

RESOLUTION FOR DONALD M. PENDLETON

Donald Murray Pendleton was born March 30, 1914, in Sioux City, Iowa, and died January 15, 2005, in Sioux City at the age of 90.

Judge Pendleton was the third child of Edmund Pendleton and May Featherstone Pendleton. He joined an older brother, John Edmund Pendleton, and an older sister, Margaret Agnes Pendleton.

The Pendletons were a pioneer Sioux City family. Donald's grandfather, Isaac Pendleton, came to Sioux City in 1858 and was a lawyer and Iowa District Court Judge. Don's father, Edmund Pendleton, was also a lawyer.

Donald attended Sioux City Public Schools and graduated from Central High in 1931 and subsequently received his liberal arts and law degrees from the University of Iowa. Donald practiced law with his father prior to World War II, and when the war came, he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation and served as a special agent until the end of the war. He then resumed his law practice with other partners being Donald Thompson and Wayne Prichard. He served as an Assistant Woodbury County Attorney in 1941, 1942 and 1955, and as Sioux City's city attorney in 1958 and 1959. He was appointed as an Iowa District Court Judge in 1965 and retired in 1982.

In 1946, Donald married Lt. Roberta Stock, who was also from Sioux City and a WAVE during World War II. They became the parents of five children who remember their childhood with great fondness as a time filled with music, good conversation, laughter and a variety of educational opportunities.

Among Donald's civic activities was his chairmanship of the Sioux City Civil Service Commission in 1954 as well as being a member of the First Congregational Church, Masonic Orders, Woodbury County, Iowa, and American Bar Associations as well as the Kiwanis Club and American Interprofessional Institute. He served as a board member on the University of Iowa Alumni Association, Woodbury County Tax Research Conference, the Sioux City Art Center Association and the Sioux City Museum and Historical Association.

After retiring, he began to improve his golf game at the Sioux City Boat Club and the Dakota Dunes Country Club. Donald is survived by his wife of 58 years, Roberta, his children, Judith, Janet, Jean, John and James; two sons-in-law, Sean Caulfield of Charleston, South Carolina, and Dan Boyer of Grinnell; grandchildren Neil and Nicholas Herbold, Elizabeth Floyd and Douglas Pendleton; stepgrandchildren Jacob, Cassandra and Sarah Boyer; and a great-granddaughter, Kelcy Herbold.

Donald will be remembered for a host of remarkable qualities, especially his uncompromising honesty, conscientious legal work, optimistic outlook on life, kindness and sense of humor.

WHEREFORE, be it resolved by the Iowa Judges' Association that resolution be made a part of the permanent records of this association and that a copy be sent to his widow, Roberta Pendleton.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2005.

Mrs. Roberta Pendleton
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