

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION BLAIR C. WOOD

On May 1, 2000, Blair C. Wood died at age 92.

Blair was first elected District Judge on the Republican ballot in 1954. He served until retirement in 1975.

Blair was born in Ralston, Iowa, March 21, 1908. His father George W. Wood served as a District Judge before him. After graduation from high school, he earned an undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College. He then completed a law degree from Harvard. He married Eleanor Parfitt in Manchester, New Hampshire, in 1934. She was a graduate of Vassar College in 1934.

Blair entered law practice in Waterloo in 1934. In 1944, he entered the Navy as an officer. He served until 1946. He served as a Black Hawk County Attorney for six years. He was active in the County Attorneys' Association and later in the Judges' Association as chairman of the criminal law committee.

Although his first election as judge was on the Republican party, Blair was known to have liberal views. He was very active in forming the Legal Aid Society and the public defender service in Waterloo, Iowa. He also served as an officer for the United World Federation and the Civil Liberties Union prior to his judicial election.

He was very community minded. He was an officer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Am Vets, and the Mental Health Society. Blair was the second Eagle Scout ever granted in Black Hawk County and continued his support of the Scouts throughout his life.

His first passion was skiing in New Hampshire and Colorado. He was responsible for helping establish the first ski hill in Waterloo. His second passion was building cabins, which he built in the Waterloo area and Wisconsin and Colorado.

He is survived by four sons: Michael of Colorado, Blair Junior of New Hampshire, Glen of Minneapolis, and John of Colorado. He also has six grandchildren.

IT IS MOVED that this resolution be accepted by the Association, spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to Blair Wood, Junior, P. O. Box 382, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755.

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Mr. Blair Wood, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Wood:

As an officer of the Iowa Judges Association, I extend the sympathies of the Association to you upon the passing of your father, Judge Blair C. Wood. Enclosed is a copy of a Resolution in memory of Judge Wood. This Resolution was read and approved at the General Meeting of the Iowa Judges Association on June 20, 2001. This Resolution has been made a part of the permanent record of the association. Your father will be missed by all the members of the Iowa Judges Association.

Very Truly Yours,

Judge Stephen C. Clarke

Enclosure