

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR IRA F. MORRISON

Ira Fisher Morrison, 78, of Rochester, Vermont died Sunday, December 21, 2003, at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph, Vermont.

Memorial services will be held on August 1, 2004, at Rochester Federated Church in Rochester, Vermont. Burial with military rites accorded will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Rochester, Vermont.

Judge Morrison was born on March 19, 1925, in Washington, Iowa to George F. and Cornelia L. (Gifford) Morrison. He married Eleanor Jane Tucker on June 20, 1946, in Washington.

Judge Morrison entered the Army, where he served as a PFC First Scout in Company L at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. He received a law degree from the University of Iowa. He worked for the FBI in Maryland and New York before returning to Iowa in 1957 to practice law with his father and brother. He served as the Washington County Attorney for many years. Judge Morrison was appointed District Court Judge for the State of Iowa in 1970 by Gov. Robert Ray. He retired to Naples, Florida, in 1989, where he was a member of First Christian Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He summered in Rochester, Vermont. He enjoyed his grandchildren and hunting.

Judge Morrison is survived by his wife, Eleanor; one son, Thomas T. Morrison of Hillsboro, Oregon; two daughters, E. Ann Benton of Colombia, Maryland, and Mary B. Weden of Moscow, Russia; two brothers, Donald Morrison of Clear Lake and Gifford Morrison of Washington; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Judge Morrison was compassionate, resolute, and practical. During his tenure on the bench, there was interstate traffic in stolen automobile parts in Southeast Iowa. This activity led to at least one homicide and numerous other felonies. While parked by one of the courthouses, his automobile was burned and totally destroyed. Judge Morrison was not deterred in carrying forth his duties; he equipped, instructed, and directed procedures before security was as much in the forefront as it is today. His resolve and this approach resulted in the safety of persons and the safeguard of property.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa Judge's Association that this Resolution be made a part of the permanent records of this Association, and that a copy be sent to his widow, Mrs. Morrison; his daughter; and to the Washington County Bar Association.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2004.

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