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## EDWARD T. CONMY

EDWARD T. CONMY died at the age of eighty-seven years. He was residing at 415 7th St. S., Fargo, North Dakota, at the time.

Mr. Conmy was called Ed by his many friends and associates, and was one of the best known lawyers in the state because of his exceptional ability as an advocate in the courtrooms and because of his meticulous preparation. Ed was born on the 7th day of April, 1887, at Pembina, North Dakota, and received his degree at the University of North Dakota where he was one of the school's most outstanding athletes. In all he was awarded eighteen letters and was honored at a special Elks Club Banquet at the University and presented with a sports jacket, indicative of his accomplishments. Ed was awarded letters in varsity football, basketball, baseball, track and many other sports. He continued to be an avid golfer, up until the last few years of his life, when it became necessary to curtail his physical activities.

Ed Conmy was not only a leading student, and an exceptional athlete at the University, but was also outstanding in many other affairs, in keeping with his ability and capacity to lead. He was one of the founders of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University. Later, after having graduated and begun practicing law in Fargo, Ed was awarded the honor of Grand Praetor of Sigma Chi for the North Central area which includes North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. In this capacity he assisted in supervising the fraternity activities in this four state area.

Ed was also one of the founders of the first Fargo Lions Club, having served as its president at Fargo and also as the First District Governor.

Ed Conmy was a great trial lawyer, having represented railroads, many corporations, and individual clients, and in the prime of his career he became known as a lawyer's lawyer. Ed tried law-

suits in almost every county in the state and in his day was on the road for weeks at a time representing different clients.

Personally, Ed was one of eleven children having ten brothers and sister. His father, Edward W. Conmy, came to the United States from Ireland, and later in his life became a lawyer and a county judge, serving in Pembina County.

Among Ed's many accomplishments, he served: as attorney for the Northern Pacific Railway Co., as president of the North Dakota Metal Culvert Co., and as a member of the First Christian Church. Ed also served as a former City Attorney, was president of the Cass County and North Dakota State Bar Associations, and participated in many corporate and legal affairs.

He married Faith Grinnel on January 6, 1912, and his wife preceded him in death in 1971. Many people became acquainted with Mrs. Conmy, during Ed's service as President of the North Dakota State Bar Association. Ed's survivors are his three sons and two daughters: E. T. Conmy, Jr., 1442 6th St., South Fargo; Paul, at home; Martin, Yakima, Wash.; Mrs. D. E. (Mary) Hoppert, Pass Christian, Miss.; and Mrs. George (Faith) Stannard, Arvada, Colo.; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

It should also be said that Ed belonged to a number of different firms in Fargo. He commenced practicing with the firm of Ball & Watson, which later became known as Watson & Young, then Watson, Young & Conmy. After that he headed the following firms:

Conmy, Young & Burnett;  
Conmy, Young & Conmy;  
Conmy & Conmy;  
Conmy, Conmy & Feste;  
Conmy, Feste, DeMars & Bossart; and  
Conmy, Feste & Bossart.

As one of the many lawyers who saw Ed Conmy at work in different courts, including the Supreme Court, U.S. District Courts, and in a number of state courts, I would like to add that I thought that he typified the kind of lawyer who was the envy of everyone undertaking to become a lawyer.

Ed's death was a sad day for the legal profession and he will be deeply missed in the years to come by members of his family, his many friends, as well as his clientele.

## STEVEN HAUKNES

STEVEN HAUKNES was born on the 28th day of July, 1941, at Maddock, North Dakota, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Haukness of that address.

He was a graduate of BCATS in Maddock and a 1963 graduate from the University of North Dakota. Steven also graduated from the UND Law School in 1965 and was admitted to the North Dakota Bar in that same year. After that he became a partner in a data processing service at Bismarck, North Dakota, before joining the State Department in June of 1966.

He went to Vietnam in January of 1967, and was killed by communist forces at Hue, South Vietnam, in 1968, in the Tet offensive. Steven had been listed as missing since the date that he was reported alive on January 31, 1968, after his capture by the communists. The body was found in August, 1974, in a shallow grave in Hue, and after identification procedures were completed the body was shipped to the United States and the burial was at the Viking Cemetery at Maddock.

Attorney Haukness served as vice-counsel for the State Department at Da Nang and received the State Department's highest award, the Secretary's on May 17, 1974, in recognition of his courage, performance and devotion to duty in Vietnam for 1967-68. He truly gave his life for his country, to a great sacrifice of his family.

Steven was married to the former Alpha Faleide in 1962, who survives him with their twin sons, Bradlely and Brent, now ten years of age.

Other survivors included his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Haukness of Maddock; two brothers, Paul of Los Angeles and Robert of Washington, D. C., and also a sister, Mrs. Margaret Horstmann, of Los Angeles, Calif.

This young attorney served a very active, useful and outstanding purpose in life, and he is being very much missed by his family, many friends, and his associates. It was a sad end to the life of such a fine young man.

## DONALD E. PHELPS

DONALD E. PHELPS was born at Grafton, North Dakota, on September 14th, 1930, having graduated from high school there in 1948. He entered the U. S. Air Force in July 1948, and served until June 30th, 1952. After that Donald attended the University of North Dakota Law School and received his law degree in 1957. He died unexpectedly at Westmont, Ill.

Mr. Phelps had married Yvonne LeClair at Grand Forks, North Dakota, on November 26th, 1954, and surviving are his wife, Yvonne, two sons Edward and Wayne, both at home, his mother, Mrs. Deda Phelps, of Grafton, and two brothers, Dean Phelps of Lockhaven, Pa., and Thomas H. Phelps of Santa Barbara, Calif. He was preceded in death by his father, Everett Phelps.

Attorney Phelps was assistant regional attorney for the Social Security Administration at Kansas City for a year and a half, and then spent ten years in Baltimore, Maryland, before going to Westmont in 1968. He was a member of the North Dakota State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Rev. Dwight Meier officiated at the funeral and the interment at the Grafton City Cemetery, where the burial took place.

The death of Donald Phelps followed an active, valuable and a successful career. His departure is a severe loss to his many friends, his business associates, and to the members of his family.

#### RUSSELL SCHMIDT

RUSSELL SCHMIDT of Minot, North Dakota, was killed in an automobile—pickup collision in the vicinity of Velva, North Dakota. He was thirty-six years of age at the time, and left as his survivors his wife, the former Twilla Bieber, whom he married on August 13, 1965, at Jasper Minnesota, two sons both at home, his mother, Mrs. Orville Thorson of Ruso, North Dakota, and his grandmother, Mrs. Nicholas Chernos of Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

Russell was a native of Ruso, North Dakota, and graduated from the University of North Dakota Law School in 1969. After that he attended the Minot State College, the University of California, at Los Angeles, and San Fernando Valley State College in California. In addition, he earned a diploma for English law in the summer of 1968, at the City of London College in England. He also served as Executive Secretary of the Minot Housing Authority for a number of years and had been a candidate for the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. He carried on a farming operation, having operated a 1,000 acre irrigated farm in the Ruso area.

Russell served in the Marine Corp., was a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church in Minot, and lived a very full and active life. At the time of his death Russell was a member of the firm of Bossard, McCutcheon, Kerian, Schmidt & Holum, of Minot, North Dakota. His acquaintances respected his ability as a young attorney, and he left many friends, business associates and a fine family. It was a most unfortunate death for such an able, young, aggressive attorney and businessman.

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