

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

### C. FRED STILWILL

C. Fred Stilwill was born in Tyndall, South Dakota, on February 23, 1904. He moved with his parents to Sioux City, Iowa, in 1911. He attended college and law school at the University of Iowa. After being admitted to the bar he entered into the practice of law with his father C. Minor Stilwill in the firm of Shull & Stilwill. In about 1940 the firm of Stilwill, Brackney & Stilwill was organized and upon his father's death in 1956 the firm name became Stilwill & Wilson, and later Stilwill, Wilson & Rhinehart. He served in the Judge Advocate General's Department of the U.S. Army in World War II, retiring with the rank of major.

When Sioux City adopted the city manager form of government, he was one elected to the Sioux City Council, serving from 1954 to 1956. He was in the top rank of trial practitioners when he was appointed District Court Judge in 1966 by Governor Harold Hughes and served for ten years. A computer search shows 26 cases were taken to the Iowa Supreme Court from Judge Stilwill's court. His decisions were affirmed in 20 cases, modified and affirmed in 2 cases, affirmed in part and reversed in part in 1 case, and reversed in 3 cases, for an affirmative rating of well over .769. He thereafter served as a consultant with his former law firm for a time.

Judge Stilwill was active in civic and service organizations and served as a chairman of a Sioux City United Way campaign as a member of the Human Rights Commission, and on the board of the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, and was named a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope John XXIII.

Judge Stilwill married Helen A. Hitchcock and they had three children. Mrs. Stilwill died July 31, 1994.

After his wife's death Judge Stilwill became a resident at Bishop Drumm Care Center in Des Moines where he died on October 24, 1994. His funeral was on October 26, 1994, at Blessed Sacrament Church and he is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Sioux City.

He is survived by his son, Michael, of Beaver Dam, Wis.; his son, Ted, of Des Moines, and a daughter, Gail, also of Des Moines, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Fred Stilwill was an exceptionally fair and able jurist, learned in the law and skilled in its application.

Wherefore, be it resolved by the Iowa Judges Association that a copy of this Resolution be made a part of the permanent records of the Association and a copy be sent to his children.