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## MEMORIALS 1987-88

### MANFRED OHNSTAD (1914-1987)

Manfred Ohnstad was born at Argusville, North Dakota, in July of 1914. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College in 1934 and an LL.B. from the University of Minnesota in 1939. He had been a member of the North Dakota Bar since 1939. He was the founder of the Ohnstad-Twischell Law Firm in West Fargo.

As a state representative in the North Dakota Legislature from 1941 to 1947, Ohnstad was a member of the Non-Partisan League and the first Legislative Research Council of North Dakota. He also served as President of the Cass County Bar Association and was a member of the ABA, American College of Probate Counsel, the West Fargo Lions Club, Faith Lutheran Church, and the Concordia College Alumni Association.

He is survived by his wife, Amanda, two children, and four grandchildren.

### ROSS MCNEA (1919-1987)

Ross McNea of Bottineau died July 28, 1987, at sixty-eight years of age. He was active in the community of Bottineau. He is survived by his wife, Irene, one daughter, Diane Myrh, three grandchildren, his mother, Dollie McNea, and one sister, Kathryn Crogen.

Mr. McNea was born near Westhope and was raised and attended school in Bottineau. Upon graduating from Bottineau High School in 1939, he entered the United States Army in 1941 and served with the medical detachment of the 164th Infantry in the South Pacific. Upon discharge in 1945, he returned to Bottineau and was married in 1947. In 1966 he was elected Bottineau County Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of District Court. In 1975 he was one of two county judges appointed to the North Dakota Judicial Council. He was past President of the North Dakota State County Judges Association, North Dakota Veterans Officers Association, NDSU Bottineau Branch Alumni Association, and the Bottineau Country Club. He was a lifetime member of the Bottineau Volunteer Fire Department, of which he served twenty-eight active years, a member of the First Baptist Church where he

served as trustee and church secretary for many years, a member of the VFW and American Legion, and had served as commander of the latter.

**ROBERT L. STRIEBEL**  
(1912-1988)

Robert L. Striebel, former North Dakota resident, passed away on February 2, 1988, in Mesa, Arizona, at the age of 76. Born at Marmarth, North Dakota, he received his Doctor of Juris Prudence from the University of North Dakota and practiced law in Hettinger and Slope Counties until 1979. He also served as Slope County State's Attorney from 1954 to 1978.

In addition to being active in the State Bar Association, Striebel was a member of the Congregational Church, the Masons, the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, two daughters, Gae Lynn Striebel, and Suzanne Gomez, one son, Edmund L. Striebel, one brother, Ted Striebel, one sister, Beryl Childers, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**CATHERINE E. MORRIS**  
(1899-1988)

Catherine E. Morris was born in Bismarck, where she was raised and educated, graduating from Bismarck High School in 1917. She worked as a stenographer for Newton, Dullam & Young, and studied law under the direction of Clyde Young. She was admitted to the State Bar Association in 1928, becoming the second woman admitted to the Bar Association. She was a partner with Clyde L. Young until Young's retirement in 1961, and she then started her own firm. She was honored by the Burleigh County Bar Association for fifty years of practicing law, and was listed in *Who's Who* in 1959. Ms. Morris retired from practice in 1982.

She was a charter member of Zonta Women's International Service Club, and a member of Pioneer Daughters, American Bar Association, State Bar Association, Burleigh County Association, and National Association of Women Lawyers.

She is survived by one niece.

**ROBERT CHESROWN**  
(1906-1988)

Robert Chesrown was born on the Number 14 Ranch on Cedar Creek in Morton County on January 20, 1906. He studied law at the University of North Dakota and graduated in 1931. He began practicing law in 1931 with Harry C. and George W. Lynn in Linton and stayed with that firm until 1940. In 1934 he was elected to State's Attorney, a position to which he was re-elected a number of times.

In 1942 he joined the U.S. Army and served in the European Theater in England, Belgium, France, Holland and Germany as a Medical Staff Sergeant.

In 1945 he married Frances Ruth Kremer and returned to Linton to open his law office. He practiced law for fifty-two years, during which time he specialized in trial litigation and probating estates. He also served as legal counsel for KEM Electric Cooperative.

He was a life-long Republican, and was active in the Non-Partisan Republican movement. He was State Chairman of the Campaign Committee, Vice-Chairman of the North Dakota Republican Party, and was twice a delegate to national nominating conventions. He served four sessions in the North Dakota Senate, and was Chairman of both the Judiciary Committee and the Finance and Taxation Committee. He was appointed to the State Planning Committee by Governor Guy, and was later appointed by Governor Link to the Nominating Committee for State Judges.

Chesrown was among the founders of the Linton Hospital and was the corporation's secretary-treasurer for many years. He was also President of the Linton Civic Club and Commander of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, two daughters, Bonnie Haukness and Sandi Chesrown, a sister, Annie Chesrown, and two brothers, Chet and Russell Chesrown and two grandchildren.

**KENNETH "PINKY" MULLEN**  
(1912-1988)

Kenneth J. Mullen was born January 16, 1912, in Grand Forks. He graduated with a law degree from the University of North Dakota in 1935. He married Denise Ellen Cosgrove in October of 1937.

After serving as an attorney with the Agriculture Department

in Minneapolis, he returned to Grand Forks, where he practiced law, operated an insurance agency and owned "Pinky" Mullen Realty.

He served as exalted ruler and trustee of the Grand Forks Elks Lodge and was district deputy grand exalted ruler and President of the North Dakota State Elks Association. He served on several national Elks committees. He was Grand Forks Elk of the year in 1984. He also was recognized by the North Dakota State Bar Association for 50 years of service.

He is survived by his wife Denise; son, Michael; and daughters, Molly Volkerding and Margo McCulley.