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## MEMORIALS

### J.F.X. CONMY

J.F.X. "Jim" Conmy died February 2, 1993, at the age of 93. Mr. Conmy was born December 3, 1899 in Pembina, the youngest of 11 children of Edward and Celine Conmy. He decided to follow in his father's footsteps and go into the legal profession. He graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Law and practiced law in Fargo and Bismarck. He married Marcella Eiermann in Madison, Wisconsin on June 12, 1930. He went on to serve as president of the State Bar Association of North Dakota and the State Deputy of the North Dakota Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Conmy is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Bishop Cornwell of Tempe, Arizona; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Dr. Michael and Patricia of Waukesha, Wisconsin; Dr. Walsh and Shirley of Modesto, California; Patrick and Jo of Bismarck; and James of Hong Kong. He is preceded in death by his father, Edward; mother, Celine; and daughter-in-law, Susan.

### BILL DANER

Bill Daner, 71, died November 21, 1992, in San Diego. Mr. Daner was born June 2, 1921, in Mount Clemens, Michigan. He graduated from Mount Clemens High School in 1938 and from West Point Military Academy in 1943 with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II as a fighter bomber pilot and was highly decorated for his service, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with Eight Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Croix de Guerre with a Silver Star.

In 1947, Mr. Daner served as an assistant professor of air science and military history at the University of North Dakota. After marrying Marjorie E. Dahl in 1948, he graduated from Notre Dame Law School and worked for four years with the North Dakota Legislative Research Committee as a code revisor. He then went into private practice with the law firm of Lord, Ulmer, Bair & Daner and the law firm of Wheeler & Daner & Glasser. He also was executive counsel for the North Dakota Bankers Association. In 1976, he was elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Mr. Daner is survived by his wife; sons, Michael of Oceanside, California and Daniel of Moorhead, Minnesota; daughter, Mary Jo

Varah of San Diego, California; sister, Patricia Rumpsa of Wilcox, Arizona; and eight grandchildren.

#### DANIEL G. DIEMERT

Daniel G. Diemert died May 15, 1993, at the age of 43. Mr. Diemert was born November 15, 1949, in Valley City to Stanley and Marian Diemert. He graduated from Ellendale High School and then moved to Montana to attend Carroll College in Helena and the Montana School of Law in Missoula. After graduating from law school, he moved to Ellendale where he had a private practice and served as Dickey County State's Attorney.

Mr. Diemert is survived by his son, Sam of Billings, Montana; daughter, Lindsey also of Billings; mother, Mrs. Marian Diemert of Ellendale; brothers, William of Denver, Colorado, and Barry of Ellendale. He is preceded in death by his father, Stanley, and three brothers.

#### A.E. DRAEB

A.E. Draeb, a longtime Hebron resident, died on January 24, 1993, at the age of 91. Mr. Draeb was born on August 30, 1901, in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin to John and Alvina Draeb. He moved to Hebron after graduating from the University of Wisconsin Law School to work for attorney P.S. Jungers. He later formed a law firm with Kurt Krauth in Hebron, where he continued to practice law until his retirement in the early 1970s.

Mr. Draeb married Irma Weigel of Hebron in 1926. He served as mayor, school board member, and as scoutmaster for many years. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and El Zagal Shrine.

Mr. Draeb is survived by his son, August of Hebron; sister, Mae Seyk of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; son-in-law, Dr. Frank Weyrens of Galesburg, Illinois; grandchildren, Dr. Jim Weyrens, Charmaine Kleiber, Mark Draeb, Melanie Mack, Jon Draeb; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irma; daughter, Helen Weyrens; three brothers; and a sister.

#### ROY ILVEDSON

Roy A. Ilvedson, 82, retired District Court and surrogate court judge, died January 29, 1993. Mr. Ilvedson was born February 17, 1910, in Minot, where he grew up and graduated from Minot High School. He attended Minot State University and studied law with attorney Ed Sinkler for four years. He then passed the North

Dakota bar exam in 1934 and opened his own law office. He later served as Ward County State's Attorney, judge, and district judge. He was also a partner in the Ilvedson, Pringle & Herigstad Law Firm.

Mr. Ilvedson served as president of the North Dakota Bar Association and was a member of the First Lutheran Church, Minot Elks Lodge 1089, Kiwanis Club, Minot Chamber of Commerce, Minot State University Board of Regents, and the First American Bank and Trust Board of Directors.

Mr. Ilvedson is survived by his wife, Helen; daughter, Corinne Wilke of Burke, Virginia; sons, Ronald of Stanley, Duane of Fargo, and David of Pacifica, California; sister, Rose Shaver of Vancouver, Washington; and seven grandchildren.

#### JERRY VERN McMARTIN

Jerry Vern McMartin, 36, died on March 30, 1993, at his Eagan, Minnesota, home. Mr. McMartin was born December 15, 1956, in Grafton. Before moving back to Eagan three years ago, he served as an assistant attorney general for North Dakota.

Mr. McMartin is survived by his wife, Deb; daughter, Gretchen McMartin of Eagan; mother, Verna Oseth of Oslo, Minnesota.; brothers, Kent, Alaska, and Michael of Woodbury; and sisters, Merilee Watts of Waseca, and Diane Compeau, Warren, Minnesota.

#### GARY MILLER

Gary D. Miller, 44, died in a plane crash on December 18, 1992, in Billings, Montana. He was born on May 2, 1947, in Jamestown, where he grew up and graduated from Jamestown High School. After graduating from high school, he served in the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Marine Corps. He married Susan Moore on December 29, 1967.

Mr. Miller returned to the Marine Corps as an officer after he received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota. While in the Marines, he furthered his education by receiving a masters degree from Pepperdine University in California. He then moved back to North Dakota where he graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1979 and worked for Montana-Dakota Utilities in Bismarck.

Mr. Miller returned to the military when he accepted a commission in the United States Air Force and served on the Public Utilities Litigation team until 1981. He then moved to Denver to

work in the general council's office of the Western Area Power Administration. In 1992 he was promoted to deputy area manager in Billings.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife, Susan; father, Arnold of Ypsilanti; sons, Loch and Paul, both of Billings; daughters, Makyla, Rachel and Ashley, all of Billings; sisters and brothers-in-law, Connie and Mike Loy of Appelton, Minnesota, and Sharon and Rick Kotzer of Jamestown. He was preceded in death by his mother, one brother, and his grandparents.

#### EDWARD J. MURPHY

Edward J. Murphy, longtime Fargo attorney, died Tuesday, January 26, 1993, at age 74. Mr. Murphy (Ned) was born, on December 31, 1918, in Hillsboro, where he grew up and attended school. He later attended North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota School of Law. He was a World War II army veteran.

Mr. Murphy married Hazel Naomi Furcht on August 6, 1945, and started his own Fargo law practice in 1949. He also served as Cass County State's Attorney, referee for family and domestic relations, and public defender in Cass County court. In 1988, he was elected as Commander of the Gilbert C. Grafton Post No. 2 in Fargo. He retired in 1990.

Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Hazel; daughter, Stephanie Ann Bartle, Mission Viejo, California; sisters, Evelyn Bergman and Patricia Murphy, both from North Hollywood, California; and three grandchildren.

#### FLOYD SPERRY

Floyd B. Sperry, 87, died on December 23, 1992, in Bismarck. Mr. Sperry was born August 3, 1905, at Denhoff. He graduated from Goodrich High School and later from the University of North Dakota School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and Alpha Phi Delta Legal Fraternity. After graduation, he started a practice in Bismarck and then moved his practice to Golden Valley. Mr. Sperry married Ruth Hovda on September 29, 1939. He and Ruth lived in Golden Valley where he practiced law, served as Mercer County State's Attorney, and engaged in extensive ranching operations. In 1958 they returned to Bismarck.

Mr. Sperry served as president of the North Dakota Bar Association and chairman of the continuing legal education committee

and organized the North Dakota judicial conference. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge, Bismarck Eagles, Sons of Norway, Bismarck Lions, Mandan Indian Shrine Lodge, El Zagal Shrine and Masonic Lodge. He was the oldest practicing attorney in the state of North Dakota.

He is survived by four nephews and three nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ruth; four brothers and four sisters.

#### MAX WISHEK

Max Albert Wishek, 91, died February 3, 1993, in Ashley. Mr. Wishek was born in Ashley on August 29, 1901, to John and Nina Farley Wishek. He graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor Law School where his father had graduated in 1878. He returned to Ashley and practiced law with his father until his father's death in 1932. He married Viola Hezel in Eureka, South Dakota, in 1925.

Mr. Wishek served as McIntosh County State's Attorney, appeal agent (during W.W.II), and president of the McIntosh County Memorial Hospital Association. He was also very active in the Republican Party. He was selected as a North Dakota delegate to two Republican National Conventions and as one of four electoral college voters in the Presidential election of 1968. At the 1948 Republican Convention, he had the honor of supporting Thomas E. Dewey, who was one of his law school classmates at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Wishek is survived by his wife, Viola; son, Max; daughter, Sally; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Anna Benson of Newport Beach, California and Jean Ofsthun of Laguna, California; and brothers, Homer Wishek of Laguna, California and Paul Wishek of Joshua Tree, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Nina; sister, Esther Tange of Laguna; and brothers, Carl Wishek of Lodi, California, and John Wishek of Wishek.

