Mark's heart, and he moved back to Minneapolis in 1987 to join Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly in its St. Paul office. He learned his craft there as a corporate attorney, able to take on any assignment, big or small, and furthering his pride in his work. Mark reveled in finding less than ideal drafting and typos in the drafts of agreements he received from the New York white-shoe firms he frequently worked with on the other side of a deal, saying to himself, "Yeah, we know a thing or two about the law business out here in the Northern Plains." A series of jobs followed until Mark found the lawyer's job that fit him best—his own law firm. Mark practiced solo as Williamson, PLC, until his passing. He leaves behind a small but devoted group of clients who trusted him implicitly, valued his counsel, and depended on him completely. Mark was much more than just a lawyer and an accomplished student.

He married Lynn Bebeau, his partner and sometimes opposing counsel, in 2003. It didn't surprise any of us that a huge Twins fan like Mark would have twins of his own (Henry and Ella). Mark's years of "full-time fatherhood" were precious to him. He was proud of the wonderful people they became. While Henry is an artist, Mark hopes from heaven that Ella will choose seminary over law school. Though Mark already taught Ella where these disciplines intersect.

Mark was a proud curmudgeon, with a heart of gold and boundless optimism. He loved his technology, but he was old-fashioned. He loved his solitude, but was also a people person. He was a fierce friend, undaunted by the passage of time, minor disagreements, or philosophical differences. He wanted and strived for the best of everything for Lynn, Henry and Ella—a good family life, love and comfort, the proper amount of encouragement, and an appreciation for all of the curiosities of life.

**RANDY PATTEE, LYNN BEBEAU, AND ELLA WILLIAMSON**

## IN MEMORIAM

# TSIPORA “TSIPPI” GOLDBERG WRAY

OCTOBER 25, 1954 – APRIL 20, 2023

Tsippi died in St. Paul, Minnesota, April 20, 2023, at the age of 68. The cause of death was frontotemporal dementia.

Tsippi will be remembered in many ways. She was a loving wife and mother, a loyal friend, and a mentor to many young female law students and attorneys. She possessed a sharp intellect, boundless energy, unbridled enthusiasm, a warm heart and generosity, and an unbending sense of fairness. Tsippi loved her native Israel and was deeply committed to a just and lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Perhaps most of all, Tsippi will be remembered for her amazing smile, which lit up any room in which she found herself.

Born October 25, 1954, in Kfar Saba, Israel, Tsippi grew up in Holon, Israel. She served in the Israel Defense Forces during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, ending her service as an officer. Following her military service, Tsippi emigrated to Winnipeg, Canada, and lived in Newfoundland, and Brainerd, Minnesota, before settling in the Twin Cities.

Tsippi attended the University of Winnipeg, St. Cloud State University, and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1982. She attended law school at William Mitchell College Law, earning her J.D. degree in 1985.

Tsippi's distinguished career as an attorney, mediator, and judicial officer began in the family law unit of the Minneapolis Legal Aid Society, and included family law private practice; court-appointed guardian ad litem; adjunct professor at William Mitchell and Hamline University Law and Graduate Schools; Child Support Magistrate; and, finally, Family Court Referee in Hennepin County District Court. She was a pioneer in the area of family law mediation and arbitration, published a ground-breaking article in the Hamline University Law Review examining same-sex relationships and parenthood, and was repeatedly named among the best family lawyers in the state.

Tsippi was deeply committed to volunteer service and civic engagement. She was especially passionate about issues affecting families and children. Among other things, she was a member of the Supreme Court's ADR Review Board, served on the boards of Central Minnesota Legal Services, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, and Lifetrack of St. Paul, and was a Minnesota Volunteer of the Year for the Children's Defense Fund. Tsippi also committed many hours and a great deal of energy as a volunteer at her children's schools. As if all that was not enough, she made time to teach herself to play piano, become an expert potter, attend her kids' many sporting and musical events, and walked many miles a day.

Tsippi was preceded in death by her father Avraham “Max” Goldberg. Her mother, Sarah Goldberg (Bat Yam, Israel), died in February 2024. Tsippi is survived by her husband Lawrence (Larry) Pry; her sons Tyler Pry (Ashley Holcomb) and Ariel Pry; and her sister Yafa Teneh (Jerusalem, Israel).

**LAWRENCE PRY**



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