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In Memoriam

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John V. Addison  
**November 16, 1929 – March 2, 2012**  
Wayne, Nebraska

John Victor Addison, 82, of Wayne, died March 2, 2012. He was born Nov. 16, 1929 in Wayne to Huber D. and Alma (Lammli) Addison. He attended schools in Wayne and Stanton, graduating from Stanton High School while residing with his grandfather, Victor, and cherished grandmother, Ida Lammli. He attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln before enlisting in the Air Force, training as a fighter-bomber pilot and serving with distinction during the Korean War. He completed his law degree from UN-L in 1958 and practiced law in the Wayne area for more than five decades, serving as city attorney in Wayne and assistant county attorney in Stanton. John served in the Iowa Air National Guard following active duty service and a member of the VFW, American Legion, Masonic Lodge and the First United Methodist Church. John loved reading novels, dancing to “good” music, skiing at Vail, flying airplanes, talking about flying airplanes, fishing for walleye, talking about fishing for walleye, being with family and friends, spending time with friends and family on Lake of the Woods in Canada, fishing and boating on the lake, greeting new campers at Paradise Point and making sure they had walleye to eat, taking strangers fishing, checking out the progress of baby eagles in their nests and watching sunsets with friends on the dock. He was curious, adventurous, nearly always cheerful and friendly, and only occasionally cranky. Every aspect of him will be missed. Survivors include his beloved wife and companion, Selma; step-brother, Tom Addison of Ashland; three children, Robert (Julie) Addison of Wayne, Susan (Michael) Daws and John B. Addison, all of Parker, Colo.; two step-sons, Davin and Thor Flatmoe of Lincoln; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, cousins and many friends.

Gary L. Aksamit  
**July 2, 1938 – November 17, 2011**  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Gary Aksamit, 73, Lincoln, passed away on November 17, 2011. He was born in Lincoln on July 2, 1938 to Leonard and Anna (Zajicek) Aksamit. A wonderful father and friend he will be greatly missed. Gary graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1960. After college, he attended the University Of Wyoming College Of Law, graduated in 1964 and moved to Lincoln. He worked as a trust officer for the National Bank of Commerce before going into private practice. In 1998 he joined the firm of Pierson-Fitchett-Hunzeker, Blake & Katt where he continued the practice of law until his retirement in 2007. Gary loved golf, husker athletics, and spending time with his family and friends. Gary is survived by his daughter, Julie Aksamit; son, David and daughter-in-law, April Aksamit; granddaughter, Cayden Aksamit; step-grandchildren, Bailey and Bradley Kellner; niece, Sheila Thomas, and nephews, Mark and Doug Bollish.
Larry Wallace “Wally” Becker  
June 9, 1927 - September 26, 2011  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Larry Wallace Becker known to all as “Wally” passed away September 26, 2011 at the age of 84. Wally received his BS degree from the University of Nebraska and his JD degree from the University’s College Of Law. Wally was a regent scholar, note editor of the Nebraska Law Review and elected to the Order Of The Coif. Wally was accepted into the prestigious masters program at Harvard University’s College Of Law and earned his L.L.M. Degree in 1958. Wally joined the Nebraska Air National Guard and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocates General with a rank of lieutenant colonel. Wally was initially admitted to practice law in Missouri followed by a year of teaching legal research and writing at the University of Nebraska's College of Law. Wally joined the prestigious Chicago law firm of Chapman & Cutler where he specialized in estate planning and probate law. He returned to Nebraska in 1974 and joined the firm of Nelson & Harding as an estate planner. In 1990 Wally joined four of his colleagues and became a founding member of the Lincoln law firm of Kinsey Ridenour Becker & Kistler, LLP. The firm’s name was amended to Kinsey Rowe Becker & Kistler, LLP and Wally was actively practicing law until his death. Wally was a staunch proponent of using the funded inter vivos “living” trust as his estate planning vehicle of choice to avoid probate of estates at death, minimize federal and state inheritance taxes for married couples and avoid court-mandated guardianships for incapacitated persons. He obtained from the IRS the first published private letter ruling permitting qualification for a farming estate for the 15-year payment of federal and state tax based upon the activities of the decedent’s agent. Wally was elected a fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estate Counsel, was a member and past president of the Lincoln Estate Planning Council and a member of the Lincoln Probate Discussion Group. Wally was a member of the American Bar Association, Nebraska State Bar Association, Missouri State Bar Association, Lincoln Bar Association and life member of the University of Nebraska Alumni Association.

Wally is survived by his brother, Thomas Becker, his nieces Jennifer Becker Bennett and spouse Alan, Joanne Becker & Joyanne Becker and by many colleagues and friends.

Lawrence R. “Larry” Brodkey  
March 23, 1923 - December 24, 2011  
Omaha, Nebraska

Lawrence “Larry” R. Brodkey passed away December 24, 2011 at the age of 88 years. Born in Avon, South Dakota March 23, 1923, Larry moved with his parents to Omaha, Nebraska and graduated from Benson High School and served in the United States Navy in World War II aboard the USS Wakefield. Larry, after Navy service, graduated from the University of Omaha and University of Nebraska Law School at Lincoln, Nebraska. Larry was engaged in the practice of law for over fifty (50) years in Omaha, Nebraska and retired as the City Attorney for Fort Calhoun, Nebraska after many years of service. Larry was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Bellevue University teaching medical ethics and a former State and local Chairman of the American Cancer Society. Larry was a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association and American Legion Post #266.

Larry helped young lawyers get started in the practice of law when they came to work for him and made use of Creighton University law students to clerk for him. Larry was a “lawyer’s lawyer” and was held in high esteem by his colleagues. He practiced professional courtesy to other lawyers, was a friend to many people, and always showed willingness to help others, even letting them stay with him and his wife of over fifty (50) years, Gloria, at their home when needed.
John C. Burke was a prince, a brilliant judge, a husband, a father and a marvelous friend of so many. The youngest of eight children, he graduated from St. Cecilia’s Grade School and Tech High. In 1943, he joined the Army, fighting in Europe under General Patton. His wife of 52 years, Geraldine, used to say that John’s soul was deeply seared by what he saw the Nazis had done in the concentration camps. He came home, went to Creighton University and then to Creighton Law School. He married Geraldine: “The best decision I ever handed down” and loved his three daughters and five grandchildren enormously.

He was elected in 1960 to the Douglas County District Court Bench where he served from 1961 to 1979. His reputation was wide and he was said to be one of the best judges that Nebraska ever produced. He served in many legal capacities, including President of the Omaha Bar Association in 1985-1986.

In 1980, he joined the Legal Department of Boys Town under Father Hupp and then became General Counsel under Father Peter. He helped steer Boys Town through very choppy seas, always bright, always straightforward, always solicitous for the children and our mission and always full of humor.

This story is told two days before Christmas 1966:
Judge Burke arrived home to see the house engulfed in flames. He knew his two daughters were sleeping in the main floor bedroom. He tore out the screen, busted the glass window to gain access. Then he crawled through the window into the smoke filled room…the girls had already reached safety. The Judge sustained deep cuts to his right hand and shins. He went to the hospital to receive oxygen and stitches. His daughter, Jeannie, says: “I sat near Dad examining his bandages. He seemed larger than life – an action hero who had braved fire and smoke to save his daughters…I grew up secure knowing my father would always be there for me and my sisters.”

He loved short letters. He made an art of them. With a twinkle in his eye, he wrote to a lady who complained about the smell of Boys Town’s dairy cows.

Dear Madam,
The dairy cows have been here long before your subdivision was ever developed. May I remind you a cow is a cow is a cow.
Sincerely yours,
John C. Burke, General Counsel.

As one of his daughters wrote: “Dad touched the lives of all who knew him. Despite his many accomplishments, Dad always looked for ways to let the limelight shine on those around him rather than himself.”

He will live forever in our memories and in our hearts.
Long-time Omaha attorney, bar leader and past president of the Omaha Bar Association, Thomas R. Burke, 84, died Thursday, June 14, 2012. His priorities were his family, his professional accomplishments, and his legal skills and his commitment to Catholic education in the Omaha Archdiocese. His son, Dan Burke said Burke served on the Archbishop’s committee on educational development for many years. He and his first wife, the late Donna Burke, were recipients of the National Catholic Education Association Award. A graduate of the Creighton University School of Law, Burke most recently had been associated with the Erftmier Law LLC, but he previously practiced with Kennedy, Holland, DeLacy and Svoboda and with Lamson, Dugan and Murray, LLP. His son, Dan, said his father served on the boards of numerous organizations, including, The Omaha Community Foundation and the Archbishop’s Bergan-Mercy Foundation. He had been a chairman of the United Way Campaign and the United Way named him its Citizen of the Year in 1992. Among Burke’s other honors were the Salvation Army’s Others Awards for Community Service, the National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award, Creighton’s Alumni Merit Award, the Gerald T. Bergan Spirit of Mercy Award and the Nebraska State Bar Association George Turner Award.

He also was inducted to the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Court of Honor. Recently, Burke and his grandson, Robert Thomas Marcell, published his memoir, “A Life Lived For Others.” When not practicing law or volunteering, Thomas Burke enjoyed spending time at Lake Okeechobee, playing golf and attending family gatherings. He spent winters on Markel Island, Florida. In addition to his son and grandson, Burke survivors include: wife, Barbara Burke; children: Thomas R Burke, Jr., Melanie Ann Ziegler, Lisa Marie Burke, Laura Marie Marcell, Robin Freeman, Steven Allen Roberts, Hollie Anne Wichert and Gamie Volkens; 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; and sisters: Patricia Gross and Shirley Hennebry.

Vincent L. Carney, 79, Lincoln, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2011. He was born February 28, 1932 in Detroit, Mich. He graduated in 1958 with a BS in electrical engineering from Wayne State University, Detroit, then earned an LLB from Washington College of Law, Washington D.C. in 1962. He became a registered patent attorney in 1962. He was a member of the D.C. Bar, the Michigan Bar, the Illinois Bar and the Nebraska Bar. Mr. Carney served on the front lines of the Korean War from 1952 to 1954 for which he was awarded the Korean Service Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, the United Nations Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. His career included Chrysler Corporation, Chrysler Missile Division, Warren, Mich.; RCA Service Company, Government Service Department, Alexandria, Va.; U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Examining Division, Arlington, Va.; the patent law firm of David Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Md.; Burroughs Corporation, Research Laboratories, Paoli, Penn. and Detroit; and the patent law firm of Fidler and Bradley, Chicago. In 1970, he became a self-employed patent attorney. He had offices in both Chicago and Lincoln until 1972 when he moved permanently to Lincoln where he maintained his law practice until the time of his death. He was a dedicated and brilliant patent attorney obtaining over a thousand patents in the United States and in foreign countries.

Mr. Carney is survived by his dedicated and loyal staff whom he considered to be his family: Jolene Ryan, Kathy Dowding, Carol Claus, Connie Nissen, Brenda Boden, Sam O’Neill and Jodie Rowe; and his godson, Christopher Coupe (Kathryn Kennedy). He will be greatly missed by his staff, friends, colleagues and clients.
James B. Cavanagh
July 7, 1948 - March 12, 2012
Omaha, Nebraska

James B. Cavanagh, a partner in the law firm of Lieben, Whitted, Houghton, Slowiaczek & Cavanagh, died at age 63, after a long battle with cancer, on March 12, 2012.

Jim was a wonderful and loving husband, father, son and brother. His life was immersed in his family. His favorite times were family times. He spent his time camping, traveling, and enjoying the company of those around him.

Jim was a member of the law firm Lieben, Whitted, Houghton, Slowiaczek & Cavanagh, which he served as president for the past 20 years.

He was a talented and caring lawyer. He graduated from Creighton Law School in 1974 and served clients, who became his friends for nearly 40 years. This year he was named Omaha’s 2012 Litigation-Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year in Omaha by Best Lawyers. He was a great partner and mentor to young lawyers.

Jim was a good man, who lived his life fully, lovingly and with grace and dignity. He did not complain. He never wished for a different life. His God, his family and his work sustained him.

He taught us to take care of each other and asked us to do so. Fulfilling Jim’s request is undoubtedly the best way to honor his life.

He is survived by his wife, Cheri; children Matt (Kelley), Daniel (Tara) and Sarah; parents Paul and Peg Cavanagh; and six siblings. He was preceded in death by a sister.

Richard L. “Dick” Coyne
June 29, 1924 - March 1, 2012
Omaha, Nebraska

Richard L. “Dick” Coyne was a dedicated leader at Peter Kiewit Sons’ Inc. and a steward to the state and his hometown of Omaha. Over the course of his public service career, Coyne was appointed by three Nebraska governors to three commissions representing the state. He served on the boards for the College of St. Mary and the Omaha World-Herald and was president of the Durham Museum and of United Community Services, Omaha’s precursor to United Way.

Professionally, Coyne had a 33-year career with Kiewit, retiring as a vice president and general counsel. He also served 26 years on Kiewit’s board of directors. Coyne was regarded as a trusted adviser to Peter Kiewit and became a leader in establishing Kiewit’s charitable foundation following Kiewit’s death.

Coyne graduated from Omaha Central High School and the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, where he received his law degree. In World War II, he served as a pilot in the South Pacific. He started at Peter Kiewit Sons’ Inc. in 1951 and retired in 1984. He served on the company’s board of directors from 1968 to 1994 and was an advisory director until 2001. In 1982 Coyne became chairman of the Peter Kiewit Foundation Board, succeeding Kiewit’s son, who was its founding chairman. Coyne hired the foundation’s current executive director, Lyn Wallin Ziegenbein, who called him a thoughtful problem solver and a skilled lawyer who blended his legal experience with common sense.

He was appointed by Gov. Bob Kerrey to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, by Gov. Ben Nelson as Nebraska’s representative to the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, and by Gov. Mike Johanns to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

In his personal life, Coyne was an avid outdoorsman and golfer. He also had a delightful wit, and a way of prolonging laughter by repeating the punch lines to his jokes.

He is survived by wife Jill; his children Richard Coyne and wife Suzy, William Coyne, Sue Gausden and husband Donald, five grandchildren, nieces, nephews and his beloved Sammy and Jake.
David J. Cullan  
**June 8, 1940 - June 10, 2012  
Omaha, Nebraska**

David J. Cullan, 72, died June 10, 2012. His 72nd birthday came two days before his death. David and his wife, Vickie, were married 43 years. David Cullan grew up in Hemingford, Neb., the second of 12 children of the late Lorene and Harry Cullan, who had a family farm and ranch. Most of the children became doctors or lawyers, and some held both degrees. He received his bachelor’s degree from Regis College in Denver and his law degree from Creighton University. He worked in the Douglas County Public Defender’s Office from 1969 to 1974 and the Sarpy County Attorney’s Office from 1974 to 1975. Cullan opened his own office, Cullan & Cullan, in 1976 with his brother, Dan, also a lawyer and doctor. David Cullan was a personal injury trial lawyer. The firm became David J. Cullan & Associates in 1990. David Cullan gave up practicing law after a debilitating stroke in 2010, his wife said, and his business closed. As part of his legal career, Cullan was a judge three times on the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations, and he worked for the Nebraska Railway Commission and the Appeals Tribunal Office of the Nebraska Labor Department. He was chairman of the Douglas County Democratic Party in 1980 and 1981, and he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1968, 1976 and 1996. “He did a lot of pro bono work for people,” said Vickie Cullan, including doing the groundwork for the Omaha Food Bank, now the Food Bank for the Heartland. “He gave a lot of himself to people,” she said. He also served in the Army National Guard from 1965 to 1975 in the Judge Advocate General’s Office. He was president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys and a member of the Nebraska and Omaha Bar Associations, the American Society of Law and Medicine, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Son David James Cullan Jr. preceded his father in death. Survivors of the elder David Cullan, besides his wife, include daughters Tracey Cullan of Omaha and Michaela Altenhofen of College Station, Texas, and one grandson.

Patrick J. Cullen  
**December 16, 1948 - October 24, 2011  
Omaha, Nebraska**

Patrick J. Cullen, 62, was born December 16, 1948 and died October 24, 2011. Patrick received his Bachelor’s, Master’s and Law Degrees from Creighton University as well as a Master’s from UNO and UNL. He was in the process of finishing his fourth Master’s degree at UNO. Patrick was a Referee for the District Court. He is survived by wife, Diane, PhD, Professor at Creighton University; many cousins, nieces and nephews and a host of friends.
Thomas M. Davies
February 7, 1915 - December 18, 2011
Lincoln, Nebraska

Thomas Mockett Davies was born February 7, 1915 and grew up in Utica, Nebraska. He lived with his grandfather, Robert Squire Mockett, a Lincoln attorney, while attending the University of Nebraska. In 1937, Tom graduated from the Nebraska College of Law, married Faith Arnold and began practicing law with his grandfather in Lincoln.

Tom enlisted in the navy shortly after Pearl Harbor was attacked and served on a destroyer for the North Atlantic Convoy Fleet until he transferred to Naval Intelligence in Washington, D.C.

Upon his discharge from the navy, Tom completed a graduate program in taxation at Harvard Law School. He then returned to Lincoln where he resumed the practice of law with his grandfather.

Tom served in the Nebraska Legislature from 1949 to 1951. He was a devout and active member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church serving many years on the vestry and as senior warden on several occasions. He was the Chancellor, chief legal officer, of the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska for over 20 years.

Tom practiced law for over seventy years and was still going to his office on a daily basis until a few years ago. He was one of the original founders of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation, served as its third president, and was awarded the Foundation’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2003. He served as president of the Lincoln Bar Association and President of the Nebraska State Bar Association in 1971.

Tom’s wife, Faith, passed away in 1984 after an extended illness. In 1997, he married Beatrice “Mike” Seacrest.

Tom was dedicated to his family and friends, dedicated to his country and community, and dedicated to his profession. He was proud to be a lawyer and represented the finest attributes of the legal profession, honesty, integrity and devotion to his clients. He was a man of impeccable character and a true gentleman. He treated everyone, no matter their station in life, with courtesy and respect.

Tom is survived by his wife, Mike, and her family, son, Tom, Jr., a retired professor of Latin American History and Politics at San Diego State University, daughter, Joanie, a registered nurse and retired counselor and professor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and son, Charley, a realtor in Boulder, Colorado.

Richard A. “Dick” Douglas
November 23, 1945 - April 12, 2012
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Richard A. “Dick” Douglas, age 66, died on April 12, 2012, at his home in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Dick was born November 23, 1945, in Pipestone, Minnesota to Donald and Leona (Smith) Douglas. After living in Texas for a short time, the family moved to Omaha, where Dick graduated from Creighton Prep and Creighton University. Following service in the United States Army, he married Judith Fitzgerald in Omaha. Dick graduated from Creighton University School of Law in 1973, and the couple moved to Scottsbluff, where Dick began his law practice.

At the time of his death, Dick was president of the law firm of Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek and Ossian. His specialties were insurance defense, workers’ compensation and school law. His passion for education was reflected in his representation of Scottsbluff Public Schools, Bridgeport Schools, and many other school districts in western Nebraska, as well as representing Western Nebraska Community College for 31 years. He also represented Scotts Bluff County, the Airport Authority of the County of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, along with a number of other political subdivisions. He represented all of his clients with integrity and diligence.

Dick was an active member of St. Agnes Catholic Church and was past president of the St. Agnes School Board and its school foundation. He was also active in the Nebraska Bar Association and the Nebraska Council of School Attorneys. He loved playing golf, discussing politics, and spending time with his family and friends. He will be remembered for his advice, his generosity, and his sense of humor.
Dick is survived by his wife, Judy, of Scottsbluff; his daughter Ann (Justin) Hofmeister and their daughter, Margot, of Miami, Florida; son Tim (Michelle) Douglas and their children Daisha, Davin, and Ethan of Victorville, California; daughter Maggie Douglas of Omaha; daughter Kelly (Justin) Villafane of Lincoln; brother Jack (Sally) Douglas of Omaha, and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his family, loving friends, colleagues, staff and clients.

Daniel J. Duffy  
July 16, 1942 - November 18, 2011  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dan was a graduate of Creighton University in 1965, and its Law School in 1966. His entire legal career was with Cassem, Tierney, Adams, Gotch & Douglas in Omaha where he practiced tax, estate planning and finance law.

He was a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. He was also listed in Best Lawyers in America.

Dan retired as a Colonel, Judge Advocate, in the Army Reserve.

Dan is survived by his wife, Judith (Fay), and sons Timothy S. of Hong Kong, Patrick J. (Melissa) of Omaha, and Michael Fahey Duffy of Dallas, Texas; brother, James E. (Lynn) of Kansas City, Missouri; beloved grandchildren Colin and Bridget, Omaha.

Dan was an avid golfer, Creighton Bluejay basketball fan, and Husker football fan.

Donald E. Earnshaw Jr.  
June 17, 1944 - February 19, 2012  
Saraland, Alabama

Donald Edward Earnshaw Jr., a 67 year-old native of Pearl River, NY and a longtime resident of Mobile County passed away Sunday, February 19, 2012. Mr. Earnshaw was admitted to the Nebraska Bar in 1982, later moving to Alabama. He was employed with Baldwin County Mental Health in the Foley children’s office. He was a motorcycle and martial arts enthusiast. Mr. Earnshaw enjoyed woodworking, boating, and fishing and held the Alabama state record for the largest mutton snapper.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Earnshaw; children, Jessica Shelton (Sean), Camille Welker (Eric), and Eric Earnshaw (Deborah); brother, Thomas J. Earnshaw; sisters, Judi Urda, Susan Ferreira, and Marilyn Freitas; 13 grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Robert I. Eberly  
July 26, 1931 - December 23, 2011  
Niobrara, Nebraska

It is with profound sadness and deep sense of loss that The American Legion family announces the death of Past Department Commander Robert I Eberly. Robert I Eberly joined the Post Everlasting on December 23, 2011 ending a life time of service to his country and his community.

Robert Eberly of Niobrara, was elected and installed as the Department Commander of the Nebraska American Legion on June 21, 1999 at State Convention in North Platte.

Eberly, a Korean War veteran was elected by a unanimous vote of the delegates to lead the organization for the 1999-2000 year. Previously, he had held numerous offices at the local and state levels of the American Legion including Post Commander of Lincoln Post 3 of Lincoln, NE, District 15 vice Commander, District 15 Commander, and Post #3 Executive Committee member. Eberly served on the state level as Judge Advocate for 11 years before assuming the position of Senior Vice Commander in 1998.

Recently gaining recognition for his efforts in heading up the creation of the Sage Brothers Memorial in Niobrara,
Neb., Eberly was also involved in several other veterans’ organizations. He was a permanent member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4834, a life member of Disabled American Veterans, and has served as Past Chef de Gare of the 40&8 veterans organization, as well as Grand Advocate for the Grande Voiture du Nebraska.

Other community involvements include being a life member of Sertoma International, his local fire department, Masonic Lodge 87, Scottish Rite and Sesosbritis Shrine. After he retired Eberly continued to work part-time for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

James D. Faimon  
January 5, 1938 - June 25, 2012  
Lincoln, Nebraska

James D. Faimon, 74, was born on January 5, 1938, and died on June 25, 2012. James attended the Nebraska City School of the Blind. He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1962, obtained his Master’s Degree in Education in 1963, and received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska, College of Law in 1966. From 1967 to 2007, Jim served as an Assistant City Attorney in the City Attorney’s Office in Lincoln, Nebraska. After a 40 year career and dedicated loyalty to the City of Lincoln, Jim retired and enjoyed time with his family and friends. Jim co-founded the League of Human Dignity and was an active member of St. John’s Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus Council 833, 4th Degree; Optimist Club of Lincoln; Nebraska State Bar Association; Lincoln Bar Association; American Blind Lawyers Association; American Council of the Blind; American Council of the Blind of Nebraska; Nebraska Alumni Association. He assumed many leadership roles and had a profound influence on everyone he met. The world is a better place for his contributions.

He is survived by wife Bonnie of Lincoln, NE; step-daughter Margaret (Joe) Byrnes of Naperville, IL; step-daughter Kathryn Hibler of Aurora, IL; step-son Jordan Hibler of Council Bluffs, IA; grandchildren Liam, Aidan and Keira Byrnes; Justice, Stephen and Christian Hibler; nephew Bill Barnard, of Arizona; many cousins especially in the Lawrence, NE area; and guide dog Trooper. Preceded in death by parents; sister LaVera Barnard; niece Bernadette Barnard; grandson Nathaniel Hibler.

Robert W. Ginn  
September 2, 1957 - August 14, 2012  
Omaha, Nebraska

Robert W. “Bob” Ginn, 54, died August 14, 2012. Bob graduated from Deerfield Academy with honors and from Northwestern University. He attended the University of Nebraska Law College in 1980 and suffered a water skiing accident that summer resulting in quadriplegia. Bob later graduated from Creighton Law School, made law review and became a clerk for The Honorable C. Arlen Beam. He worked at Kutak Rock and for the Legal Aid Society. He holds masters degrees in Christian Spirituality and Theology from Creighton University. He became a teacher of Centering Prayer and was a Spiritual Director. Bob was affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Sigma Nu and Ignatian Associates.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years Anne; parents, William and Sarah Ginn; sister and brother-in-law, Robyn and David Hubbard; brothers Michael and Steven Ginn; sister-in-law Debra; nieces and nephews, Jim and Alexandra Hubbard, Kiera, Caitlin, and Conor Ginn, all of Omaha. He was predeceased by his faithful Huskie dog Mr. Boo.
Richard S. Harnsberger
December 14, 1921 - March 29, 2012
Lincoln, Nebraska

Richard Harnsberger devoted most of his professional life to his students at the University of Nebraska College of Law. He was a member of the faculty from 1956 to 1992 and taught a number of courses, including Constitutional Law, Pleading & Jurisdiction, Professional Responsibility, and Water Law. He treated his students with respect, wanted them to learn, and cared about them as people. They in turn cared about him. One of his former students, Nebraska Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Stephan, put it this way:

“I suppose that a few law professors are feared by their students. I know that most are respected and admired. But Professor Richard Harnsberger was loved – for what he taught us, for how he taught us, and for who he was. Those of us whose lives and careers he touched will never forget him.”

In addition to being a beloved teacher, Professor Harnsberger was also a noted scholar. His articles helped shape the development of water law in Nebraska. He and his colleague, the late Norman Thorson, wrote Nebraska Water Law and Administration, a book that the Nebraska Supreme Court still cites in its water law cases. In 1999, Professor Harnsberger received the Maurice Kremer Groundwater Achievement Award in recognition of his many contributions to water law.

Professor Harnsberger, however, was more than a scholar. He was a brave man. He served as a captain in the artillery during World War II and received five bronze battle stars. He was also a family man. He and his wife, Jean, had two sons and raised them in Lincoln. But first and foremost, Professor Harnsberger was a good man. He genuinely liked people and enjoyed their company. He had a wonderful sense of humor, could tell a good story, and was always willing to extend a helping hand.

Professor Harnsberger’s wife predeceased him by a number of years. He is survived by his sons, three grandchildren, and his special friend, Ms. Bobby Williams, who brightened his later years. He is also survived by countless friends and former students in whom his memory lives on.

George F. “Geof” Heiden
December 10, 1946 - October 24, 2011
Omaha, Nebraska

Omaha attorney George Fraser “Geof” Heiden was the very definition of a community activist. He was the president of Opera Omaha from 2000 to 2003, was a member of the board of the Bellevue University Foundation since 2003 and served on the Douglas County Historical Society from 1998 to 2004. He was also very active in the Vestry of All Saints Episcopal Church and a 20-year member of its choir.

A member of the Omaha Bar Association, Heiden was also a highly regarded member of the bar, most recently practicing law as a partner at Fraser Stryker, where he focused on banking, finance and commercial law. He died unexpectedly of a heart attack at age 64 on October 24, 2011, despite being physically fit.

Heiden graduated from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and earned his law degree at the University of Michigan. Returning to Omaha after graduation in 1974, he worked at the law office of Bradford and Coenen, and later became general counsel and managing attorney of Peter Kiewit Sons Inc., before joining Fraser Stryker.

Attorney Dana “Woody” Bradford gave Heiden his first professional job. “He was a brilliant young lawyer. We knew he’d have a great career.” Their relationship has continued through their involvement in All Saints Episcopal Church. “He will be missed by all of us at All Saints,” Bradford said. “He left his footprints for many years to come there, especially with his fundraising efforts.”

His colleagues at Fraser Stryker praised Heiden’s work and his presence. “Geof was the epitome of a gentleman,” said Mark Brasee.

“Geof’s skill as a lawyer was matched only by his warm personality and generous spirit. We were blessed to have him as our colleague at Fraser Stryker. I really miss hearing his laugh in the hallway every day,” Steve Bruckner said.
“Geof was an extraordinary person - learned, talented (both as an attorney and as a singer), a patron of the arts - especially opera, gracious, cordial and a wonderful friend and generous colleague. Although he had an impressive legal background, he wore his distinction with modesty and was a voice of reason, humor and civility in all things. Geof is already sorely missed,” Dan Wintz said.

Being a member of the Baby Boomer generation, he served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam between his graduation from UNL in 1969 and his enrollment in law school. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Connie; daughter and son-in-law Christine and Matthew Dumich of Chicago; brother Greg; sister Laurie Russell; and three nieces and nephews.

Betty Jeanne “BeeJay” Holcomb-Keller
August 28, 1926 - June 1, 2012
Castro Valley, California

Betty Jeanne Holcomb-Keller, 85, passed away on June 1, 2012. Born August 28, 1926 in Windom, Texas, she was a graduate of Kearney High School in 1943. Betty Jeanne earned a bachelor’s degree at UNL, a master’s degree at Northwestern University, and a law degree at UNL College of Law. She was a member of Mortar Board and Chi Omega sorority. During WWII, she worked in Washington, D.C. at the FBI Classification Division. She also worked for the Department of Defense at the EUCOM U.S. Army Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, after the war. Later, she was on the staff of Nebraska Educational Television as a publicist for the local PBS station and an on-air personality during annual pledge breaks and auction fundraisers. Betty Jeanne was in private law practice in Lincoln for over 30 years specializing in elder care. A former Lancaster County Election Commissioner, “BeeJay”, as she was known, was appointed to the Governor’s Commission on the Status of Women, served on the Salvation Army Board of Directors, was a member of the Heritage Club, and a long-time member of St Paul’s United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sister Marthella Gitlin of Castro Valley, CA; nieces Laurie and Linda Gitlin, nephews Richard and Terry Gitlin; grand niece and nephews; and two step-daughters Karen and Denise Keller.

Sam Houston
September 4, 1952 - January 11, 2012
Eugene, Oregon

Sam Houston passed away January 11, 2012 in Eugene, Oregon. He was admitted to practice in Nebraska in 1996, later relocating in 2003 to Eugene, Oregon where he practiced law.
Paul C. Jessen
August 8, 1952 - February 14, 2012
Omaha, Nebraska

Paul C. Jessen, 59, died February 14, 2012. Paul Jessen was the co-founder and President of the Koley Jessen law firm with over thirty years of experience in the practice of law, including estate, business succession, tax planning and tax controversies, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, health law, charitable giving, and nonprofit organizations. Paul led the Estate and Business Succession Planning Practice Group and was also a member of the firm’s Health Law and Tax Practice Groups. He was a Fellow of the American College of Estate and Trust Counsel and a Fellow of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. Jessen received his J.D. degree from Creighton University School of Law, summa cum laude, in 1977. He also held a license as a Certified Public Accountant. He was a member of the Nebraska, Omaha, and American Bar Associations, the Omaha Estate Planning Council, The Great Plains Federal Tax Institute, and the Omaha Community Foundation. His community involvement also included the College World Series of Omaha, Inc., Knights of Aksarben Foundation, Member of Board of Councilors; River City Roundup, Heartland Chapter of American Red Cross, Rotary Club of Omaha – West.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, daughter Kjirsten Finnegan (Joe), son Chad Jessen, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

Koley Jessen remembered Paul on their website:

Every one of us at Koley Jessen and thousands of people in Nebraska and across the country were touched by Paul in some way. Paul will always be remembered as a man who “walked the walk”, led by example, and who has made all of the people and organizations that he knew and served better. He leaves a legacy that will live on.

So long, Paul. Ride well. Thanks for everything.

Bradford E. Kistler
January 7, 1949 - May 9, 2012
Lincoln, Nebraska

Bradford E. (Brad) Kistler age 63 died May 9, 2012. Brad was a founding partner of Kinsey Rowe Becker & Kistler, formed in 1990.

Brad was born in Hastings, Nebraska January 7, 1949 and grew up in Holstein, Nebraska. Brad graduated from the University of Nebraska and the University of Nebraska College of Law. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and went to almost every Husker football home game for 40 years.

Brad was a long-time member of the Nebraska Motor Carriers Association and was their 2000 Transportation Person of the Year, a member of the Lincoln Transportation Club, member of the Lincoln JC’s, member and past president of the Executive Club of Lincoln, member and past president of Sowers Club of Lincoln and a member, past local and state president and 30 year board member of the Association for Retarded Citizens. Brad was a true trucking lawyer having begun his practice as a transportation attorney in the Nelson Harding Marchetti Leonard and Tate firm of the early 1970’s. While Brad handled a multitude of different matters his clientele consisted primarily of those associated with the trucking industry.

Brad knew every aspect of motor carrier law and counseled countless trucking company executives, most of whom became friends, on the laws of “rates, routes and services”. Brad was one of the few attorneys left you could still talk “truck law” to. Brad’s last project he helped with after he officially retired was writing a contract for a large trucking client with international impact. Additionally, a shipping document used by nearly every company that transports thoroughbreds in the United States has Brad’s signature on them from words crafted by Brad that have stood the tests of time and several legal challenges.

Brad is survived by his widow Linda and their sons Scott Kistler and Mike Kistler; daughter Corrie Kistler and Elizabeth Kistler Coulson and granddaughter Samantha.
Harold D. Lantz II  
May 24, 1948 - April 10, 2012  
Omaha, Nebraska

Harold Dean Lantz, II, JD, age 63, of Omaha, died April 10, 2012. He was born on May 24, 1948, to Harold and Ruth (Ruby) Lantz in Lincoln. Harold graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Law in 1975. He practiced law for many years with the St. Paul Insurance Company and in later years established a private law practice. He is remembered for his generosity with family and friends and his unique (wicked) sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Ruth Lantz. He is survived by his brother, Jim Lantz of Lincoln and partner Jeff Hoffman; niece Erika Peterson and spouse Jesse Peterson of Blaine MN; nephew Jacob Hoffman and spouse Krista Bartholomew of Portland OR; special cousins Debbie Sheldon, spouse Chris and family of Omaha; John Alan Fox, MD, spouse Suzanne and family of Hanover, MA; uncle Don Ruby and spouse Florann of Henderson, NV.

December 17, 1930 - May 23, 2012  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Warren “Duke” Lichty Jr., 81, of Lincoln, died Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Born December 17, 1930 in Colorado Springs, Colorado to Warren D. and Margaret (White) Lichty, Sr. Married Margaret Louise Grupy on December 8, 1962. Attended Chadron State College (1948-1952); BS in Law, UNL (1952), JD 1954; Nebraska Bar (1954); US District Court (Nebr.) (1954); US Court of Appeals (8th Circuit) (1973); US Supreme Court (1979); Special Agent CIC (1955-1958); County Judge Dawes County, NE (1958-1968); Special Assistant Attorney General, Nebraska Department of Justice, Lincoln (1961-1969); Managing Assistant Attorney General, Chief Counsel, Nebraska Department of Roads, Lincoln (1969-1997); Lecture of Law Chadron State College (1959-1960); committee member on eminent domain and land use, transportation research board, NAS-NRC (1970-1990); US Army (1954-1958); Decorated United Grand Imperial Counsel, Red Cross Constantine, Grand Sovereign (2001-2002), member Nebraska Bar Association; American Bar Association; State Hwy and Transportation Officials (subcommittee on legal affairs 1969-1997); Scottish Rite Research Society founding President and Board of Directors (1990-1995); American Legion; International Supreme Council Honoree (Order of DeMolay); past president Hiram Club; 33° Masons, Grand Master Nebraska (1979); Vice Chairman Conference Grand Masters North American (1980); Board of Directors Nebraska Home Corporation (1997-1990); President George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association (2002-2005); Shriners; Royal Order Scotland; Scottish Rite (past Grand Chancellor); Supreme Council South Jurisdiction; US and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska Emeritus (1991) Nebraska Board of Directors Foundation (1981-1990); President Nebraska Board of Directors Foundation (1990-2008); Republican; Episcopalian. Beloved husband lived a life filled with joy, love and laughter.
Patrick M. Lutz  
June 18, 1963 - June 22, 2012  
Omaha, Nebraska

Patrick Lutz was a devoted husband, father, well respected professional and dear friend to all that knew him.

A member of the Nebraska Bar, a registered abstractor and a licensed title agent within the State of Nebraska, Patrick graduated from Millard South in 1981 and enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served for 5 years as a Russian linguist. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and went on to receive a law degree from Creighton University in 1995. At the time of his passing he was the CEO for Nebraska Title Company.

Patrick is survived by his wife of 22 years Kristin and his 3 children; Olivia age 13, Elise age 11 and Clayton age 8. Patrick was an avid family man and spent many hours on family activities. He also loved golfing, fishing, anything chocolate, flashlights, Nebraska and Kansas City Chiefs football, cleaning his red truck and was a lover of nature.

Patrick grew Nebraska Title Company to over 60 employees and seven branches. We are forever grateful for his contribution to the title industry and the community. His witty sense of humor and ability to make others laugh will forever be remembered.

Until we meet again friend.

Richard J. Mahlin  
June 9, 1946 - October 12, 2011  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Richard James Mahlin was born on June 9th, 1946, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Dick grew up in Beatrice, Nebraska and later attended college at UNL. After graduating from college with a degree in Business Administration, Dick served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. After his time in the Navy, he attended law school at Creighton University. Dick began his legal career with the City Attorney’s office in Lincoln and served the City of Lincoln for almost 20 years. He later entered private practice in the early 1990’s. Dick was known for his compassion, determination, and devotion to his family.

Dick is survived by his wife, Cynthia, and their six children, Brian, Stephanie, Kyle, Kevin, Matthew, and Jonathan, and a beautiful granddaughter, Alexa.

J. R. “Dick” Mapes  
May 22, 1933 - July 24, 2012  
Norfolk, Nebraska

J. R. “Dick” Mapes, 79, died July 24, 2012. Dick was born on May 22, 1933, in Kansas City, Mo., to Andrew and Margaret (Sinclair) Mapes. He was baptized at Trinity Episcopal Church in Norfolk. Dick was raised in Norfolk and attended Kemper Military School in Boonville, Mo., where he graduated in 1951. He continued his education at Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1955 with a degree in economics. In June of 1959, Dick earned his juris doctorate from the University of Nebraska College of Law. Thereafter, he joined his father, Andrew, in the practice of law in Norfolk, which his grandfather, Burt Mapes, established in May of 1886. Dick followed in the steps of his grandfather, his uncle Donald Mapes and his father to become the third generation to join Mapes and Mapes Law Firm. He was married in 1959 to Dorothy Beechner, and they were blessed with eight children. Dick served in the U.S. Army Reserves and attended infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., attached to the First Infantry Division of Fort Riley, Kan. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves for number years before receiving his discharge from active status in October of 1964 after attaining the rank of captain. He held seven world records in big-game hunting,
which included trips to Africa, Canada and Alaska. He also enjoyed fly fishing in Canada and his annual prairie dog hunts. Dick’s affiliations included being a 51-year member of the Nebraska Bar Association, life member of the Madison County Bar Association as well as a member of the Seventh Judicial Bar Association. He received an appointment as U.S. Commissioner of the Elks Lodge. Dick was one of the founding members of the Northeast Nebraska Shooting Association. He is a past member of the board of directors of the Norfolk Building and Loan Association. He served as a past president for the Norfolk Airport Authority and the Rotary Club. He was currently serving as a member of the Norfolk Sanitary District.

Dick is survived by his children and their spouses, Joanie Brugger of Norfolk, Catherine and Rod Tunink of Norfolk, Nancy and Greg Bumann of Lincoln, Jeffery and Dianne Mapes of Columbus, Andrew Mapes of Norfolk, Ann and Darren Blaser of Lincoln, Molly Leffers of Lincoln and Scott Mapes of Fort Worth, Texas, and 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, William.

**Tyce Shannon Markussen**  
**January 7, 1971 - May 22, 2012**  
**Omaha, Nebraska**

Tyce Markussen lived 41 years from January 7, 1971 - May 22, 2012. Born in Kearney, Nebraska, he attended Park Elementary where he held the record for sit-ups. Focused and driven, he played middle-infielder and still had one year of eligibility. As an adult he was a runner. Tyce attended University of Nebraska, earning a degree in English and Communications in 1999. He graduated in 2003 from Creighton University School of Law. In August of 2011, he left his previous employment and joined the law firm of Schaefer Shapiro. Shortly after, he was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer. Although the cancer progressed quickly, and doctors were not optimistic, Tyce said “this is not to say things won’t change and there is no hope, because I still maintain the same view: everybody’s different and anything can happen.” This was his attitude throughout his life and the way he approached each day. The self determination, humor, charm, and courage that he manifested supported everyone around him. He had an irresistible sense of humor.

Tyce is survived by his daughter, Alivia, his parents, and his three siblings. His daughter was his central focus. They spent many afternoons in the office. She worked on homework and decorating his office with art projects while he finished up work. They would discuss the weekend plans and she would negotiate with the same earnest confidence as her father. Tyce left a positive mark on everyone he met and will be deeply missed by all who had the opportunity to spend time with him.

**Richard D. “Doug” McClain**  
**June 28, 1927 - January 3, 2012**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

Richard D. “Doug” McClain died January 3, 2012 at age 84. He was born June 28, 1927 in Lincoln, NE. He attended Prescott Elementary School and Irving Junior High School and graduated from Lincoln High School. As a young man in Lincoln he competed in roller skating tournaments. He achieved champion status as a roller skater before he attended college at the University of Nebraska where he majored in philosophy. He then went onto to get his Juris Doctorate at the University of Southern California Law School, where he was also a member of the Law Review. Doug was a member of the California, Nebraska and Oregon State Bar Associations and the Lincoln Bar Association. Doug married Donna Burbach on July 25, 1949. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He completed Naval Justice School and served on the Aircraft Carrier USS Boxer. In addition to his other duties on the carrier, he tried 37 courts-martial in a 27-month period. Having become an officer, he became aide to the base commander in Long Beach, California. After 18 months he was offered a promotion to Lieutenant Commander, but he decided to go to law school. He attended the University of Southern California School of Law, while working 40 hours a week for Hughes Aircraft Company. At the time he and Donna had a son, Danny. He made law review, and they had a daughter, Laurie, and he joined the law firm Hindin, Sterling, McKittrick and Powsner in Beverly Hills, California. Doug moved his family back to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1970 where he served as a Deputy County
Attorney for Lancaster County for four years. In 1974, he opened his own law office in Lincoln where he practiced general law for 34 years until 2008. Doug was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, past member of the Sesosiris Shrine and a member of the Blue Lodge, East Lincoln Lodge 210 since 1951. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite. He enjoyed driving his convertible car as a member of the Ragtops. He belonged to the National Rifle Association, the Isaac Walton League, and the American Legion. He served a term as State President of the ROA (Reserve Officers Association) and belonged to Footprinters Chapter 44. Doug was an advocate for the Foundation of Human Understanding in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Although predeceased by his son Dan, he left behind his beloved Donna, his daughter Laurie, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives. Doug was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather and a beloved member of the Lincoln community. He will be remembered as a man of superior intellect, professional and ethical excellence, and as generally a good neighbor.

John C. McElhaney
May 3, 1932 - October 21, 2011
Monroe, Wisconsin

John C. McElhaney, 79, of Monroe, Wisconsin, died October 21, 2011. John was born May 3, 1932, in Plainview, Nebraska, to Harriett J. (Robertson) and E.C. McElhaney. John graduated from Benson High School in Omaha, NE, in 1949 and obtained his BA degree in 1953 and law degree in 1958 from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in July, 1953, and was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant in April 1955, after serving in the Korean War. He married Marilyn J. Rutsch on June 18, 1978. He was a devoted father to his daughters, Jean McElhaney and Kathi Edwards. John was employed as a trust officer in Lincoln, NE, before coming to the Commercial Bank of Monroe in 1963.

He served as Vice President and Trust Officer before retiring from Bank One in December, 1988. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Zor Shrine, and St. John’s United Church of Christ, where he served on the church council and the building committees for Garden Apartments and St. Clare Friedensheim. He was an active member and past president of the Monroe Kiwanis Club. He served on the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee and received the George F. Hixon Fellowship Award. Music was an important part of John’s life, as he was a 41-year member and long time president of the Monroe City Band and played trumpet in the Zor Shrine Concert Band and Noblemen.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn McElhaney of Monroe; two daughters, Jean McElhaney of Middleton and Kathi Edwards of Rockford, IL; his sister, Marian (Owen) Brainard of Elwood, NE; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jane Bicek.

Douglas R. Milbourn
Columbus, Nebraska

Douglas R. Milbourn, 64, of Columbus died January 4, 2012, at Edgewood Vista in Columbus. He was born Jan. 14, 1947, in Grand Island the son of Ivan K. and Valonne “Val” (Simms) Milbourn. Doug attended rural elementary school near Shelton and moved to Columbus with his family in 1960. He graduated from Columbus High School in 1965. He went to graduate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1969. On Nov. 22, 1969, Doug was united in marriage to Susanne Vlach in Columbus. Doug entered law school at the University in Lincoln and graduated in December 1972. During his time with the National Guard he completed officer training. Doug began his legal career with Baker and Tessendorf in Columbus and served as Platte County Attorney for a short time. He loved and respected the law and was happiest when he could help those who needed guidance through the legal system. He was a member and served as president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys. He was also a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association and served several terms on the Board of Governors of that group. Doug had many interest and talents from art and architecture, to skydiving, ham radio, reading, magic tricks, marathon running, community theater, and Husker football, basketball and baseball. He
was an active member of Rotary, the Elks Club, Columbus Family V, Friends of Music, and the Columbus Area Arts Council. He was also a member of MENSA and the American Amateur Radio Relay League.

Survivors of the immediate family include his wife, Susanne Milbourn of Columbus; his mother, Val Milbourn of Columbus; a brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Nancy Milbourn of Wood River; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bob and Patti Vlach of Carlsbad, Calif.; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Carmen and Rod Ostrander of Ord; nephew, Michael (Jessica) Milbourn of Grand Island; niece, Kelly (Yogesh) Lamsal of Brighton, Colo. Doug was preceded in death by his father, Ivan Milbourn.

Keith Miller  
**June 22, 1924 - July 19, 2012**  
**Omaha, Nebraska**

Keith Miller was born on June 22, 1924 in McCook, Nebraska to Dale and Edythe (Rupp) Miller. He moved to Colorado in 1935 and graduated from Greeley High School where he excelled in basketball and football. He obtained his Bachelor of Science from the University of Colorado in 1945 and his Masters from Harvard Graduate Business School. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Keith obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1949.

Keith moved back to Nebraska in 1952 and practiced law in Omaha for over sixty years, most recently with Croker, Huck, Kasher, DeWitt, Anderson & Gonderinger, L.L.C. He was a prominent tax and estate planning lawyer and worked for families and businesses throughout Nebraska and Iowa. Keith took pride in representing many of his clientele through three generations of a family. Keith practiced Transcendental Meditation and Primordial Sound Meditation for many years and helped share the practice with kids at the Boys and Girls Clubs in Omaha. He was an avid Cornhusker fan and did not miss a Nebraska home football game for over forty years.

Richard Croker, retired founding partner of the law firm of Croker, Huck, Kasher, DeWitt, Anderson & Gonderinger, shared his thoughts about his friend and colleague: “As a member of our firm for several years, I came to know Keith well. I admired him for his vast knowledge in estate planning and taxation. His unvarying optimism and good nature made his friendship something to cherish.” Croker also recalled his sense of humor, noting that “he could regale you with stories” that happened in the legal profession going back many years.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Jim Wheeler, and his beloved daughter, Lyn Dorie Miller. He is survived by his children: Terry Miller (Sue Harrington) of Silver Bay, MN, Zach Miller (Val) of Boulder, CO and Melanie Miller of New York City, NY; siblings: Dale Miller (Betty) of Missouri, Jim Miller (Millie) of New Mexico, Shirley Wheeler of Colorado and Lynn Miller (Jean) of Massachusetts; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Philip T. Morgan  
**December 18, 1923 - August 29, 2012**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

Philip T. Morgan, 88, of Lincoln, formerly of Fullerton, died Wednesday, August 29, 2012, in Lincoln. Mr. Morgan was born December 18, 1923 to Vincent and Bessie (Green) Morgan in York. He grew up in York where he loved playing high school football and spending time with his uncle, Lloyd, hunting and fishing. He attended the University of Nebraska for one year and then entered the U.S. Army where he served for three years. After returning from the war, he attended Creighton University Law School. He married Geraldine Ann Grant in 1947 in Omaha. They moved to York to practice law. In 1954 he bought the law practice of Carroll Thompson in Fullerton where he then practiced for 50 years. He served as county attorney for many years. He was recognized by the National Board of Trial Attorneys as a civil trial advocate. He was a 65 continuous years member of the American Legion. He continued to love hunting and fishing throughout his lifetime.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine, his four children: one son, John and his fiance, Monika Peters, daughters, Anne Johnson and her husband Dale, Jane Maly and her husband Jim, and Mary Livingston and her husband Jim; 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Joseph, his daughter-in-law, Margaret (Toomey) Morgan and his granddaughter Mary Claire Morgan.

Lawrence E. Murphy  
**August 14, 1932 - September 21, 2012**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

Lawrence E. Murphy, 80, died Friday, September 21, 2012 in Lincoln, NE. Lawrence was born August 14, 1932 in Cherokee County, Kansas to Louis and Hazel (Hewitt) Murphy. After his father died, he was raised by Albert and Hazel Ottjes. He was the Legal Counsel for the Sunflower School and graduated from Sunflower School in 1950, where he was President of his Senior Class. He also very musically inclined. He was a retired attorney emeritus, U.S. Army Veteran, member of St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Nebraska Bar Association Emeritus, and a member of American Legion Posts #500 and #3.

Survivors include his wife Mara; brothers-in-law Peteris (Georgene) Kalnins, Don (Mary Ruth) Heine; nephew Dan (Mary Ann) Heine; and niece Lynn (Larry) Baber.

James C. Paine  
**June 11, 1947 - February 14, 2012**  
**Portland, Oregon**

James Clyde Paine was born June 11, 1947, at Oakland, Nebraska, to Morris C. and Anna B. (Sears) Paine. He passed away February 14, 2012, at his residence in Helena, Montana. Jim was raised in Lyons, Nebraska, and graduated from Lyons High School. He attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln where he earned a Juris Doctorate degree. Jim practiced utility law for his entire career, working for the State of Nebraska, the State of Montana and the Stoel Rives law firm in Portland, Oregon. At the time of his death, he was a senior attorney for the Montana Public Service Commission.

Jim first fell in love with Montana as a young man when he worked summers on a ranch in the Boulder Valley. In 1977, he moved to Helena to work for the PSC. After moving to Oregon and spending many years there, he made the choice to return to Montana. He was surrounded by the people he loved and those who loved him in a place that he truly loved.

Jim was an avid Nebraska Cornhusker football fan, although he often chose to watch the game alone. He was a connoisseur of music who made interesting tapes/CDs of great songs peppered with an occasional bizarre selection.
He always kept us guessing, and he always kept us laughing—a witty man wearing a fez, listening to Cajun music, and flashing a blinding, dimpled grin while driving a vintage Cadillac down the highway of life. Those of us who were lucky enough to be recipients of Jim’s eclectic CDs will always have a part of him with us. He was a man who had fun no matter where he was. He lived a joyful life, and shared that joy with everyone who knew him.

In recent years, Jim had found a true knack for Cajun cooking. His Cajun tomato pie was outstanding.

If you were fortunate enough to be one of Jim’s friends, he never lost touch with you. His many friends have heard the voice message “James Paine, checking in.”

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers (John Everett 1955 and Kenneth Andrew 2009). He is survived by his sister Mary Fran (Randy) Bacon of Lyons, Nebraska, sister-in-law Kay Paine of League City, Texas, four nieces, one nephew, four great nieces, and three great nephews, In addition, Jim left many devoted and heartbroken friends and relatives from coast to coast.

Jim’s greatest joy was being with people. He loved everyone and was a great storyteller. If Jim knew you, you probably made an appearance in one of his stories. How lucky we all are to have known him.

There are too few really good people in this world. We are lucky to have known one of them.

Charles M. “Chuck” Pallesen Jr.
July 20, 1937 - November 25, 2011
Lincoln, Nebraska

Charles “Chuck” Pallesen practiced law in Lincoln for over 40 years as a member of Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P. He was born in Chardon, Ohio, on July 20, 1937, and lived in several Nebraska communities before moving to Ainsworth, where he graduated from high school in 1955. He attended Doane College in Crete, earning an A.B. degree cum laude in 1959. He then enrolled in the University of Nebraska College of Law, where he served on the Nebraska Law Review, was student body president, and received his J.D. degree in 1962. He married his college sweetheart, Lorraine Sysel, in 1963.

Chuck’s first legal position was with the United States Army. He was stationed in Washington, D.C., from 1962 to 1965, representing the United States in courts-martial appeals. He attained the rank of Captain, Judge Advocate’s General Corps, and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He also earned an L.L.M. degree from George Washington University.

After completing his military service, Chuck joined Cline Williams law firm in 1965. His abilities and interests gave him unmatched versatility. His practice evolved from real estate transactions and worker’s compensation, to advising major financial institutions, to becoming one of the premiere health care attorneys in the state. Chuck’s negotiation skills served him well, whether he was assisting with a hospital or business merger, working through the barriers to build the Kearney Arch, or helping a local board maintain control of a rehabilitation hospital.

Throughout his legal career, Chuck was also active in a wide range of civic and political matters. He served on the Nebraska State Personnel Board, the Merit System Council Board of Directors, and the inaugural Board of Directors of Boys and Girls Clubs of Lincoln and Lancaster County, He was chairman of the Wyuka Foundation and a board member of the St. Elizabeth Foundation.

Chuck’s skill and passion for political involvement made him a sought-after advisor to candidates for local, state and national office throughout his career. He was Chairman, Finance Committee Chair, and Counsel to the all of the campaigns of Governor and United States Senator Jim Exon; an advisor to Senators Bob Kerrey and Ben Nelson; and a participant in the campaign of every Democratic presidential candidate from John F. Kennedy to Barack Obama. At the time of his death, he and Sam Van Pelt were completing a biography entitled “Big Jim,” about Senator Exon.

Chuck died on November 26, 2011, at the age of 74. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, who took great pride that his two sons became attorneys. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, two sons, Michael and Edward, and seven grandchildren.
Edwin C. Perry
September 29, 1931 - March 27, 2012
Lincoln, Nebraska

Edwin C. Perry passed away on March 27, 2012. Ed was a lawyer’s lawyer in the finest sense. Ed was a third generation barrister, having been preceded in the profession by his grandfather, Judge E. B. Perry, and his father, Arthur Perry and his uncle, Robert Perry. Ed Perry epitomized what a lawyer should be – a person of intellect, integrity, and dedication to his profession and his clients. He held to age old guidelines: “Work hard, do your best, speak the truth, assume no airs, trust in God, have no fear.”

Ed was born on September 29, 1931. He was a graduate of Lincoln High School and the University of Nebraska with a Bachelors of Science in 1953, and a Juris Doctorate degree in 1955, graduating with the prestigious Order of the Coif. Ed was admitted to the Nebraska Bar in 1955. Ed served his country in the United States Air Force as a Captain in the Judge Advocate Generals Corps from 1955-1957. Upon returning to Lincoln, Ed joined his father and uncle in the Perry & Perry law firm founded by his grandfather in 1920. Under Ed’s leadership the firm known by all as The Perry Law Firm has grown to 15 attorneys. Ed’s practice, while a general practice, had a focus on the representation of public school districts helping schools do what was best for the education of all children in our community and state. Ed served as general counsel to the Lincoln Public Schools for over twenty years, and as general counsel to Union Bank & Trust Co., and many other businesses in Lincoln and greater Nebraska.

Ed had a wonderful sense of humor, and always had a joke or story to tell – repeating them more than a few times. Ed often said the Lawyer’s Prayer – “Lord continue to spread dissension among thy people lest thy faithful servant perish” – said in humor, with the knowledge that this world will always have such dissension, and needed a person like Ed to help his fellow man through those times.

Ed and his wife Joanie were the parents of six children – Marcy, Judy, James, Greg, Jack and Priscilla – all wonderful successful people in their own right. Ed and Joanie have 19 grandchildren. Ed loved his family and was so proud of each and every one of his children and grandchildren; he was a great Dad and Granddad.

Ed was also a man of faith, and dedicated his later years to the growth of St. Michael’s parish in southeast Lincoln near Cheney, contributing his time and resources to the building of a new church and school, including the purchase of the clock in the bell tower of the new building.

Ed mentored many he came into contact with, either through advice or by his example, particularly those fortunate enough to join the legal family that is The Perry Guthery Haase & Gessford Law Firm – we all learned from and were guided by our mentor, Ed Perry.

Patrick E. Quinn
May 29, 1946 - December 13, 2011
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Patrick E. Quinn, of Chattanooga, Co-Chairman and President of U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc., died on December 13, 2011, following a battle with brain cancer. Mr. Quinn, 65, founded U.S. Xpress in 1985 with business partner Max Fuller, who is the company’s Co-Chairman and CEO. Under the leadership of Mr. Quinn and Mr. Fuller, U.S. Xpress grew from a 48-truck start-up operation to become the nation’s second largest privately owned truckload carrier, with 8,500 trucks and employing more than 10,000 people nationwide.

A native of Nebraska, Mr. Quinn became a member of the Nebraska Bar in 1971. He spent his entire professional career in the transportation industry and became a leading advocate for the trucking industry. Mr. Quinn served as Chairman of the American Trucking Associations (2005-07) and Chairman of the Truckload Carriers Association (2001-02). As an initial member of the American Trucking Associations’ Image & Communications Committee, Mr. Quinn helped to develop the plan for National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, which has become a successful annual event celebrating the work of truck drivers throughout the country. During his term as Chairman of ATA,
Mr. Quinn received an appointment in 2006 from then Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist to the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission.

A recipient of the 1997 Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Nebraska, Mr. Quinn was an active leader in his local community having served on the board of the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce and supporting numerous charities and non-profit organizations, including the MaryEllen Locher Breast Cancer Foundation and the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera. Mr. Quinn attended St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Chattanooga.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie Quinn; daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Hank Pate, Renee’and John Daly; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Carol Quinn; seven grandchildren, Riley Pate, Bealie Pate, Casey Pate, Connor Quinn, Michael Quinn, Ryan Daly and Meghan Daly.

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**John Patrick “Pat” Regan**  
**October 31, 1919 - July 3, 2012**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

John Patrick “Pat” Regan, 92, of Lincoln, passed away on July 3, 2012 in Lincoln. Pat was born in Independence, Kan. on October 31, 1919 to Thomas Joseph and Mary “Nettie” (Donovan) Regan. He was a WWII Army veteran stationed in Okinawa and a graduate of Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Mo. and Creighton Law School in Omaha. He was an assistant attorney general (Right of Way Division) for the State of Nebraska Department of Roads for 30 years before retiring in 1991. He was a long-time member of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church where he was an installed lector and acolyte. He was also a long-time member of the St. John’s Golf League. Pat’s wife of 69 years, Bette Jo Regan, passed away July 7, 2012.

Pat is survived by his children (spouses), John F. (Natalie K.) Regan of Lincoln, Michael J. (Susan K.) Regan of Kansas City, Mo., Shelley (Jerry) Harkrader of Laramie, Wyo., Cathy (Rex) Mercer of Lincoln, Teresa Regan of Lincoln and Tim (Julie) Regan of Kansas City, Mo.; 15 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren. and one great-great grandchild.

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**William John Rieb**  
**April 22, 1937 - November 20, 2011**  
**South Sioux City, Nebraska**

William John Rieb was first admitted to practice in Iowa in 1968, and admitted to practice in Nebraska in 1985. He received both his undergraduate degree and his J.D. from the University of South Dakota. He practiced law in both Iowa and Nebraska.
Harold D. “Bud” Robertson  
June 20, 1929 - September 28, 2012  
Lecanto, Florida

Harold D. “Bud” Robertson was born June 20, 1929, in Beatrice, Neb., and died Sept. 28, 2012, at his home in Lecanto, Fla., at the age of 83. After graduation from Beatrice High School, he served in the Marine Corps, and graduated from UNL as a licensed architect and engineer. In 1951, he married Jacqueline Thomas. Bud joined his father and brother in Robertson Construction Company. In 1975, he graduated from the UNL College of Law and began his practice as a private and corporate attorney. He served as the Chairman of the Board of the Lincoln Electric System for three terms and participated in numerous civic organizations.

Survivors are his wife of 61 plus years; family members Scott and Sally (Colorado), J. Sue and Mitch Dodd (Texas), Sandy and Janet (Florida); their grandchildren, great grandchildren; and his brothers, Bob and Bill and wife Maxine.

J. Thomas Rowen  
January 28, 1940 - October 19, 2011  
Omaha, Nebraska

J. Thomas “Tom” Rowen, 71, died October 19, 2011. Rowen grew up in Des Moines, IA and received bachelor’s and law degrees from Creighton University. He was admitted to the Nebraska bar in 1964 and spent most of his professional life in private practice in Omaha, retiring in January 2000. Rowen was a member of many legal organizations, including the Omaha and Nebraska Bar Associations; the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, for which he was a state committeeman for Nebraska; and the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, for which he was on the board of governors. He also was a fellow of the International Society of Barristers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers. Rowen was a past president of the Boys Town Boosters Club and Happy Hollow Club.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy M. Rowen; daughter, Kelly Rowen Gage and husband Scott of Overland Park, KS and their children Charlie, Jack and Leo; daughter, Molly Rowen Carroll and husband Adam of Bend, OR and their children Tommy and Cora; son, Tommy Rowen and wife Meghan of Omaha and their son James; son, Michael Rowen and wife Christie of Leawood, KS and their sons Kellan, Rylan and Grady; son, Leo Rowen and wife Betsy of Denver, CO and their sons Oliver and Murphy; sister, Judy Rowen Johnson; brothers: Jim Rowen (Terri), Dan Rowen (Kate), Rick Rowen; father-in-law. Chuck Murphy (Mary) of Edina, MN; numerous nieces and nephews.

Larry D. Sather  
October 13, 1950 - June 4, 2012  
Westminster, Colorado

Larry D. Sather died on June 4, 2012 at the age of 61. He was born Oct. 13, 1950, in Huron, South Dakota. He grew up in Loup City, Nebraska, graduating from high school in 1968 as president of his class. He went on to graduate from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with degrees in Business Management in 1972 and a J.D. in 1975. After serving as an Adams County Deputy District Attorney in Denver and then for many years in private practice as a trial attorney, he graduated from the Daniels College MBA program at the University of Denver in 2002. Larry was admitted to the bar in Nebraska, Colorado and Texas and joined a variety of professional organizations ranging from the International Bar Association to the National Association of Defense Attorneys and the American Arbitration Association, among others. His legal practice emphasized trial work in insurance, medical, hospital and legal malpractice as well as in other civil and criminal litigation. While living in Denver, he and his first wife, Pam, married and had three children, Lindsey, Kaelin and Ryan. In 2002 he went to Shanghai, PRC, for seven years to teach at Fudan University and several other universities. He also did consulting for a law firm and in the area of strategy and executive development for a management consultant. While in Shanghai he met his wife, Cher
(Xu Shuang), whom he married in 2007. Since returning to Nebraska in 2009, he had been teaching business law in the Community College system in Lincoln, among other activities. He is survived by his three children, his wife, his mother, Marion of Nelson, and two brothers, Gary and Cliff, of Bennington.

Emily S. Scott
June 15, 1948 - April 14, 2012
Omaha, Nebraska

Emily Scott died April 14, 2012 after a valiant and painful ten month battle with lung cancer. She will be remembered as a very intelligent, loving, and charming person.

Emily was born in Omaha on June 15, 1948 and attended Holy Cross Grade School and Marian High School graduating in 1966. She graduated from Creighton University in 1970 and worked as a legal secretary for the McGrath North Law Firm for several years. Thereafter, she attended Creighton University Law School graduating in 1980. Upon graduation she joined the Law Firm of Guinan and Kolenda and became a partner in 1990. She continued to practice there until her death, at which time the firm was known as Guinan and Scott.

Emily favored a general practice with emphasis on probate matters. She also enjoyed guardianship and conservatorship work and brought a great deal of compassion to helping the less fortunate. Quite often, it was pro bono work because she did not choose to be compensated. It would be very difficult to find a client who did not cherish her warm and caring approach to handling their problems. Her respect for and courteous relations with public officials, judges and administrative personnel was widely known and reciprocated.

In June, 2011, Emily discovered she had lung cancer. She did not cringe from the ensuing ten month battle. Surgery followed by exhausting chemotherapy and radiation left her frail but determined. In February she received test results indicating that she was cancer free only to find out a month or so later that it had spread to her bones. She spent the last couple months of her life with her husband in their Puerto Valarta home which she had enjoyed immensely over the years. Her family gatherings and entertainment forays were legendary for their fine cuisine, lively discussions and warm feelings.

Emily was preceded in death by parents, Arthur A. and Julia (Brick) Scherr; and infant son, John R. Scott. Survived by husband, Rick L. Scott; daughter, Mary Kathleen Scott; step-sons, Dale K. Scott, Clint L. Scott and Justin Burr Scott; step-grandchildren, Cole, Cameron, Courtney, Dylan, Caroline, and Ava; siblings, Stephen A. Scherr, Helen M. Thiele, Michael J. Scherr, Mary M. Scherr, Christine R. Scherr and Bernard J. Scherr; nieces, nephews and cousins; special cousin Martha A. Scherr; and dearest friend, Rose Vatalaro.

Honorable Thomas M. Shanahan
May 5, 1934 - December 27, 2011
Omaha, Nebraska

We honor our friend and colleague, the Honorable Thomas M. Shanahan, and take notice with sorrow of his death on December 27, 2011. We will remember him with lasting admiration and affection.

Tom was born May 5, 1934, in Omaha, Nebraska. He attended Creighton Preparatory School, and graduated from Notre Dame University, magna cum laude, in 1956. In 1959, he graduated from Georgetown University Law Center. He spent the next 23 years in private practice in Ogallala, Nebraska. In 1983, Governor Bob Kerrey appointed him to the Nebraska Supreme Court. Justice Shanahan served on the Nebraska Supreme Court until 1993. President William J. Clinton nominated him on August 6, 1993, to a new seat on the federal bench created by the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990. The Senate approved the nomination on November 20, 1993. Judge Shanahan took senior status on May 5, 2004, and retired on February 1, 2007.
Judge Shanahan rendered hundreds of decisions throughout his years on the state and federal benches. He wrote well-crafted and colorful opinions, and was known for his wit and his sensitivity to individual rights. He earned numerous honors during his career. He served as president of the Western Nebraska Bar Association and was a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association’s House of Delegates and its Executive Council. He received the Omaha Bar Association’s 2008 Law Day Award, which recognized his exemplary ethics and outstanding contributions to the administration of justice. In addition to his family, Tom was particularly proud of two things: (1) the Alumnus of the Year Award he received in 2010 from the Notre Dame Club of Omaha; and (2) his goofy dogs.

Judge Shanahan is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jane Lodge Shanahan, his children, Catherine Trofholz, Thomas M. Shanahan, II, Mary Elizabeth Shanahan, and Timothy Shanahan; his grandchildren, Aaron, Matthew, Aundrea, and Mary Catherine Trofholz and Nicholas, Caroline, and Elizabeth Shanahan; and two brothers, Brian Shanahan and James Shanahan.

Judge Shanahan was a thoughtful and compassionate jurist and colleague. At his investiture, Tom stated, “All of us, even judges, are human beings and we’re here for such a short time, but it is an opportunity to do so much good. And I hope, if I haven’t embarked on that course yet, to certainly embark on that as a federal judge.” This passage perfectly captures Judge Shanahan’s humility, intelligence, and extraordinary kindness. We are grateful to have known such a good man.

**Lenore Andrea Simon**  
**December 31, 1950 - October 26, 2011**  
**Atlantic, Iowa**

Lenore Andrea Simon was admitted to the Nebraska Bar in 1980, following her graduation from Creighton University School of Law. She was a practicing attorney-mediator for over 20 years, conducting mediations in Iowa, Nebraska, Michigan, Nevada and California. She co-founded Southwest Iowa Mediation Services in Atlantic, Iowa with Dan Bechtiol in 2009.

**Thomas F. Simpson Jr.**  
**January 13, 1949 - September 18, 2012**  
**Omaha, Nebraska**


He was preceded in death by parents, Thomas F. Simpson Sr. and Ruth Ioke Simpson. Survived by wife, Eugenia “Gina” (Brockemeyer) Simpson.
F. Blaine Sloan
January 3, 1920 - April 1, 2012
Fort Garland, Colorado

Called “the world’s leading authority on the law of United Nations General Assembly Resolutions”, F. Blaine Sloan was a World War II veteran who received his LL.B. from the University of Nebraska in 1946 and an LL.M. from Columbia University in 1947. He joined the General Legal Division of the United Nations in 1948, soon after it was founded. From 1948 to 1979, Sloan acted as legal advisor to the United Nations Security Council at sessions held in Africa and Latin America, and served as a representative for the Secretary-General for the Legal Subcommittee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and the United Nations Conference on the Carriage of Goods by Sea. He was also involved in peacekeeping and refugee efforts in Korea, the Middle East, and Vietnam. After he retired as Director of the General Legal Division in 1979, he joined the newly-established Pace University School of Law in White Plains, New York. Sloan was instrumental in creating and developing Pace’s international law program, and drew on his considerable experience to teach international law classes and to attract international law experts to lecture at Pace. Among them was Benjamin Ferencz, the Nazi war crimes investigator and a Chief Prosecutor for the United States Army at the Nuremberg war crimes trials after World War II. At Sloan’s behest, Ferencz served as an adjunct professor of international law at Pace from 1985 to 1996. Professor Sloan was a vocal advocate of the establishment of an International Criminal Court and the creation of an international rule of law. In 1986, Professor Sloan was chosen as Pace Law School’s Outstanding Professor of the Year, an award recognizing the highest professional and academic achievement.

Professor Sloan published many books and articles on the United Nations. Both his 1948 article on The Binding Force of a “Recommendation” of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and his 1991 book, General Assembly Resolutions in Our Changing World, (which traced developments since his 1948 article) considered the binding effects of United Nations resolutions in the development of international law. In addition, he wrote extensively on the International Criminal Court and on international maritime boundaries. He was also a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association.

Professor Sloan’s enormous contributions to the development of the rule of law among nations are celebrated at the Blaine Sloan Lecture on International Law, given annually in his honor at Pace Law School. The Lecture is given by a scholar in international law on subjects of current interest and urgency. The Twelfth Annual Blaine Sloan Lecture in 1997, “International Criminal Courts: The Legacy of Nuremberg,” was given by Professor Sloan’s colleague, Benjamin Ferencz. Some other topics of the Blaine Sloan Lecture at Pace have included: “The United Nations Charter as a Constitution,” the first Blaine Sloan lecture, given by Professor Sloan himself in 1988 after he retired from teaching; “The Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes in Practice,” the 1995 lecture given by Ian Brownlie of Oxford University; “The International Disputes in Practice,” the 1995 lecture given by Ian Brownlie of Oxford University; “The International Criminal Court and the Enforcement of International Justice,” given in 2005 by Philippe Kirsch, president and judge of the International Criminal Court; and, most recently, “The Developing Global Rule of Law,” the 2011 lecture by Justice Richard Goldstone of the Constitutional Court of South Africa.

The Pace Law School community mourns the loss of Professor Blaine Sloan and celebrates his career and legacy.
Roger G. Stanway
May 29, 1942 - June 21, 2012
Hollywood, Florida

Roger G. Stanway, 70, passed away on June 21, 2012, at Hollywood Memorial Hospital. Roger was born in New York on May 29, 1942, and was raised in California. He served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. Roger attended college and law school at the University of Nebraska, from which he graduated with a Juris Doctor in 1968. He practiced law in Nebraska until coming to Hollywood, Florida in 1973. He maintained his license to practice law in Nebraska, and he was also licensed to practice law in the states of California and New York. Because of his untimely death, it cannot be said that Roger Stanway had “done it all.” He did not retire to California. He never took a week off to take his wife Debra “to see the Rolling Stones in Rome.” Actually, he rarely took a day off. Yet, in his 70 years, Roger Stanway completely accomplished certain things. He was completely dedicated to Debra Stanway, his wife of thirty-seven years. As one of Hollywood’s leading family law and civil trial lawyers, Roger accomplished complete dedication to his craft. This was because, at his core, he believed in helping, as much as he possible could, the thousands of everyday men and women who came to him in their time of legal need. In connection with the Florida Lawyers Assistance program, Roger was a recipient of the 2004 Peggy Kilby Award. He remained actively available to attorneys, judges, law students, and nearly anyone who needed his help to overcome impairments due to depression, stress, alcoholism, and chemical dependency. In so doing, Roger Stanway helped save careers, and helped countless fellow attorneys and members of our community. He measured his own success in life by how well he treated others. Consequently, his devotion to his clients, friends and family endeared Roger to them and he enjoyed relationships that lasted throughout his lifetime. He is survived by his loving wife Debra of 37 years; his daughters Katrina and Jennifer; five grandchildren; step-sister Heather Russell and her husband John; step-brother Clarke Stanway and his wife Jean; step-brothers Mark and Gregg Stanway; sister- in-law Janis Dye and her husband Larry; many nieces and nephews, and his goddaughter Madison. Also left behind is Roger’s faithful pet and best friend, Gracie.

Alan L. Steinacher
December 29, 1929 - March 7, 2012
Dorchester, Nebraska

Alan L. Steinacher grew up on a farm near Milligan, NE. While a child he lost one arm in a farm accident, but he coped and learned to do nearly everything others did with 2 arms. After graduating from Milligan High School in 1946 he attended the University of Nebraska where he took the two-year undergraduate program followed by four years in the Law College. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Law and a Juris Doctor, graduating in 1952. He was admitted to the Bar the same year and remained a member until his death. Alan began a solo practice in Wilber. When Joe T. Vosoba, a high school and law school classmate, returned from the Army in 1954 they formed a partnership in Wilber. He was elected Saline County Attorney in 1954 and served one term. The firm’s general practice was an active one in Saline and nearby counties for 30 years. They also operated an office in Crete, with the help of Matthew Hanson, now senior partner of the former firm, and J. Patrick McArdle, now County District Judge. Alan believed education was a great equalizer in life and served many years on the Wilber-Clatonia School Board and took great pride in the establishment and growth of the Wilber-Clatonia Public School Foundation. After his retirement he and his wife Betty enjoyed some traveling, but maintained their home in Wilber until her death. In later years Alan lived in retirement homes in Lincoln and Friend, NE. He left four children, Cindy Havlat, Jay Steinacher, Stacey Van De Graaf and Brenda Pollard.
Donald L. Stern
May 29, 1928 - September 16, 2012
Omaha, Nebraska

Donald L. Stern represented some of the nation’s largest motor carriers in operating rights cases and a myriad of other challenges. He argued before the Nebraska Public Service Commission, the Nebraska Supreme Court as well as the Interstate Commerce Commission, U. S. District Courts and the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal all over the country in cases involving trucking firm regulation. He was a senior partner in Stern, Harris, Feldman & Becker in Omaha for many years prior to his retirement. He also served on numerous terms on the Metro Area Transit Board.

His style was tenacious, no-nonsense and direct: “Donald was highly regarded in the legal profession for his integrity and knowledge. Plus, he has nice shoes and was a very good dresser,” fondly recalls Marshall Becker, who was Donald Stern’s longtime law partner in Stern & Becker firm from its founding in 1960 until Stern retired in 2008.

Stern was “one of the top ICC lawyers in the country,” Becker said. His sentiments echo those of his courtroom adversaries.

“I spent almost 13 years in my law practice trying ICC and Nebraska Public Service Commission cases against Don. He was a great lawyer and highly respected,” recalls Lincoln attorney Duane W. Acklie.

Donald Stern’s law firm was one of four law firms in Nebraska that dealt exclusively in transportation law. The Motor Carrier Act of 1980 abolished trucking firm regulations. Post deregulation, Donald Stern engaged in the general practice of law in Omaha. He also served numerous terms on the Metro Area Transit Board and had been Secretary of the Nebraska Golf Association.

Donald Stern attended Central High School and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln before graduating from Creighton Law School in 1960.

Stern was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Lois S. Stern, a long-time Omaha real estate agent and former Chicago model. He has two children, Adam L. Stern is a freight broker and Susan L. Stern an Omaha marketing consultant.

Louis J. Strom
January 6, 1925 - September 19, 2011
Bellevue, Nebraska

Louis J. Strom, twin brother of Senior U.S. District Judge Lyle E. Strom, passed away September 19, 2011 at the age of 86. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and was a graduate of Creighton University School of Law in 1959. Strom served in World War II in the battles of Leyte and Okinawa, where he was wounded. During his law career, he worked for Northern Natural Gas; in private practice at Henderson & Strom Patent Lawyers, EES, Inc.; and in the Office of the President, University of California.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie, and sister, Myrna Madelen. In addition to his twin brother, he is survived by three sons, Paul, Robert, and Eric; five grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.
Jeffrey D. Toberer  
October 10, 1943 - March 5, 2012  
Omaha, Nebraska

Jeffrey “Jeff” D. Toberer, 69, Omaha, passed away March 5, 2012. A 1969 graduate of Creighton University School of Law, where he was on the editorial staff of the Law Review. Jeff began his legal career with the former Kennedy, Holland, DeLacy & Svoboda law firm in Omaha in 1969, and joined Stinson Morrison Hecker when the firm opened its Omaha office in 1998. Jeff had been the Managing Partner of Stinson’s Omaha office. Born in Omaha, Jeff enjoyed spending time at his cabin, fishing and woodworking. Jeff was a member of the Omaha, Nebraska State and American Bar Associations. He was a director and past president of the Great Plains Federal Tax Institute, had been a member of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel since 1984, had been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1997 in the areas of Trust and Estates law, and also served on the Boards of the Nebraska Humane Society and Alegent Bergan Mercy Foundation. He was a contributing author of “Professional Incorporation”, and served on the faculty of the Nebraska Continuing Legal Education Institute on Estate Planning. Jeff was a highly regarded attorney across a wide range of business and tax issues. He represented several Omaha-based companies in matters involving structure and governance, employment, finance, real estate, income tax and general corporate matters. He also had significant experience in personal income, estate and gift tax planning, and business succession planning. “Jeff was a rare combination of a talented and gifted attorney and an exceptional individual who unselfishly improved the lives of everyone around him” said Bryan Hatch, Managing Partner of Stinson’s Omaha office. A tribute that was posted about Jeff restates Hatch’s observation. “Jeff was a great guy, always friendly, never had a discouraging word to say about anybody, and a person I’ve always felt was one of the most intelligent people I know.” Another tribute stated “Jeff was one of that Holy Cross gang. Tough, good looking, athletic. Jeff was the smartest. He was a credit to the legal community and a friend to all us lawyers who looked up to him – way up to him.”

He is survived by his wife Sue; children Daniel (Susan) Toberer, Amy (Brian) Doue, Timothy (Melissa) Toberer, and Michele Frost all of Omaha; Molly Toberer of Los Angeles; Beth Toberer of Mt. Vernon, Washington; sisters Marianne (John) Green of Omaha and Karen (Richard) O’Neil of Denver; and five grandchildren.

Claude E. “Bud” Trimble  
February 17, 1923 - November 5, 2011  
Norfolk, Nebraska

Claude E. “Bud” Trimble (1923-2012), was raised in Milford, Nebraska and graduated from Milford High School in 1940. In WWII, Bud served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1947 in the Pacific Theater in New Guinea and the Philippines. After his Army discharge, Bud became a full-time UNL student where he received a bachelor’s degree and then graduated from the College of Law in 1949. In1948, Bud married Norma M. Morrow. Bud and Norma were blessed with a daughter, Amy. In 1954, Bud and Norma moved to Norfolk where Bud became owner and manager of Crocker Claims Service. He continued to operate the business until his retirement in 1993. Bud served as the Norfolk municipal court judge from 1967 to 1972. Bud, a master gardener, served on the board of directors of the Norfolk Country Club and was instrumental in creating the present course’s championship layout. Bud was a lifetime Nebraska Cornhusker football fan, and in addition to his family, Bud’s passion in life was big band, jazz and swing music, filling his workshop with hundreds of recordings.

Bud is survived by his wife of 63 years, Norma, and his daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Jim Casey, all of Norfolk.
Anthony S. Troia
June 30, 1945 - February 14, 2012
Omaha, Nebraska

Anthony S. Troia, 66, died February 14, 2012. He was born in California on June 30, 1945 and raised in Omaha. He received his undergraduate education at Creighton University and his law degree from the University of Tulsa. He was admitted to practice in 1972. A well-known Omaha attorney, he had a solo practice across the street from his favorite place, the Douglas County courthouse. “Anthony was one-of-a-kind: a courthouse fixture for many years,” Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine told the Omaha World-Herald. “He had a very good reputation for helping people and taking people under his wing in the practice of law.”

Born in California and raised in Omaha, Tony graduated from Holy Cross School, Creighton Prep, Creighton University and the University of Tulsa (Okla.) College of Law.

Julie Forrester Chapman of Salina, Kan., who worked for Troia in the 1990s, recollected his love of Notre Dame football, Frank Sinatra and Angie’s Restaurant. “We all know Tony LOVED Frank Sinatra,” Chapman said. “He had a portrait of Frank right next to the one of his father. He only listened to Frank Sinatra in the car. The day Frank Sinatra died, Tony received endless phone calls offering their condolences. “Tony had a reserved table at Angie’s. We went every day for lunch and he always ordered the same thing – steak and French fries. All the girls [waitresses] knew him well and Tony loved being treated like ‘The King’ for an hour each day.” Julie further recalled that he hated jailhouse interviews and sent her in his place. “He treated me like gold. Tony always held a special place in my heart. He was a wonderful father-figure in my life,” Chapman said.

Tony was the go-to guy in the family, his older brother, Douglas County District Court Judge Joseph Troia, said. “He was always there for us all. He was the first to donate to kids’ soccer and softball teams. With Tony, it was family first,” Joe Troia said. He said Tony will be missed at the annual family football game, in which “all the nieces and nephews and me, who has no business being out there, participate, while Tony sits on the deck, cheering us on.”

He is survived by his wife, Christine; daughters Gina (Mack) Greder, Julie Perrault, Lisa (Scott) Timmermier, Laura (Craig) Coyle, Maria (Erik) Lighthall; stepson Tony (Sharlyn) Deterding; grandchildren, Mack and Milo Greder, Ainslie and Truman Perrault, Gabrielle, Gage and Gannon Timmermier, Caleb, Cadyn and Lola Coyle, Lily, Lexi and Louden Lighthall, Delaney and Jocelyn Deterding; brother Joseph Troia and his wife Candi; sisters Ginny (Robert) Brown, Kathy (James) Radosevich, Margaret (Stephen) Maher; many wonderful aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Dean W. Wallace
September 10, 1925 - April 17, 2012
Sun City West, Arizona

Dean Wallace, 87, died in Sun City West, Arizona on April 17, 2012. Wallace graduated from Kearney High School, University of Nebraska-Kearney and the Iowa Law School. Wallace, a Veteran, was VP and General Counsel of InterNorth and a lifelong member of the Republican Party, American Bar Association, and Countryside Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Phyllis. Survived by his brother Harry (Jodi); daughter Marti (Rick); sons, Matt and Ward; and grandchildren, Kori, Ben, Chet, and Reed.
Thomas J. Walsh
August 6, 1927 - October 6, 2011
Omaha, Nebraska

Thomas J. Walsh, known as “Poor Tom” by his peers, passed away October 6, 2011, after a long battle with cancer. Tom was born in 1927 in Ulysses, Nebraska. Because of the untimely death of his mother, he was raised by an aunt and uncle. When the Depression and drought of the time caused the failure of the Ulysses State Bank, his aunt and uncle lost all of their savings and the family struggled like many during that time. Fortunately for Tom and his sister, the Aid to Dependent Children Program, while very modest, saw them through.

Tom Walsh obtained a law degree from Creighton in 1951, thanks to the G.I. Bill, he practiced law in Omaha for more than forty years. He served in the House of Delegates of the Nebraska State Bar, in which his proudest achievement was helping to initiate the IOLTA Program whereby once idle funds in lawyers’ trust fund accounts could be used to fund the delivery of legal services to low-income people in Nebraska, making the legal system more accessible to them.

Tom was a staunch advocate for the rights of women. Although unsuccessful, he led the fight against the repeal of the Equal Rights Amendment in Nebraska. Certainly through that effort he advanced the cause of women’s rights in Nebraska.

Tom Walsh started his legal career in the Douglas County Public Defender’s office until he went into private practice and specialized in the defense side of civil cases. Unlike many colleagues, Tom enjoyed jury trials. He was comfortable in the court room and firmly believed that a jury was the best way to find the truth. He was admitted to the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1982, and actively kept trying cases until his retirement.

While his moniker of “Poor Tom” was a reference to a classmate of the same name of more substantial means, it was a more fitting description of his history and his devotion to those less fortunate than he or his colleagues. He was a man of conscience, character and wisdom, and he is greatly missed.

Jerrold A. “Jerry” Wanek
Des Moines, Iowa

Jerrold A. “Jerry” Wanek, 53, of Des Moines, died suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack while vacationing with his wife on the Caribbean Island of St. Barthelemy on January 25, 2012.

Jerry was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Gene and Twila Wanek on July 10, 1958. The family moved to Des Moines, Iowa in 1959. Jerry graduated from East High School in 1976. He was active in debate and chess and his chess team won the state championship. He went on to attend the University of Iowa, and was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity - Mu Deuteron Chapter serving as Chapter President from 1979 to 1980. He graduated with a degree in Economics. Jerry went on to Drake Law School, graduating in 1983. He then joined the law firm of Garten, Garten & Landis as an associate, becoming a partner shortly thereafter. He became a member of the Nebraska Bar in 1991.

After graduating from law school he met his future wife, Carolyn Moore. They were married on New Year’s Eve in 1985 in Evanston, Illinois. They went on to have three children: Joseph Jerrold Alan, Christopher (Topher) Robert Alan, and Sophia (Sophie) Margaret Berkley. Jerry and Carolyn were happily married for 26 years.

Jerry was a prominent and well-known bankruptcy attorney at Garten & Wanek Law Firm from 1983 until his death. He was involved in organizations such as Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, the East High Alumni Association, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, serving as president of all. He served as Archon President from 2002 - 2004 for Phi Gamma Delta. Jerry enjoyed the finer things in life such as traveling with his wife and children, eating great food, and drinking fine wines. He loved being surrounded by his family and friends, especially during the summer months out by their pool.

Jerry will be unbelievably missed by his loving wife, children and extended loved ones who will forever cherish the memory of his extreme generosity and sarcastic sense of humor. Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn; children, Joseph (Joey Patino), Topher and Sophie; parents, Gene and Twila Wanek; brother, John Wanek (Scott Harnisch); sister, Judy (Doug) Gulling; and his many nieces and nephews.
Warren R. Whitted Sr.
July 19, 1920 - December 21, 2011
Omaha, Nebraska

Warren R. Whitted graduated from Benson High School, University of Nebraska at Omaha (then Omaha University) and the Creighton University School of Law. He was admitted to the Nebraska State Bar in 1947. He married Marjorie Disbrow on March 14, 1942 and celebrated 66 years together before her death in 2009. Whitted spent 35 years with Mutual of Omaha and its affiliates retiring in 1985 as President of Omaha Financial Life Insurance Company. His Mutual of Omaha tenure was interrupted from 1969 to 1977 by a stint as Vice-President of Claims at Illinois Blue Cross and several years in the Nixon administration in Health, Education and Welfare and the Price Commission.

After retirement he was ordained a permanent Deacon in the Episcopal Church where he served actively into his 80s. While in this role, he helped establish a Stephen Ministry at Trinity Cathedral. He was a member of the Golden K Kiwanis and served as president. He was recognized by the Westside Community Schools with its Lighthouse Leader Award. His past community activities included the Midwest Girl Scouts Council, past president of the UNO Alumni Association, the Omaha Food Bank and the AK-SAR-BEN Floor Committee. Whitted was a devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was committed to his faith, his family and his community.

A member of the “Greatest Generation” Whitted served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II. As bombardier/navigator of a B-24 he flew 33 combat missions over Europe and among his decorations received the Silver Star for gallantry. While over Germany, the bomb bay doors of the B-24 failed to open properly, causing several 500 pound armed incendiary bombs to hang on the unopened doors. Whitted, without oxygen or parachute, was able to roll the bombs out of the airplane saving the lives of his crew.

Whitted’s involvement with the NSBA continued after retirement where he served as Chair of the Senior Section for several years. He and Marjorie were fixtures at the Annual Meetings. Whitted was a proud Nebraska lawyer for 64 years.

Willis G. Yoesel
December 6, 1943 - March 29, 2012
Falls City, Nebraska

Willis G. Yoesel, 68, of Falls City, Nebraska died March 29, 2012. Born to the late Theodore and Sadie (Rieger) Yoesel. He married Rachel Tucker on December 22, 1966 in Lincoln, NE. Willis was raised in rural Falls City, and graduated from Falls City High School in 1961; he graduated from Midland College at Fremont, NE, and also graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1977. He practiced law at Valparaiso, NE while living in Weston, NE. The couple moved back to Falls City in 1982, and he practiced law, retiring in 2009. He was a member of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, member and past President of American Painted Horse Association; and a member of the Rotary Club of Falls City.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel Yoesel; and sister, Ramona (Glenn) Godemann, all of Falls City; niece, Cheri Murphy, Wilbur, NE; nephew, Ted Godemann, Falls City; and great-nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents.
Michael J. Yudelson
August 3, 1938 - August 26, 2012
Bainbridge Island, Washington

Michael J. Yudelson, 74, passed away on August 26, 2012 in Seattle, Washington. Michael grew up in Omaha, attending Central High School and later graduating from both the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Creighton University School of Law. Many in Omaha and throughout the Midwest knew him as a tax and real estate attorney from his years of service with the Internal Revenue Service; Dial Realty Corp.; and in private practice. Others knew him from the road races in which he participated; the book stores he frequented; or from their brief encounter with the man who always had dog treats in his pockets. Michael spent the last decade of his life living in Bainbridge Island, Washington and traveling with Sandra, his wife of 49 years. They visited far off places and some local stops off of the beaten path in the Pacific Northwest, California, and Sedona, Arizona. Whether in search of new picturesque vistas, a restaurant, an artist or author, or all of these things, Michael never came back empty handed, and often sent gifts and reminders to his family and friends of the wonderful places he hoped they too could one day visit.

Michael is survived by his wife, Sandra; and their two children, Robert and David. Michael’s two surviving “daughters” are David’s wife, Stephanie Yudelson, and Robert’s fiancé, Stephanie Freyermuth. Michael is further survived by three grandchildren, Sydney, Leo, and Elliot whose parents are David and Stephanie Yudelson; and by Stephanie Freyermuth’s daughters, Libby and Abby. Michael is also survived and terribly missed by his faithful and furry companion of the last sixteen years, a gray dachshund, Avery.