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BYRON L. EDWARDS (1925-1980)

Grand Forks attorney Byron L. Edwards was born March 2, 1925, in Grand Forks. He graduated from the University of North Dakota Law School in 1951 and married Gloria Pearson on August 15, 1953. Mr. Edwards was associated with O'Grady and Edwards Law Firm until 1977 when he became Secretary and General Counsel of Northland Life Insurance Company in Grand Forks. He was Past-President of the Grand Forks County Bar Association. Mr. Edwards died on October 10, 1980, at a Rochester, Minnesota hospital.

Survivors include his wife; his mother, Mrs. Bertha Edwards, Grand Forks; two sons, Greg Edwards, Fargo, Gary Edwards, Grand Forks; four daughters, Mrs. Linda Dilley, Grand Forks, Mrs. Kathy Peterson, Farmington, Minnesota, Cynthia Edwards, Grand Forks, Laura Edwards, Fargo; and four grandchildren.

JUDGE HALVOR L. HALVORSON, JR. (1916-1981)

Ward County Judge Halvor L. Halvorson, Jr. was born August 19, 1916. He was the second generation of Halvorson attorneys in Minot, following in the footsteps of his father, Halvor L. Halvorson, Sr. He graduated from Minot High School in 1934

*During its eighty-first annual meeting, the North Dakota Bar Association resolved to include in its official transcript a memorial to University of North Dakota School of Law Dean Robert K. Rushing. This special tribute can be found on page 166 of this issue.

and from the University of North Dakota Law School in 1941. He served with the Navy in the Southwest Pacific from 1941-1945. He returned to Minot to begin his legal career following discharge. Judge Halvorson served as Ward County State's Attorney until his appointment as County Judge in 1955. He had held the post since 1955 and was last reelected in the fall of 1978.

On September 2, 1942, he married Irene Johnson at Minot. Mrs. Halvorson died in June, 1980. Judge Halvorson is survived by two sons, Richard Halvorson, an attorney in Minot, and James Halvorson, Dunseith; three daughters, Mrs. Judy Lopez, Normal, Illinois, Mrs. Constance Albertson, Clinton, Illinois, Debby Halvorson, Minot; and five grandchildren.

JUDGE CLIFFORD E. JANSONIUS (1909-1980)

Judge Clifford Jansonius of Bismarck was born February 2, 1909, at Bowdon. He attended the University of North Dakota for a year, then attended the Gregg School of Court Reporters in Chicago. He studied law under his father and was admitted to the Bar in 1934. Judge Jansonius's father, Fred Jansonius, was a district judge for twenty-five years.

When Judge Jansonius returned from the United States Navy in 1943, he started a law practice in Bismarck with Alvin C. Strutz. In 1951 he served in the legislature as a Representative. Judge Jansonius assumed the District Court Bench of the Fourth District in 1963. He served as a district judge until his retirement in 1974 and served as a supreme court commissioner from 1974 until his death. Judge Jansonius died in Munich, Germany, October 26, 1980.

He married Gladys Fadness on October 8, 1931. Judge Jansonius is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Annette Langford, Wayzata, Minnesota, Mrs. Carol Marino, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and six grandchildren.

PATRICK P. MILLOY (1909-1980)

Longtime Wahpeton attorney, Patrick P. Milloy, was born February 17, 1909, near Omemee, North Dakota. He received his law degree from the University of North Dakota in 1931. He practiced law in Towner before going to Wahpeton in 1933, where he began practicing law with Vernon Johnson. He was a

partner with the Wahpeton law firm of Johnson, Milloy, Johnson, and Stokes. Mr. Milloy served as Richmond County State's Attorney from 1949 to 1955 and was President of the Third District Bar Association. Mr. Milloy died on December 27, 1980.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille, whom he married on June 15, 1936; two sons, John Milloy, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Paul Milloy, Brainerd, Minnesota; three daughters, Mary Lars, Seattle, Washington, Eileen Johnson, Savannah, Georgia, Ann Ruddy, Weiser, Idaho; and eight grandchildren.

CHIEF JUSTICE JAMES MORRIS (1893-1980)

James Morris, former Chief Justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court in Bismarck, was born in a sod house on his parents' homestead east of Carrington on January 2, 1893. He moved to Cincinnati, Ohio at age sixteen. He finished high school there and graduated from Cincinnati University Law School in 1916.

His legal career in North Dakota included practicing law and being State's Attorney at Carrington from 1917 to 1928, election as North Dakota Attorney General from 1928 to 1932, law practice in Jamestown from 1933 to 1934, and election to the supreme court in 1934. He served as Chief Justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court for thirty years, from 1935-1965. Starting in 1947 Judge Morris served as a member of a three judge major war crimes tribunal at Nuremberg, Germany. Judge Morris died July 20, 1980, at the Missouri Slope Lutheran Home in Bismarck.

He is survived by his wife, Amelia, whom he married in 1975; one daughter, Mrs. Janette Reynolds, Fergus Falls, Minnesota; and three grandchildren.

GILBERT SAXOWSKY (1918-1980)

Dickinson businessman and State Bar member Gilbert Saxowsky was born April 18, 1918, at Hebron. He graduated from the University of North Dakota with degrees in business administration and law in 1942. In 1953 he purchased his family's automobile dealership, Sax Motor Company, from his father. He was a Past-President of the Automobile Dealers' Association of North Dakota.

Mr. Saxowsky is survived by his wife, Eleanor, whom he

married on November 16, 1942; two daughters, Randi Beaton, Rapid City, South Dakota, Pamela Kostelecky, Dickinson; and five grandchildren.

RICHARD P. SCHWARTZ
(1927-1980)

Hebron native Richard P. Schwartz was born in that city on August 7, 1927. He graduated from Hebron High School and received his law degree from the University of North Dakota. He practiced law in Hebron, Richardton, and Garrison before joining the Corps of Engineers at Riverdale. At the time of his death he was Chief of Land Acquisition of the National Park Service, living in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Mr. Schwartz died on July 17, 1980.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene, whom he married in 1954, and two children, Bryan and Jolene, both at home.

JOHN A. STORMON
(1890-1981)

John A. Stormon was born October 13, 1890, in Devils Lake. He lived there until 1914 when he moved to Dunseith. In 1917 he moved to Rolla and he married Eva Rosscup on October 18, 1917. Mr. Stormon had practiced law in Rolla since June 1917.

Mr. Stormon was active in the operation of the International Peace Garden for more than forty years. In 1974 the Province of Manitoba presented him with its Order of the Buffalo Medal. He served two terms in the legislature and also held the post of State's Attorney. Mr. Stormon died May 3, 1981, at Trinity Hospital in Minot.

Survivors are a son, Jay Howard Stormon, Rolla; three granddaughters, three grandsons, and three great grandchildren.

JUDGE CHARLES J. VOGEL
(1898-1980)

Charles J. Vogel, a veteran federal judge from Fargo, had a professional career covering nearly sixty years of work as a practicing lawyer and as both a trial and appellate federal judge. He was born in Star Lake Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota, on September 20, 1898. He moved to Perham, Minnesota at an early age and graduated from high school there. He attended Huron College in 1917, leaving to enlist in the United

States Army. After the war he entered the University of Minnesota where he received his law degree in 1923. He was admitted to the North Dakota Bar in 1924 and practiced law for several years in Minot. He subsequently moved to Fargo and joined the law firm of Richardson, Thorp, and Wattam. In 1940 he ran for the United States Senate as a Democratic candidate against William Langer and William Lempke.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed him to the United States District Court for North Dakota in 1941. In 1954 Judge Vogel became the first North Dakotan ever to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He was the first person in the country who had ever been named to two posts in the federal judiciary by United States Presidents of different political parties. In 1965 Judge Vogel was named as Chief Judge of the Eighth Circuit and he continued in that position until becoming a Senior Judge in 1968. He continued to hear cases as a Senior Judge until his death. Judge Vogel died on September 8, 1980, at the age of 81.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Tena Hagenbaugh, Los Angeles; his brother, Mart R. Vogel, who practices law in Fargo; his son, John Vogel, who practices law in Scottsdale, Arizona; and his daughter, Janet Pearson, who is a social worker in Tucson, Arizona. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

JOSEPH H. WOELL (1919-1981)

Casselton lawyer Joseph H. Woell was born May 18, 1919, near Casselton. He graduated from Casselton High School in 1938 and from the University of North Dakota Law School in 1945. From 1945 to 1947 he practiced law with Day, Lundberg, and Stokes in Grand Forks. In 1947 he and his brother Frank opened the Woell and Woell Law Firm in Casselton. He was a member of the Woell and Burgum Law Firm at the time of his death. Mr. Woell died on May 2, 1981.

Surviving, are his wife, Lillian, whom he married on June 27, 1964; two stepsons, Steven Alm, Fargo, Bradley Alm, Casselton; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Nancy Stompro, Underwood, Mrs. Rebecca Goetz, Bismarck; his sister, Mrs. Audrey Parnell, Ormond Beach, Florida; two brothers, Frank Woell and John Woell, both of Casselton; and six grandchildren.

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