

**HON. WILLIAM E. ADAMS**  
**Sioux City, Iowa**  
**April 12, 1932-April 29, 2008**

Judge William E. Adams, 76, of Sioux City died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, after a long battle with cancer.

Judge Adams was born in Manley, Iowa, on April 12, 1932, to Earl and Rose (Kermes) Adams. He graduated from Manley High School in 1950 and went on to college and law school at the University of Iowa, where he first received his undergraduate degree and then his Juris Doctorate degree in 1958.

William Adams practiced law in Sioux City from 1958 through 1975. He was associated with various firms while also being associated with State Farm Insurance Company as well as serving as counsel for the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors. On June 1, 1975, he first became a magistrate and then served as an associate district court judge for 22 years, retiring in 1997.

While serving as an associate district court judge, Bill Adams was always courteous and conscientious. His opinions and decisions were the result of a careful application of the law to the facts. He presided over jury trials in a quiet and dignified manner, receiving the respect of the bar, litigants, witnesses, jurors and the general public. His mild manner and even temperament were an excellent example for all of us.

Bill's virtues of patience and consideration carried over into his private life wherein he has been described as a loving and kind man. His persistent smile and outgoing personality resulted in people warming up to him quickly. He was an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and St. Louis Cardinals and spent many enjoyable hours with his family at their games.