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JUDGE RAY HANRAHAN

JUDGE RAYMOND JOSEPH HANRAHAN  
Des Moines, Iowa  
July 1, 1922 – November 18, 2007

Judge Raymond Joseph Hanrahan died on November 18, 2007 at the age of 85.

Ray was born July 1, 1922 in Des Moines, Iowa to John and Margaret Hanrahan. Ray lived in the Des Moines area all of his life. He attended St. Augustin's School and graduated from Des Moines Roosevelt High School in 1940. He was the all-city baseball pitcher for the City of Des Moines, in 1940. Following high school, Ray served as a fighter pilot during World War II from 1942-1946 with the Army Air Corps 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 57<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, 66<sup>th</sup> Squadron. Most of his service was in Italy, flying P-47 Thunderbolts. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant. After receiving an honorable discharge from the service, Ray studied at Drake University, earning a B.S. in Accounting in 1948 and a Law degree in 1950.

On September 4, 1948, Ray married Alice Mae Paulson of Itasca, Illinois. Following law school, Ray began practicing in Des Moines with the law firm of Hanrahan & Wasker. He served as an Assistant Polk County Attorney and was elected to two terms as the Polk County Attorney from 1956 to 1960. He was also a member of the Iowa State House of Representatives from 1961 to 1962. In 1976 Ray was sworn in as a Polk county District Court Judge, serving until he retired on December 31, 1991.

Ray is survived by his wife of 59 years, Alice, and their children, Jeff, Janice, and Roxanne. He is also survived by his brothers Vince and John and his sisters Rosemary and Virginia. Ray has two grandchildren, Victoria and Patrick.