

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WILLIAM J. KLOTZBACH

On August 19, 2000, William (Bill) George Klotzbach died at age 75.

Bill was appointed a District Court Judge in 1977. He served until retirement in 1996.

Bill was born February 27, 1925, in Independence, Iowa, where he lived his whole life. Upon graduation from high school, he entered the US Army on May 26, 1943. He served until honorably discharged on March 21, 1946. He then attended Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. He later transferred to Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, where he received his degree. He received a law degree from the University of Iowa in 1953. He started a law practice in Independence in 1953; and during his legal career, he served as both city attorney of Independence, Iowa, and county attorney of Buchanan County, Iowa.

He married Mary McMahon while in law school. Four children were born of this union: Karl of Winnipeg, Canada; George of Ames, Iowa; John of Chicago, Illinois; and Reverend Sarah Dickinson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Four grandchildren survive.

He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church and numerous other local organizations and groups in Independence, Iowa.

As a judge, Bill was a compassionate person. He showed the utmost respect for all who entered his courtroom, regardless of their station in life. He was known to apply the Iowa law in a way that was not always well received in Des Moines. He was always concerned about the welfare of litigants that appeared before him. The Iowa DOT was a constant nemesis that Bill thought was unusually unreasonable in revoking people's licenses to drive.

Bill definitely "marched to the beat of a different drummer". He was beloved by all who had contact with him in the legal system, especially by his fellow judges.

Bill was a joy to be with. He rarely said a critical word about anyone. He always looked on the bright side and was willing to discuss anything with anybody. Incidentally, Bill and his court reporter did the New York Times crossword puzzle every morning on the way to the courthouses. How many of you can say that?

If there was ever a person who could not be replaced as a human being, it was Bill. Heaven will be a greater place because of his presence there.

IT IS MOVED that this resolution be accepted by the Association, spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to his wife Mary Klotzbach at 401 Third Avenue, Independence, Iowa 50644.