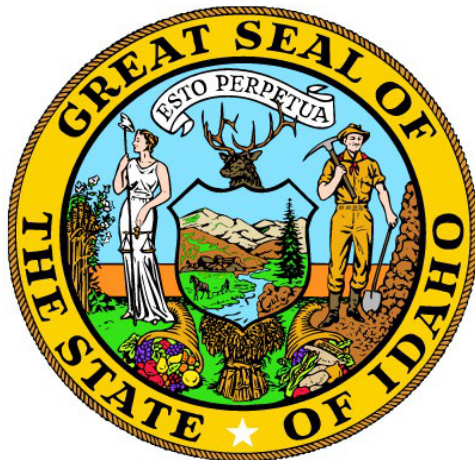


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# MEMORIAL SERVICE

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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO



March 6, 2024  
Boise, Idaho

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<u>Judges</u>	<u>Residence City</u>	<u>Deceased</u>
Hon. Wayne P. Willis	Pensacola, FL	May 21, 2022
Hon. Thomas H. Borresen	Jerome	March 14, 2023
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Hon. William D. Jordan	Fruitland	September 4, 2023
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# JUDGES

# **RESOLUTIONS**

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**A Resolution in Memory of**

**HONORABLE WAYNE P. WILLIS  
1943 – 2022**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE – FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**MOTION IN MEMORIAL  
TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

The undersigned, a member of the Memorial Service Committee appointed by this Court, respectfully submits the following resolution:

WHEREAS, with this Special Memorial Resolution, we gratefully acknowledge **Wayne P. Willis's** service and devotion to the Idaho Judiciary, legal profession and the pursuit of justice, and affirm our commitment to those principles and ideals, which always guided our departed colleague.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable Court, the committee, and the members of the Bar do now offer our permanent tribute to departed member, **Wayne P. Willis**, in sincere recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service to this State and Nation, and pause for a moment in honor and fond remembrance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be recorded upon the minutes and records of this Court, to serve as a perpetual remembrance in honor and respect to this deserving individual.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to his family our sincere sympathy and that the Clerk of this Court send a copy of this Resolution to the family as a memorialization of this date.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of March, 2024.

  
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Hon. John Vehlow, Retired Magistrate Judge

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**A Resolution in Memory of**

**HONORABLE THOMAS HAROLD BORRESEN  
1949 - 2023**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE – FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**MOTION IN MEMORIAL  
TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

The undersigned, a member of the Memorial Service Committee appointed by this Court, respectfully submits the following resolution:


WHEREAS, with this Special Memorial Resolution, we gratefully acknowledge **Thomas Harold Borresen's** service and devotion to the Idaho Judiciary, legal profession and the pursuit of justice, and affirm our commitment to those principles and ideals, which always guided our departed colleague.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable Court, the committee, and the members of the Bar do now offer our permanent tribute to departed member, **Thomas Harold Borresen**, in sincere recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service to this State and Nation, and pause for a moment in honor and fond remembrance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be recorded upon the minutes and records of this Court, to serve as a perpetual remembrance in honor and respect to this deserving individual.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to his family our sincere sympathy and that the Clerk of this Court send a copy of this Resolution to the family as a memorialization of this date.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of March, 2024.

  
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Hon. John B. Lothspeich, Magistrate Judge

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**A Resolution in Memory of**

**HONORABLE WILLIAM PETER HOLLERICH  
1951 – 2023**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE – SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**MOTION IN MEMORIAL  
TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

The undersigned, a member of the Memorial Service Committee appointed by this Court, respectfully submits the following resolution:

WHEREAS, with this Special Memorial Resolution, we gratefully acknowledge **William Peter Hollerich's** service and devotion to the Idaho Judiciary, legal profession and the pursuit of justice, and affirm our commitment to those principles and ideals, which always guided our departed colleague.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable Court, the committee, and the members of the Bar do now offer our permanent tribute to departed member, **William Peter Hollerich**, in sincere recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service to this State and Nation, and pause for a moment in honor and fond remembrance.

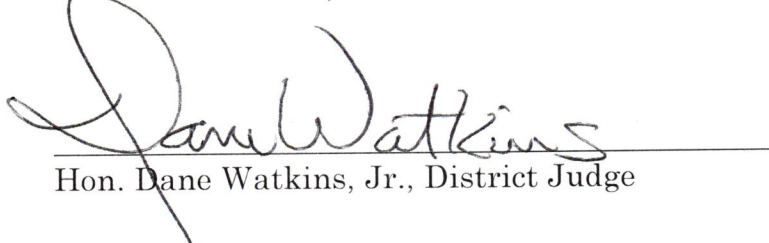
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be recorded upon the minutes and records of this Court, to serve as a perpetual remembrance in honor and respect to this deserving individual.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to his family our sincere sympathy and that the Clerk of this Court send a copy of this Resolution to the family as a memorialization of this date.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of March, 2024.



Hon. Bruce Pickett, Administrative District Judge



Hon. Dane Watkins, Jr., District Judge

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**A Resolution in Memory of**

**HONORABLE WILLIAM DALLAS JORDAN  
1932 - 2023**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE – THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**MOTION IN MEMORIAL  
TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

The undersigned, a member of the Memorial Service Committee appointed by this Court, respectfully submits the following resolution:

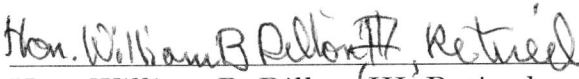
WHEREAS, with this Special Memorial Resolution, we gratefully acknowledge **William Dallas Jordan** service and devotion to the Idaho Judiciary, legal profession and the pursuit of justice, and affirm our commitment to those principles and ideals, which always guided our departed colleague.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable Court, the committee, and the members of the Bar do now offer our permanent tribute to departed member, **William Dallas Jordan**, in sincere recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service to this State and Nation, and pause for a moment in honor and fond remembrance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be recorded upon the minutes and records of this Court, to serve as a perpetual remembrance in honor and respect to this deserving individual.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to his family our sincere sympathy and that the Clerk of this Court send a copy of this Resolution to the family as a memorialization of this date.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of March, 2024.

  
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Hon. William B. Dillon, III, Retired  
Magistrate Judge



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**A Resolution in Memory of  
HONORABLE JOSEPH M. MEIER  
1959 - 2023**

**CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE – DISTRICT OF IDAHO**

**MOTION IN MEMORIAL  
TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

The undersigned, members of the Memorial Service Committee appointed by this Court, respectfully submit the following resolution:


WHEREAS, with this Special Memorial Resolution, we gratefully acknowledge Joseph M. Meier's service and devotion to the law, the United States Bankruptcy Courts, and the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section of the Idaho State Bar, and affirm our commitment to the principles of kindness and respect, which guided Judge Meier.

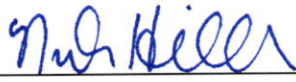
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable Court, the committee, and the members of the Bar do now offer our permanent tribute to departed member, Joseph M. Meier, in sincere recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service to this State and Nation, and pause for a moment in honor and fond remembrance.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be recorded upon the minutes and records of this Court, to serve as a perpetual remembrance in honor and respect to our colleague and friend.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to his family our sincere sympathy and that the Clerk of this Court send a copy of this Resolution to the family of Joseph M. Meier as a memorialization of this date.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of March, 2024.

  
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Hon. David C. Nye, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
District of Idaho

  
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Hon. Noah G. Hillen, Chief Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
District of Idaho

  
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Stephen W. Kenyon, Clerk of the Court  
United States District/Bankruptcy Courts  
District of Idaho

# **OBITUARIES**



## **THE HONORABLE WAYNE P. WILLIS**

**1945 - 2022**

Wayne Willis was born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised in Walterboro and Columbia, South Carolina. He was athletic as a child and played little league baseball, and varsity basketball for Dreher High School. He spent many weekends on the lake waterskiing and had a life-long love of peaches due no doubt to his summers growing up in South Carolina.

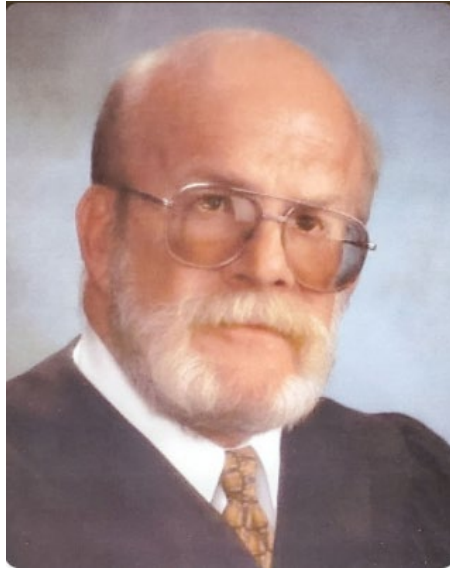
Wayne enrolled at the University of South Carolina and was a walk-on to the tennis team, after only a handful of lessons prior to try-outs. He developed a love of the sport that he would pass down to many people throughout his life. When the Vietnam War began, Wayne joined the Air Force and was stationed in Thailand as an air traffic controller. He volunteered for a second tour of duty and was sent to Hon Tre Island, Vietnam. He was awarded 2 Bronze Stars for his service.

Wayne used the GI Bill to attend law school at the University of South Carolina. After graduation he moved to Boise where he worked first for the county prosecutor and was then appointed as a magistrate judge. He embraced the west and Rocky Mountain sports and took up cross-country and downhill skiing. He eventually moved to Pensacola, Florida and opened a solo law practice on the corner of 12th Avenue and Cervantes where he practiced law for another 25 years. Even in retirement he could not sit still and became a mediator for another 7 years.

Wayne loved traveling and had a wonderful time seeing the sights in Europe. Music was another love in his life and he taught himself guitar and mandolin. In his 50s he discovered the bagpipes and never looked back. He joined McGuire's Bagpipe Band and played countless parades, weddings, funerals, and even a trip to Japan. He became Pipe Major and developed many friendships over his 25 years in the band. This led to 10+ trips to Ireland where he would play in pubs and anywhere else he was allowed.

Wayne was a beloved father, husband, brother, grandfather, uncle, veteran, athlete, judge, lawyer, bagpipe player, band leader, neighbor, and friend.

*Wayne Willis, 78, passed away on May 21, 2022.*



## **THE HONORABLE THOMAS HAROLD BORRESEN**

**1949 - 2023**

On March 14, 2023, Thomas Harold “Borg” Borresen of Jerome, Idaho, cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and pillar of his community passed away at the age of 73.

Tom was born in Blackfoot, Idaho on August 19, 1949, to Conrad and Margaret Borresen. He is survived by his wife Trish; two children, Natalie (William) Hunter and Andrew (Jenna) Borresen; four grandchildren, Aeron and Esme’ Hunter, and ZaVee and Murphy Borresen; his brother, Bill (Debbie) Borresen; and sister, Celeste (Bill) Keller.

Tom graduated with the inaugural graduating class of Skyline High School in Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he was a 3-year letterman in baseball, a 2-year letterman in basketball, and served as its first Student Body Vice President. Upon graduation, Tom attended his parents’ alma mater and only real university in the state as far as he was concerned, the University of Idaho. At the U of I, Tom was a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity where he stole the nickname “Borg” from his older brother Bill. Tom acquired his bachelor’s degree in accounting and while waiting to take the CPA exam, Tom was convinced by his good friend to apply to law school. Since he “had nothing better to do”, he decidedly agreed and unknowingly took the first steps towards his life’s passion. Tom graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law with his Juris Doctorate in 1975.

In 1975, Tom moved to Boise and began a clerkship for his mentor, the Honorable Judge J. Blaine Anderson in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Federal District Court of Idaho, In 1978, Tom began practicing law as a general practice lawyer. After 15 years as an attorney, Tom accepted a position as a Magistrate Judge for Jerome County, where his passion and true calling were united in a community that he would go on to dedicate his life to.

From the Granata Award to mentoring new judges to serving on the Judicial Council and ethics committee, Tom did everything one could do as a Magistrate Judge and truly outpaced his position but refused to move on as he had found happiness where his Birkenstocks were accepted and his wit was appreciated.

To say he participated in his community would be an understatement. Tom was highly active in both Rotary and Optimist Clubs where he held multiple positions in both organizations over the years. He also served on the St. Luke's Magic Valley Foundation and St. Jerome's Parish Council. Tom often took time to engage with Mrs. Park's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class by reading, speaking on motivation or just answering questions about his job. He loved to umpire little league where seldom was the time that his calls were challenged. One of his highest civic honors was serving as the Chief Gaming Commissioner of Fairness and Legality at Oop's House of Cards and Coffee or otherwise known as Morning Coffee. Regardless of how you knew Tom, Borg, or Judge Borresen, he was likely to make a positive impact on your life.

As a result of Judge Borresen's impact on the Judiciary and his community, on August 15, 2023, the Jerome County Board of Commissioners renamed and dedicated the Jerome County Judicial Annex as the Thomas H. Borresen Judicial Complex in his honor. They also proclaimed April 3 as Judge Borresen day hereinafter. Judge Borresen will be forever missed and admired but never forgotten.

*Thomas Harold Borresen, 73, passed away on March 14, 2023.*



## **THE HONORABLE WILLIAM “BILL” PETER HOLLERICH**

**1951 - 2023**

“Bill” Hollerich, was born on February 27th, 1951 in Spring Valley, Illinois, to parents William and Kathryn. He was the third of five children. He married Myra Billedo. Bill and Myra raised a son, William, and a daughter, Gillian.

Bill earned his bachelor’s degree in Slavic Studies from Northwestern University in 1973. This education was only the beginning of a life of learning. He obtained his juris doctorate from the University of Idaho in 1976. Two years later and in response to a deep love of country, Bill joined the Marine Corps in 1978. That decision provided the foundation to serve as a Judge Advocate General. This military service took him to the other side of the world where he was deployed in the Gulf War. After 20 years of military service, he retired.

In 1999, Bill took his family thousands of miles west to accept a magistrate position in one of the least populated and most rural counties in the country. His family of four significantly added to both the diversity and also the character of Clark County, Idaho—population less than 800. While there was important work to be performed as a judge in Clark County, most of his time and workload occurred fifty miles and two counties away. With assignments in Bonneville County, he presided over thousands of cases during the eight years of judicial service. It is likely he presided over more cases in a few months in Bonneville County than his entire term in Clark County.

Today, such a statement as a reminder, brings smiles to all who knew Judge Hollerich. However, it wasn’t without some controversy at the time, particularly to those who appeared before him for sentencing. In his commanding military voice, Judge Hollerich would pronounce with thunder, “Mr. or Mrs. Smith, you are going to jail.” He was clear and precise. His voice alone was the deterrent that he sought with his sentence. As a young prosecutor appearing before him, I appreciated his style and discretion.

Judge Hollerich understood that the maximum allowable jail for a misdemeanor was not to exceed one year. However, with discretion, he also understood sentences could run consecutively. Judge Hollerich became famous throughout the bar for once turning a one year potential sentence into a nearly decade of custody by imposing consecutive sentences to a chronic repeat offender. Relief was eventually sought and relief was granted. Judge Hollerich smiled at both the sentence and the relief given.

This attribute of “imposing” sentences to be followed by relief, with the same demeanor, demonstrated his dedication to the fulfillment of his judicial responsibilities. Everyone who practiced law before Judge Hollerich knew he was dedicated to every task. He ran his courtroom with the order and the precision of a military operation. His tall, slender and athletic fit and military hairstyle added to the character.

I had the privilege of trying my first jury trial before him—a reckless driver who was accused of travelling in excess of a hundred miles an hour in fog and limited visibility. Following the trial and sentencing, Judge Hollerich summoned me into his chambers and sat me on the other side of his imposing desk. I sat trembling, expecting to be critiqued on my trial performance deficiencies. His reading glasses were pushed to the edge of his nose. Then came the uncomfortable pause. This heightened my empathies for those appearing before him for sentencing. My heart rate increased. “Dane, you did great on the trial. I just have one suggestion.” I swallowed. “Yes?” Without a smile, he leaned towards me and said, “Never wear brown shoes with a grey suit.”

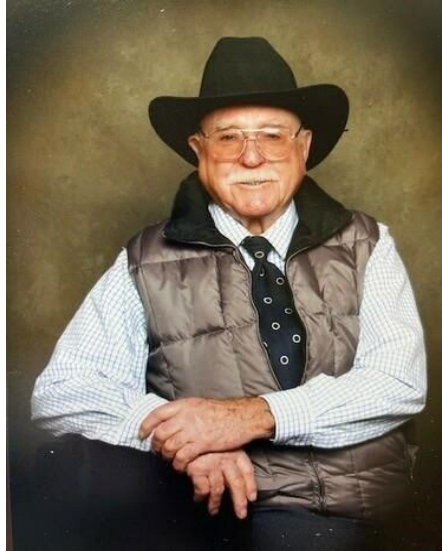
Judge Hollerich served eight years as an Idaho Magistrate Judge. While it has been nearly twenty years since that service, he left his mark on the communities he served in the Seventh Judicial District.

After leaving his Magistrate position, Judge Hollerich was far from leaving the law. For the next fifteen years, he served his country again as a prosecutor for the Department of Homeland Security as Assistant Chief Counsel to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It was there, he received the ICE Core Value Award for his extraordinary performance and accomplishments.

Thank you Judge Hollerich for your service to Clark and Bonneville counties, to our state and to our country.

*William “Bill” Peter Hollerich, 72, passed away on August 24, 2023.*





## **THE HONORABLE WILLIAM DALLAS JORDAN**

**1932 - 2023**

William “Bill” Dallas Jordan was born December 11, 1932 to Herman and Olive “Dena” (Carter) Jordan in Harper, Idaho. He grew up on the family ranch in Westfall, Oregon, where he learned many skills about cattle ranching and farming, which he would put to good use over the course of his life. He met and fell in love with his wife, Nancy Dunlap, whom he married in 1951. They had three children: Deana, William C and Dallas.

After graduating from Harper High School, Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force and served as a Staff Sergeant and Crew Leader, working on B-52 bombers during the Korean War. He worked in ranching/farming, diesel mechanics, welding, and construction. An opportunity became available as a juvenile probation officer with Malheur County, Oregon, which changed the trajectory of Bill’s vocational pursuits. He went on to attend Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon, and worked there around his classes as a janitor while getting his degree in law enforcement. The Payette Police Department subsequently hired him as a police officer. After several years working as a police officer, Bill was offered a position as a Sheriff’s deputy, and he went on to rise through the ranks and became the Chief Deputy for Payette County.

Bill’s career really began when he was appointed by Governor John Evans to a Magistrate Judge position in Payette County. In addition to Payette, he also served on the bench in Canyon, Adams, and Washington Counties. Judge Jordan was known for his thoughtful review of cases and running a strict courtroom and was tough on those who came before him with DUI charges. He was the first judge in the state to start a community service/work release program for county prisoners, involving roadside cleanup and kitchen/janitorial work at the Payette Senior Citizen’s Center. This community service program provided those in the court system the opportunity to “get out and do



good things”, rather than sit in a cell. At the time he retired from the bench he was one of the last non-attorney magistrate judges in Idaho. He was very proud of his work and had many positive outcomes.

Bill provided a lifetime of public service to his community. He enjoyed spending time with his family and appreciated any opportunity to enjoy life at his second home in Bear, Idaho. Bill engaged in a variety of hobbies, and loved geology and history. He liked fixing what had broken, and would help out those around him when they needed it.

*William “Bill” Dallas Jordan, 90, passed away on September 4, 2023.*



## **THE HONORABLE JOSEPH M. MEIER**

**1959 - 2023**

Joseph Meier was born in Baltimore to Joseph Henry and Ellen Patricia Meier. He grew up in Maryland and Connecticut, along with his much-loved sisters and brother, Mary Pat, Tim, and Kathy. When his family moved to Oregon, Joe decided to attend the University of Oregon, graduating in 1981 with a B.A. in history and economics. There he became a member and captain of the Rowing team and a life-long Ducks fan. He next attended and graduated from Willamette University School of Law, Salem Oregon. During his time there he was a member of the Willamette Law Review. It was while he was at law school that he met Brenda. They were married one day before their law school graduation. After graduation in 1984, a job opportunity brought Joe and Brenda to Boise. Joe practiced law with the Cosho Humphrey, LLP law firm for over 32 years, specializing in bankruptcy, commercial, and business law representing creditors, debtors, committees, and trustees in cases and adversary proceedings under most chapters of the United States Bankruptcy Code. He was appointed to the federal bench in 2018 as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Idaho and became the Chief Bankruptcy Judge in 2019.

He was frequently asked to speak to attorneys, state court judges, business and professional groups on bankruptcy and real property issues, and was an adjunct professor at the University of Idaho College of Law. He was a member of the Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Section of the Idaho State Bar. He sat on the Governing Board of that Section from 1995–2001 and served as chair from 1999–2000. He was a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. Beginning in 2003, he served as a lawyer representative to the United States District Court for the District of Idaho, and in July 2008, he completed a three-year additional term as the chairperson of the Lawyer Representative Coordinating Committee for the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. Judge Meier also served a three-year term on the Conference Executive Committee of the Ninth Circuit that plans and implements the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference attended by all Judges in the Circuit as well as lawyer representatives in all 15 districts.

He was particularly honored to have received the following awards: 2017 Professionalism Award presented by the Idaho State Bar; 2008 Exemplary Service Award presented by the Idaho Chapter

of the Federal Bar Association; 2005 Denise O'Donnell-Day Pro Bono Award presented by the Idaho State Bar, and the 2003 Professionalism Award presented by the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section of the Idaho State Bar.

Joe and Brenda had a wonderful life together and raised three children he loved fiercely, Katie, Carly, and Ryan. His previous hobbies gave way once the children were born, and he devoted himself to his family. He was an amazing father. There were many road trips with the family of five spending hours together. He had a life-long interest and love of history, particularly American history. With his sharp intelligence and humor, conversations with him were always entertaining and fun. If you were talking with Joe, it wasn't long before you were sharing a laugh with him. He had a memory for dates, details, and events, he would say it was all trivia, but it made him an interesting man. Joe had a kind and humble manner and an inherent good nature.

He was diagnosed with bile duct cancer in September 2023. During his fight with this disease, he showed his stoicism, strength, optimism, dignity, and grace.

*Joseph Meier, 65, passed away on November 22, 2023.*

# **ATTORNEYS**

# RESOLUTION

## IDAHO SUPREME COURT MEMORIAL SERVICE

March 6, 2024

We, the undersigned members of the Memorial Service Committee appointed by the Court for the year 2024, respectfully submit the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho has designated March 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., as the time and place fixed to memorialize the passing of those worthy members of the State Bar of Idaho and to acknowledge the substantial contributions made by each of them during their lifetimes to the defense of freedom and the pursuit of justice, the perpetuation and improvement of our government of laws, and the orderly process of constitutional government; and,

WHEREAS, with this Memorial Resolution, we gratefully acknowledge their outstanding service and devotion to the legal profession and the pursuit of justice, and we affirm our own commitment to those principals and ideals, which always guided our departed colleagues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, this Honorable Court and the members of its Bar, as the names of the Judges and Attorneys who have departed are presented for lasting recognition, do now offer our permanent tribute to those departed members in sincere recognition and appreciation of their outstanding service to this state and nation and pause for a moment in honor and fond remembrance:

Judges

Hon. Wayne P. Willis  
Hon. Thomas H. Borresen  
Hon. William P. Hollerich  
Hon. William D. Jordan  
Hon. Joseph Meier

Residence City

Pensacola, FL  
Jerome  
Puyallup, WA  
Fruitland  
Boise

Deceased

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John H. Prusia  
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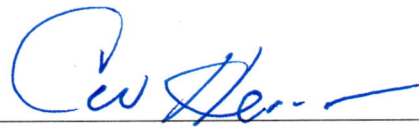
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be recorded upon the minutes and records of this Court to serve as a perpetual remembrance in honor and respect to those deserving individuals;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to their families our sincere sympathy and that the Clerk of this Court send a copy of this Resolution to the family of each individual whose passing is memorialized on this date.

DATED this 6th day of March, 2024.



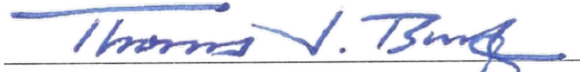
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Hon. Charles Hosack, Chairperson



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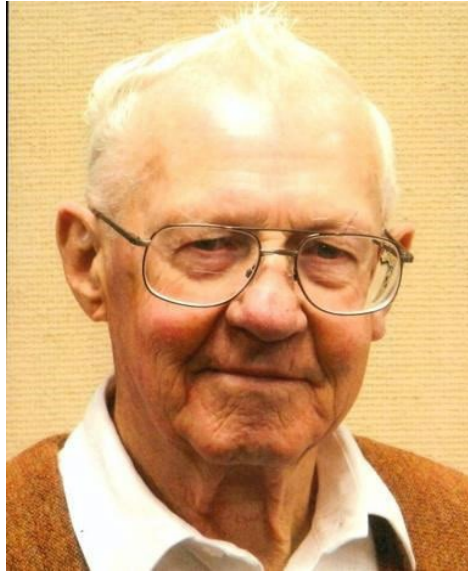


# **OBITUARIES**

**JOHN HOWARD PRUSIA**  
**1944 - 2022**

John Howard Prusia was born January 17, 1943. He was admitted to the Idaho State Bar on April 12, 1976. No additional information was available.

*John Howard Prusia, 79, passed away on February 3, 2022.*



**WILLIAM THOMAS GOODMAN**  
1929 - 2023

William Thomas Goodman was born in Kansas City, Missouri on May 24, 1929 but he became a lifelong resident of Rupert. He graduated from Rupert High School in 1947 and went on to attend the University of Idaho. He was subsequently drafted into the United States Army in October 1952 and was stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He received a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) from the University of Idaho in June, 1953.

Bill was admitted to the Idaho State Bar on October 24, 1954 and remained a member of the bar association until his passing. He actively practiced law until December 2016 at the age of 87. He practiced law by himself for a time and subsequently practiced law with Larry R. Duff, Donald J. Chisolm, Rick L. Bollar, and his son, Alan. He received the State Bar Professionalism Award in 2016 as one "who has, over a long and distinguished career, by his ethical and personal conduct, commitment and activities, exemplified for his fellow attorneys the epitome of professionalism".

Bill had a tremendous love of the outdoors and often enjoyed hunting, fishing and simply being outside. He was a member of The Flying "B" Ranch for over fifty years. He also loved golfing and was a long-time member of the Rupert County Club.

Bill was well-known in the community and knew the history of the area as well as anyone in town. He was easily recognized by the pipe which he routinely carried and lit. He had a well-honed sense of humor. He was kind and generous. He did not display his emotions publicly but showed his caring through his daily living and his actions.

*William T. Goodman, 93, passed away on January 13, 2023*



**STEVEN JAMES MEADE**  
1962 - 2023

Steven J. Meade was born in Corvallis, Oregon on April 9, 1962. He was the oldest of three boys. His family lived in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Montreal, Canada and Grants Pass, Oregon before settling in the Boise area in 1972. Steve always considered Grants Pass to be “home” due to fact that his family had homesteaded the area in the late 1800’s and a vast majority of relatives resided there. Steve spent many wonderful days as a kid playing at the family home on Cheney Creek Road near Wilderville, Oregon.

Steve graduated from Meridian High School in 1980 and went on to proudly serve in the United States Navy as a submariner aboard three nuclear submarines: USS Jack; USS Lafayette and the USS Topeka. Steve was honored to say he was a 4.0 sailor throughout his career and was command advanced to Machinist Mate 2<sup>nd</sup> class while on board the Topeka. After the Navy, he decided to go back to school. He attended Boise State University and in 2000, graduated from the University of Idaho with a Juris Doctorate. He practiced family law at Jones, Williams, Fuhrman, Gourley, P.A. Attorneys at Law until the fall of 2022.

Steve’s second home was in Atlanta where he loved working on the cabin, mushroom picking, riding ATV’s, hunting, and exploring with friends he came to love in the small mining town. He would often remark that he lived in Atlanta and worked in Boise.

*Steven James Meade, 60, passed away on January 16, 2023.*



**GARY DEAN BABBITT**  
1946 - 2023

Gary Dean Babbitt was born on January 30, 1946, in Wendell. He spent his early years on his beloved family farm in nearby Jerome. Memories of life on the farm were some of his last to fade and were very important to him.

His adolescence was spent in Oregon and Idaho. He then attended the College of Idaho, where he excelled in academics and athletics.

Following the College of Idaho, Gary attended the prestigious University of Chicago School of Law. He joined the Army ROTC program during law school and later received an honorable discharge from the Army Reserve. Gary had a bright mind and a determined work ethic while studying law and during his career. After graduating from law school, he served as a law clerk for Justice McFadden on the Idaho Supreme Court. He then went to work for Hawley, Troxell, Ennis and Hawley, where he became a well-respected partner in the firm.

*Gary Dean Babbitt, age 77, passed away February 24, 2023.*

**LINCOLN STRAWHUN**  
**1970 - 2023**

Lincoln Strawhun was born December 21, 1970. Lincoln was a Deputy Attorney General with the State of Idaho and a decorated Lieutenant in the United States Navy Reserves. A graduate of Ave Maria School of Law, he was admitted to the Idaho State Bar on May 13, 2012.

Lincoln was accomplished in his career, but he would say that his greatest achievement was being a dedicated and loving father and husband. His greatest joy was bringing happiness to his family.

*Lincoln Strawhun, 52, passed away on April 21, 2023.*



**WILLIAM HUGH O'RIORDAN**  
1947 - 2023

William Hugh O'Riordan was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 3, 1947. His family moved from Chicago to Tucson, Arizona when Hugh was in high school. He graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor's degree in 1969, and a Juris Doctorate in 1972.

After graduation from law school, Hugh moved to the Washington D.C. area where he worked for the United States Department of Agriculture, the Pacific Legal Foundation, the Office of the Solicitor, and the United States Department of Interior handling mine health and safety cases all over the coal region. He also earned his L.L.M. in Environmental Law from George Washington University School of Law in 1979. While in Washington, D.C. he was most proud of helping to establish the Washington Legal Foundation. He then decided that six years in Washington D.C. was enough, and the family moved to Boise in 1978 and never looked back!

He was Chief of the Natural Resources Division, Office of the Idaho Attorney General from 1978-1980 and then practiced Environment Law with several firms large and small, regional and local, building a diverse practice, traveling extensively around the country for years and then tapering off to do more international travel, spend more time up in the Ketchum/Sun Valley area and get together with the Old Timers Group.

During his active law practice, one of the things he was most proud of was his work on a National Academy of Sciences Committee on Remediation of Buried and Tank Waste.

Hugh was first and foremost a lawyer, an attorney-at-law, an Esq. He was a lawyer's lawyer in the true sense of the term. From national policy-making cases to helping right a local injustice for a school kid, many of his clients also became his friends. He was consulted so much and helped so many.

Birdwatcher, DX radio operator, wine connoisseur, photographer, collector of vinyl records, historian of the US Presidency, Churchill aficionado, student of the electoral process, analyzer of data – most of all friend and storyteller.

*William Hugh O'Riordan, 76, passed away on July 2, 2023.*



**ASHLEY ROBIN WALKER**  
1976 - 2023

Ashley Robin Walker was born in Liberal, Kansas on September 17, 1975. She graduated from Mulvane High School and then Pratt Community College. She continued her education at Pittsburg State University, where she received her MBA with a concentration in Accounting. She earned her J.D. degree from Gonzaga University.

She worked in the state SBDC office in Spokane, and Ashley and her husband later opened a law practice together in Coeur d'Alene. Subsequently they both made career moves into higher education at Eastern Oregon University. Ashley was a tenured Associate Professor of Business and was currently serving her third year as Faculty Senate Chair, as well as Chair of the University's Academic Standards Committee. She was a beloved teacher and strong leader in the community. She always strived to make learning accessible to all students and was well known for having the most fun class sessions.

In addition to being missed by her colleagues and former students, Ashley will also lovingly be remembered by her friends in Soroptimists of La Grande, whom she served as past president and by the many young women who were coached by her in softball.

Ashley passionately loved the outdoors, softball, cycling and mountain biking. She was also an outstanding cook and you knew if she had prepared the meal, you were in for a real treat.

She lit the world for everyone who knew her. Her colleagues were touched by her positivity and thoughtfulness in her campus leadership roles. Her family is forever grateful for the joy she brought to every family gathering. She was a wonderful encourager and a great role model.

*Ashley Robin Walker, 47, passed away on July 6, 2023.*





**REBECCA JOY SATRE VAAGE**  
**1962 - 2023**

Rebecca Joy Satre Vaage was born in Rochester, Minnesota on March 20, 1962. The family relocated to Sioux City, Iowa, but returned to Minnesota when Becky was in eighth grade. She graduated from Irondale High School in New Brighton, where she served as senior class president. Becky's summers were highlighted by time spent at Valhalla, the family cabin on Walker Lake that was built by her grandfather and dad, among others. No summer was complete without beach time and reunions at the cabin.

She chose St. Olaf College to continue her education and majored in French and history, spending time abroad studying in France and traveling in Europe.

She completed her education with a Juris Doctorate from the University of Idaho School of Law in 1990 and then worked as a clerk for District Judge Harold Kalina. She was a legal editor for West Publishing and owned her own practice for over 20 years. By no means a typical attorney, Becky took guff from no one, but her kind and generous heart was geared to help people. She loved doing adoptions and helping young people navigate to a safer place.

Becky's life always revolved around family. She loved to celebrate and could usually be found in the middle of the party action. She was a certified master gardener in Minnesota and Idaho, and she loved to tend her plants when her busy schedule allowed. She also had a soft spot for the Special Olympics. The Special Olympics motto became her own; "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

*Rebecca Vaage, 61, passed away on July 9, 2023.*



**HAROLD FREDRICK KENNEDY**  
1938 - 2023

Harold Fredrick Kennedy was born on February 17, 1938, in Rio Tinto, Nevada. He attended grade school, junior high and high school in Mountain Home and graduated from Mountain Home High School in 1956. Fred attended and graduated from the University of Idaho, where he was a member of the Delta Chi Fraternity.

The family then moved to Washington D.C., where Fred attended George Washington University Law School, while serving on the staff of United States Senator Frank Church. Upon graduation from law school, the family moved back to Mountain Home in 1963, where they lived for the next 7 plus years while Fred practiced law and served as the Elmore County Prosecuting Attorney.

In 1971, the family moved to Boise where they resided for the next 30 years. During that time, Fred served as a Deputy Attorney General under Attorney General Anthony Park and practiced law in several law firms. In 1991, Fred served as a legal advisor to the senior management of SCP Global Technologies, a high-tech manufacturing company. In 2000, he returned to live in Mountain Home and to his cabin in Featherville. In 2002, Fred was elected to serve in the Idaho State Senate, representing Boise and Elmore Counties, serving on the Agricultural Affairs, Health and Welfare, Resources and Environment committees, and the Legislative Council.

Fred loved spending time in the mountains at the family cabin, and always enjoyed giving to his family, friends, and others in need, rather than receiving.

*Fred Kennedy, 85, passed away on August 10, 2023.*



**JOANN CAMILLE BUTLER**  
1951 - 2023

JoAnn Camille Butler was born in Geneva, New York on July 18, 1951. She grew up in Liverpool, New York and attended primary and secondary schools there.

JoAnn believed that higher education would guide her to a life of challenge and independence. She attended State University of New York College at Buffalo and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geoscience. Graduate schools were a bit of an adventure for JoAnn. She started her Masters' path at Penn State University, where she tutored football players in Geography. Marriage and a love of adventure, and Africa, led her to complete her graduate studies in Durban, South Africa (University of Natal, R.A., M.A., Geography). Thus began her long interest in public and affordable housing.

Life brought JoAnn back to Chicago, a city she dearly loved. She worked at the American Planning Association as a researcher. Again, she saw a need for more education to meet her goals so she enrolled in Chicago-Kent College of Law where she earned her J.D., Certificate of Law in Environmental and Public Utilities Law.

After starting her career at a small Chicago real estate and planning boutique law firm (small meaning 120 attorneys in Chicago in the early 80's), life brought her to Boise, a true gift to the city and state. She continued her education while practicing land use and real estate law. First at Georgia Institute of Technology, and then as an Adjunct Professor at Boise State University. The evolution of law firms that she worked for, and then started, ended with the firm of Butler Spink, LLP.

In law practice, she attracted clients who shared her business and life philosophies – “do the right thing, take the right approaches, be honest and transparent, and then work as many hours as it takes.” She was respected by her peers, her clients, the public agencies that she worked with as well as the opposing attorneys that had to deal with her meticulous preparation. She won many of the awards that lawyers like to give themselves. She was consistently a champion for female attorneys, and she has many close friendships to attest to that. Over her career, the roles and status of women in the law has changed the practice dramatically.

JoAnn traveled all over the world. At home in Boise, she tried her hand at football (soccer), running, tennis, and finally, taking her corgis (currently Duff and Ernie) for long walks in the foothills and along the river.

*JoAnn Camille Butler, 72, passed away on August 11, 2023.*



**WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORROW**  
**1950 - 2023**

Bill was born November 24, 1950, in Indianapolis, Indiana. At the age of two, his family moved to Mansfield, Ohio, where he attended St. Peter's Catholic School and graduated in 1969.

After graduating from Kent State University, Bill moved to Columbus, Ohio where he worked for a couple of years and then decided to pursue an interest in moving to the Northwest, eventually ending up in Moscow where he was accepted to the University of Idaho Law School.

After graduating from law school, Bill went on to be a deputy prosecuting attorney in Caldwell, where he and his family have lived ever since. Bill worked for the law firm White, Peterson, Pruss, Morrow, and Gigray for several years before starting a law firm (Morrow & Fischer) in Nampa where he practiced until the time of his death.

Over the years, he contributed to the community in many ways. He was a long-time member of Kiwanis and helped with their annual fundraiser, The Chuckwagon. He was also a Boy Scout leader for many years. Bill, along with other dedicated adult leaders and scout dads of Troop 221, was instrumental in teaching the Boy Scouts life lessons, survival techniques, and a love of the outdoors by camping, backpacking, hiking, fishing, and a love and respect for nature. The leaders of Troop 221 helped shape the lives of many young scouts.

Bill practiced law for over 40 years. He always worked diligently for his clients and would strive for justice and fairness. One of his clients recently said, "Bill was a man of his word and someone you could trust." He thoroughly enjoyed working with many clients throughout the Treasure Valley. He formed many friendships among attorneys and clients alike. Bill loved the state of Idaho and the Northwest. He explored much of the state, enjoying hiking, backpacking, fishing, and camping. His love of the great outdoors was shared with his children who accompanied him on excursions like fishing and hiking in McCall, birdwatching trips to Malheur, Oregon and Arizona, and annual Thanksgiving hikes in the Owyhees. One of his proudest achievements is hiking "The Camino de Santiago," a 500-mile hike through France and Spain which he completed in 2016.

*William Alexander Morrow, 72, passed away on August 27, 2023.*



**STEPHEN GODDARD**  
1937 - 2023

Stephen Goddard was born January 5, 1937. He grew up in Ogden, Utah, sleeping in the coal bin in his mother's basement, a space his four brothers jealously described later as the only single room in the house.

Steve took to the outdoors early. Back then, there was no hiking just for fun, so Steve explored his deep love of everything wild through fly-fishing and bird hunting (of which he kept careful logs spanning decades). His father and brothers were wonderfully skilled craftsmen; put mildly, Steve was not. Fortunately, he had an insatiable love of learning, which led him to a Ph.D. in Zoology, 12 years teaching wildlife biology to college students, a law degree, and 24 years practicing natural resources law.

Steve was a feminist and spent hours coaching his daughters' T-ball and softball teams, and years watching Borah High School's women's basketball. After moving to Mountain Home in 1996, Steve sponsored girls' soccer teams and helped fund scholarships offered to graduating seniors by the local Democratic Party. Most recently, he served on the Recreation Foundation of Elmore County, which is working to make real the community's long-held dream of a modern year-round swimming pool.

Steve had a deep-seated sense of right and wrong and did not take kindly to any form of injustice. If you wish to honor Steve, fight for democracy, protect the environment, and support your community.

*Stephen Goddard, 86, passed away on August 30, 2023.*

**CLYDE G. NELSON**  
1943 - 2023

Clyde Nelson was born on April 28, 1943, in Reno, Nevada. His family moved from Reno to the small but bustling city of Boise and his parents purchased a small acreage at Boise's western edge and energetically grew not only a successful commercial air conditioning business, but gardens, chickens, several head of cattle and hay fields.

Clyde flourished in the rural 4-room elementary schoolhouse close to the family home, going on to North Jr. High where he had to endure Fundamentals of Grammar class taught by his own mother who had returned to teaching when her boys grew older. He went on to enter Borah High School – his was the first class (the Class of 1961) to complete 3 full years in its shiny new halls.

Next, Clyde went to the University of Idaho where he relished undergraduate life and became inspired by several professors in the History Department, leading to his eventual majors in history and political science. Equally as influential, were summer jobs with the United States Forest Service in various occupations including roofing, firefighting and, most memorable, a summer spent solo at Stoddard Peak Lookout Tower overlooking the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and the Big Horn Crags. Upon receiving his bachelor's degree, Clyde entered the University of Idaho Law School in 1965.

After receiving his law degree, Clyde returned to Boise to clerk for Federal District Court Judge Raymond C. McNichols. Under his steadying influence, Clyde learned much about court procedures and the tools available for a fledgling attorney to master. It was also at this time that Clyde learned the unfortunate news that he was No. 1 on the list of the Ada County Draft Board, whose offices were two floors below in the Federal Courthouse. Judge McNichols would good naturedly chastise Clyde for the time he spent with the Draft Board trying to persuade them he was too old to be a good candidate for military training. When that tactic failed, Clyde turned to wiser measures and was able to obtain a direct commission into the Army Judge Advocate General Corps. He was soon off to the University of Virginia for 8 weeks of learning the recently reformed Uniform Code of Military Justice and barely how to wear a uniform and salute.

Clyde returned home to Boise and turned around and left for his first posting, the Korean DMZ, Camps Howze and Casey. He quickly became practiced in dealing with heavy criminal case loads in an army reflecting the unrest and violence the entire United States was experiencing. Clyde and his fellow JAG officers quickly had to learn to effectively communicate with frightened and angry young men in order to efficiently and fairly administer justice. He and his wife traveled to Germany where Clyde thrived as an experienced JAG prosecutor, defense counsel and judge. He would count those three years as foundationally crucial to his legal career. He was recognized for his expertise and organizational talents with the Army Commendation Medal.

Clyde mustered out of the army and returned to his homeland - the rugged mountains and wide- open spaces of Idaho. After a brief stint with the AG's office as counsel for the Bonded Warehouse division of the Department of Agriculture, Clyde accepted an appointment as Prosecuting Attorney for Caribou County in 1974. Soon thereafter he built a home in the Cedar View Subdivision of Soda Springs where Clyde was also busily engaged with all aspects of a rural county prosecutor's duties. Of course, the meat and potatoes of his day-to-day lay in the courtroom where historical experience was crucial to his success in handling varied aspects of enforcing county and state ordinances and laws with much care

to fairness and efficiency. Soon he accepted the job of Soda Springs City Attorney. Because many Idaho counties are thinly populated and, at that time, not able to pay adequate compensation to their prosecutors, they were allowed to build private and civil practices on the side. Clyde greatly enjoyed his city clients. Over the years, he represented not only Soda Springs, but also Lava Hot Springs, Preston, Grace, and St. Charles. He considered many of his proudest accomplishments his helping mayors and city councils with all sorts of thorny issues and the eventual smooth running of a local government working efficiently for its citizens. In addition, he loved his decades of collaboration with the Soda Springs School District.

Upon his eventual retirement in 2018, Clyde recounted those things for which he was most proud: His two daughters; his 26 year career as the Caribou County Prosecuting Attorney; his work in the founding of the Idaho Prosecuting Attorney's Association which crucially gives fundamental criminal and civil legal education for Idaho's prosecutors; serving as the IPAA's president and on their Board of Directors; convicting Timothy Dunlap, the serial killer of his girlfriend Belinda Bolanos in Ohio with a crossbow and Tonya Crane with a shotgun trying to rob Security State Bank in Soda Springs; his many close friendships with southern Idaho city officials in their constant work to achieve effective and efficient local governments; his many years in the Soda Springs Lions Club, especially his job as Master of Ceremonies for the Caribou County Jr. Miss pageants, later Distinguished Young Women; and his 55 years of membership in the Idaho State Bar as an honest, fair, collaborative lawyer dedicated to the utmost integrity.

Clyde retired to his home in Mesquite, Nevada where, until his recent death, he tirelessly sought the elusive golf round to match his age.

*Clyde G. Nelson, 80, passed away September 7, 2023.*





## **MYRON DANIEL GABBERT, JR.**

**1943-2023**

Myron Gabbert Jr. was born on February 13, 1943, in Chicago. He attended Fenwick High school, Bradley University in Peoria, and completed his law degree at University of Illinois in 1967. He was admitted to the Illinois bar that year.

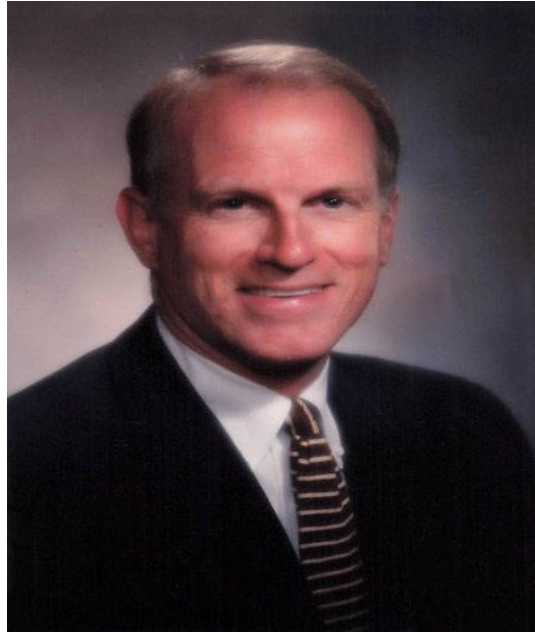
Dan moved to Boise in 1967 for a clerkship with the Idaho Supreme Court and afterwards he established himself as a formidable attorney, specializing in general, corporate, and business law. He was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1968 and to practice before the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1972. He became a member of the Boise Estate Planning Council in 1972 and served as its president from 1980-1981. He became a partner at Moffat, Thomas, Barratt and Blanton law office and eventually moved on to private practice.

In 1993, he moved to McCall where he opened a law office looking out on beautiful Payette Lake. Dan also served as Adams County Prosecutor for 13 years. Always interested in politics, he campaigned twice for Idaho Attorney General. He was an active member and former President of the Boise Kiwanis and received the Kiwanian of the Year award in both 1990-1991 and 1991-1992. His other awards include the Denise O'Donnell-Day Pro Bono award from the Idaho State Bar, along with recognition from the Idaho State Bar for his fifty years of service in the legal field. Among Dan's numerous civic contributions were helping to form both the Boise Greenbelt and the Weiser River Trail systems.

Dan is remembered for a great many things, among them his love for Idaho. He loved maps and geography and was fascinated by the state's topography and history. He took car trips to every remote corner and was notorious for stopping at roadside historical markers and reading them aloud to the groans of his family. He loved to travel, ski, golf, and hunt ducks, but always noted that the ducks felt pretty safe around him. A child of the 50's, he also loved fast cars and college football. He became an avid BSU fan, to his Vandal son's chagrin. His stories are legendary. He had a prodigious memory for details of his childhood, of places and restaurants he'd visited, and how to get there years after the fact. He loved dogs and is remembered for his quirky sense of humor and his ability to laugh. When something struck his funny bone, he could erupt in uproarious, infectious laughter that filled the room. Finally, he is remembered for his fine generosity. He supported everyone he knew, and often made anonymous donations to charities or persons in need.

*Myron Daniel Gabbert, Jr., 80, passed away on September 11, 2023.*





**STEVEN B. ANDERSEN**  
1952 - 2023

Steven Andersen was born November 19, 1952, and grew up in Ogden, Utah, where he attended Ogden High School. After high school, he served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Austria. Following his mission, he attended Brigham Young University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with honors. He also earned his Juris Doctor at BYU, graduating *summa cum laude* in 1980.

After law school, Steve moved his young family to Boise, Idaho, where he began his storied career in the practice of law. He was an associate at the law firm of Langroise Sullivan & Smylie, which eventually merged with the regional law firm of Holland & Hart LLP. For many years, Steve served as the Administrative Partner managing the Boise office, which thrived under his steady, thoughtful leadership.

Steve developed and honed his litigation skills as a young lawyer during a time when discovery was quick and simple; mediation did not exist; and cases moved quickly to trial. As a result, Steve tried innumerable cases before both juries and courts. His keen intelligence allowed him to master many legal topics. He tried to verdict cases involving partnership dissolutions, patents, intellectual property, medical malpractice, personal injury, product defense, governmental liability, agriculture, royalties, professional liability, insurance bad faith, banking, disputed inventorship, engineering, construction law, sports law, product liability, and antitrust.

Steve's hard-earned, vast litigation experience made him an excellent legal mentor and led to many successes for his clients. Although he had many loyal clients, he was most proud of and passionate about representing plaintiffs in personal injury cases. Steve's litigation successes also earned him many legal accolades, and he regularly served his profession including, for example, as the President of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association and as a Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative.

In 2013, Steve started a litigation boutique in Boise to better and more cost effectively serve his Idaho clients. He continued, however, to maintain a national litigation practice, representing clients in trial and appellate courts throughout the United States. In 2019, Steve started the Boise office of Kirton McConkie.

A little-known fact about Steve is he was a very talented musician. As a young boy, he learned to play the piano. In high school, he formed a band with friends and played a Hammond B-3 organ. He had many fond memories of performing in small venues with the band. Although Steve rarely spoke about or shared his musical talent, anyone watching carefully saw him tapping out a tune while he worked. He sometimes pondered what life would have been like as a rockstar.

Steve was diagnosed with Philadelphia chromosome-positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia in May 2023. He bravely endured many months of excruciating experimental treatment and was able to beat the cancer into remission. He died of a cardiac arrest, however, before receiving the bone marrow transplant necessary to finalize his treatment.

Steve was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and brother, and above all he adored his family.

*Steven B. Andersen, 70, passed away on September 30, 2023.*



**WILLIAM CHARLES COLE**  
1964 - 2023

William (Bill) Cole was born July 8, 1964, into a family of seven children, he was the second youngest. He had a good childhood and was academically and athletically successful in high school as a state-champion wrestler. He graduated from Northern Arizona University *summa cum laude*. Finding his passion, Bill excelled in law school at the University of San Diego School of Law, where he was Lead Articles Editor for the San Diego Law Review, competed on the Moot Court Trial Team, and graduated *cum laude*.

After completing law school, Bill became an attorney in San Diego at one of the largest and most recognized law firms in the world, Baker and McKenzie. He moved to Boise to raise his family in a more wholesome environment and built a successful business law practice as a partner at Givens Pursley LLP. Bill was a tireless advocate who sincerely loved his career, law firm, partners, colleagues, and clients.

Bill was a strong man, holding fast to his beliefs, defending those he loved, and always seeking to better himself and help others. He was tough, strong, smart, kind, caring, compassionate, supportive, and loved by many. He made a profound impact on everyone he interacted with from a very young age until the day he passed away.

*William Charles Cole, 59, passed away on October 22, 2023.*



**ROBERT L. MAGNUSON**  
1938 - 2023

Robert L. Magnuson was born on July 21, 1938, in Wallace, which he always considered home. His iron-willed Italian mother instilled a strong work ethic in her children from an early age, which carried Bob through high school jobs bartending, driving the town laundry truck, and summers spent laboring in the Golconda and Lucky Friday Mines. A natural leader, he joined the Wallace High Royal Order of the Rocky Mountain Goats and went on to become social chair and president of his fraternity, Kappa Sigma, at the University of Idaho.

Bob attended law school at George Washington University and joined the Witherspoon, Kelley, Davenport, and Toole law firm for 53 years, eventually serving as president of the firm. Bob specialized in banking, mining, and business law.

Bob was a U of I Vandal Booster, proud charter member of Costco, committed Spokane Indians and Gonzaga basketball fan, and an avid clammer, always in search of the elusive Mossyback Clam. Bob loved and collected classic cars, usually found at a Mitch Silver auction with one of his kids or grandkids.

Bob will be remembered for his kind spirit, compassionate heart, and unwavering devotion to his family.

*Robert L. Magnuson, 85, passed away on November 19, 2023.*



## **JAMES M. KEARNEY**

**1968 - 2023**

James M. Kearney was born September 7, 1968, and grew up in Moscow. Jim received his undergraduate degree from Claremont McKenna College and later attended the Legislative Studies Institute in Washington, D.C., for a one-year course of study for promising Capitol Hill staffers and Freie Universität Berlin on a Fulbright Scholarship to study the privatization of state-owned enterprises in former East Germany. Jim joined Stoel Rives in 1998 after graduating from the University of Washington School of Law, following a year as a consultant for privatization in transition economies and two years as an analyst for the United States Senate Budget Committee.

Jim was a remarkable attorney and indispensable member of Stoel Rives. He was someone who wielded his wit with a grace and comedy that made even the most harried litigators laugh out loud at collective humanity. His irrepressible humor brightened each day and will be missed in countless ways.

A member of the corporate practice group, Jim built a thriving M&A, public company, and SEC reporting practice. His published business writing reflected his distinctive humorous voice, backed by an impressive grasp of securities laws and arcane rules, regulations, and SEC reporting obligations.

Jim's contributions beyond his legal work included his active support of The Children's Book Bank as a board member for eight years. His 2017 CourtCare fundraising for children caught in Multnomah County's court system inundated Stoel Rives' Portland office with exuberant, persistent, and funny emails soliciting donations.

Jim was a confirmed do-it-yourselfer, amateur contractor, and cheapskate. He built chicken coops and waged inconclusive war on blackberry bushes, climbed and felled trees, and then milled them with a chainsaw, generally consternating his family.

Jim loved well, and knew he was loved. Jim's humor, kindness, and thoughtfulness will be long remembered and deeply missed.

*James M. Kearney, 55, passed away on November 27, 2023.*



**WILLIAM DAVID FALER**

**1947 - 2023**

William “Bill” David Faler was born on April 1, 1947, in Independence, Kansas. Bill grew up on the family cattle ranch in Elk City, Kansas, where he learned the value of hard work. After graduating from Elk City High School, he attended the University of Kansas where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science in 1969, followed by his Juris Doctorate in 1972.

Bill and his family made the choice to move to Idaho where Bill was offered a position in Boise at a local law firm. Bill later started his own law firm where he continued to practice up until his death.

Bill served for five years on the Evidence Rules Committee for the Idaho State Bar and played a substantial role in the rewriting of those rules. He has lectured on parts of the Rules of Evidence and document control in complex litigation. He served as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society for 25 years, including a 10-year position as a representative on the National Board of Directors.

Bill had a lifelong love of the outdoors. Almost all outdoor activities interested him, especially golf, fly fishing, camping, skiing, rafting, photography, and scuba diving. He seldom tried a sport he didn't find enjoyable.

*William David Faler, 76, passed away on December 1, 2023.*



**DALE GORDON HIGER**  
1941 – 2023

Dale Gordon Higer was born June 23, 1941, in Emmett. He was the second of four boys. He attended Emmett schools, graduating in 1959 as co-valedictorian of Emmett High. He was also a proud Eagle Scout. He went on to the University of Washington, where he pledged Alpha Delta Phi. He was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame and graduated *cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in history. At the time he enrolled at University of Washington, all men were required to take ROTC, and at graduation he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Dale then set his sights on law school, and after a suggestion from a friend, he applied to Harvard Law School. After graduating law school, Dale began a tour of duty with the army. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 35th Armor in Erlangen, Germany where he made lifelong friends and purchased his dream car, a shiny red Porsche 911. He was promoted to Captain and awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the highest peacetime award that the Army can award an officer of his rank and time in service.

Dale returned to Idaho to practice law as the Chief Deputy Prosecutor of Canyon County. He then went into private practice with the firm Eberle Berlin, and later Stoel Rives. Dale practiced law for 40 years, retiring in 2006. He was a true Westerner, was equally at ease in New York or D.C. Wall Street lawyers once peeked outside their office doors to see "what a lawyer from Idaho looked like."

He earned his pilot's license and had many adventures, some hair raising, in flight. He was also a skilled woodworker and gardener.

Dale was always involved in his community and served as the President and Trustee of the Boise Art Museum, Boise City Planning & Zoning Commissioner, Boise Greenbelt Committee, Founding Member and President, with Chris Davidson, of the Idaho Botanical Garden, Director of

the Idaho Humanities Council, and many others. In life Dale aspired to follow the Athenian oath to “transmit this City not only, not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.” And he did.

He was a member of the Idaho State Bar and the American Bar, a Charter Member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and an appointed member of the Uniform Law Commission where he was made a Life Member after more than twenty years of *pro bono* service. He was selected as Idaho Statesman Distinguished Citizen in 1987 and in 2016 he received the Distinguished Lawyer Award from the Idaho State Bar. Dale was a Kingfish of the Arid Club and met with his Wednesday Lunch group for 40 years.

*Dale Gordon Higer, 82, passed away on December 19, 2023.*





**MILTON MICHAEL SASSER**  
1948 - 2023

M. Michael Sasser was born in Blackfoot on January 2, 1948. He was the fourth of five children. Farm chores meant Mike and his siblings milked the cows, fed the animals, hauled hay, picked potatoes, and cleared the rocks from the farmland with a morning start time of 5:00 A.M. and then working again after school to complete the evening chores. He participated in 4-H for several years, was student body president at Snake River High School, and was an Idaho Boys State Delegate. Mike also attended a pre-college term for the academic disciplines of English and Debate at Northwestern University in Illinois the summer before his senior year. Recalling his train ride from Idaho to Chicago by himself as a teen, Mike said he loved the beauty of the Mississippi River at dusk, and the opportunity to see the United States up close and personal. Mike also enjoyed playing basketball, earning himself a basketball scholarship to Weber State College in Ogden, Utah.

After his first year of college, Mike moved to the East Coast in July of 1967. While living in Washington D.C., he worked for the FBI with an office located in the Old Post Office in the heart of the District. This symbolic vantage point was something Mike would never forget. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland. After graduation, he returned to Idaho and attended the University of Idaho's College of Law. While in law school, Mike was chosen for the Idaho Law Review.

After law school Mike and family moved to Boise where his legal career began at the Ada County Prosecutor's Office. He eventually transitioned from the government realm to private practice. As a trial attorney, Mike paid meticulous attention to detail, had a command of the law he was presenting, and the ability to artfully argue his client's position, all while interacting professionally and in a kind manner with court staff. People within the legal community would regularly comment to Mike's family that he was one of the best trial attorneys they had worked with and that he was the consummate professional. All of Mike's children were employed in some capacity at his firm, either as janitors or runners. Spending time with their dad at his office gave them the opportunity to share the ups and downs of their day and allowed them to see him in the capacity as counselor,

friend, and advisor to his clients. It also gave them a better understanding of the hard work he put in to provide them with a very fulfilling life. While the bulk of Mike's work was aligned with defending clients, one of his greatest legal moments was working alongside two of his children who are also attorneys, attaining justice for a very deserving plaintiff they represented. This collaboration was a cherished legal and personal experience for Mike. In addition, his pro-bono work for those who had been in accidents, or suffered from harrowing medical diagnoses and needed his brilliant legal mind and stellar work ethic, counted as some of his finest legal hours. Although he never touted his help, those Mike represented never forgot his care. These were the defining moments of a legal great like Mike – when one takes the time to add yet another case to their day, to help those desperately needing a legal win.

*M. Michael Sasser, 75, passed away on December 20, 2023.*