

In Memoriam

Washburn Law mourns the passing of the following alumni whose deaths were reported to the school from Nov. 16, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

Wayne C. Hadley, '49, New Braunfels, Texas, on Feb. 12, 2023, at age 98

The Hon. John E. Weckel, '53, Salina, Kansas, on Dec. 29, 2022, at age 94

Gary J. Kershner, '65, Tucson, Arizona, on Jan. 4, 2023, at age 82

Stephen M. Fletcher, '66, Shawnee, Kansas, on March 1, 2021, at age 80

C. Mark Cole, '68, Shenandoah, Iowa, on Jan. 23, 2023, at age 79

Charles W. Warren, '70, Hiawatha, Kansas, on Dec. 15, 2022, at age 77

Otis W. Morrow, '73, Arkansas City, Kansas, on Jan. 2, 2023, at age 74

John Randy Mettner, Jr., '74, Sebring, Florida, on Dec. 14, 2022, at age 80

Christopher L. Flattery, '80, Onaga, Kansas, on March 24, 2023, at age 68

Terry J. Karl, '82, Medford, New York, on March 25, 2023, at age 67

Jon R. Wilson, '82, Boise, Idaho, on Dec. 23, 2022, at age 67

J. Luke Saltos, '89, Turlock, California, on Jan. 7, 2023, at age 69

Roger H. Stewart, '89, Spring Creek, Nevada, on Nov. 21, 2022, at age 73

David G. Platt, '17, Springfield, Missouri, on Feb. 22, 2023, at age 40

Remembering The Hon. Sam A. Crow



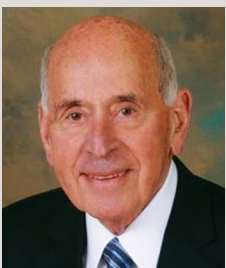
Sam A. Crow, JD '52, H '06, of Topeka, died on Dec. 2, 2022. He was 96. Crow attended Topeka High School, graduating in 1944 before enlisting in the U.S. Navy where he trained to be a frogman. After WWII, he attended the University of Kansas, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He would go on to graduate from Washburn University

School of Law in 1952. During his time as a student, he became close friends with the future Senator Robert J. Dole, BA '52, JD '52, H '69, H '85. Crow began his legal career as a private practice lawyer, eventually becoming a partner in the law firm of Rooney, Dickinson, Prager & Crow.

In 1973, he applied and was selected by judges to serve as the local United States federal magistrate judge. He served as a United States District Court judge for 41 years.

In 1992, Crow founded the Master of the Topeka American Inn of Court, serving as president from 1992–95. The goal of the Topeka Inn of Court is to improve the skills, professionalism, and ethics of the bench and bar through emphasizing excellence in litigation and legal ethics. Always one to make service a priority, Crow served on the Washburn Law School Association board of governors from 1994–98, establishing multiple endowed scholarship funds at the university, and volunteered with numerous other non-profit organizations.

Remembering Robert T. Stephan



Robert T. Stephan, BA '57, JD '57, of Overland Park, Kansas, died on Jan. 3, 2023. He was 89. Stephan was Kansas' longest-serving attorney general. He served from 1979–95.

A Wichita native and first-generation college student, Stephen began his legal career in private practice

followed by the municipal court and district court bench in Sedgwick County. Throughout his career, he volunteered with numerous organizations including the Society of Attorneys General Emeritus, the Kansas Organization of Victim Assistance, and the Peace Officers Association. He focused a portion of his career on victim rights and was honored with the Allied Professional Award from the National Organization for Victim Assistance among several other accolades.

Remembering Ronald R. Hein



Ronald R. Hein, BA '71, JD '74, of Topeka, died on Dec. 21, 2022. He was 73.

A lifelong resident of Kansas, Hein served southwest Topeka in the Kansas legislature, first as a member of the House of Representatives from 1975–77, then as a senator from 1977–84.

Following his time in the Kansas legislature, he established Hein Law Firm, which later became Hein Governmental Consulting. During his time as a student at Washburn, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta and Phi Alpha Delta. He served on the Washburn Alumni Association board of directors from 1983–85 and remained a regular financial supporter of Washburn throughout his life. He supported several non-profit organizations including the Kansas and Topeka chambers of commerce, the National Kidney Foundation and American Diabetes Association.

Remembering Jeffrey L. Ungerer



Jeffrey L. Ungerer, BBA '79, JD '82, of Topeka, died on Nov. 15, 2022. He was 68.

Ungerer graduated from Marysville High School prior to attending Washburn, where he graduated summa cum laude with his bachelor's degree and later magna cum laude

with his law degree. While attending the university, he was involved in Phi Kappa Phi and Sagamore Men's Honor Society.

For several years, Ungerer worked as a professor at Washburn while also becoming a partner at Davis, Wright, Unrein, Hummer & McAlister LLP. As an educator, he was honored with the Adjunct Professor of the Year award at the law school. He departed teaching in 1990 and would go on to establish his own firm, specializing in tax and estate planning, a year later. Devoted to giving back, he was involved in several non-profit organizations and served on the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation board of trustees from 2012–18, participating in several committees. A generous supporter of education, he would also go on to establish the Jeffrey & Mary Ungerer Law Scholarship Fund.

Remembering Zachary P. Bealer



Zachary P. Bealer, '21, of Kansas City, Missouri, died on Dec. 21, 2022. He was 33.

Bealer received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas prior to attending Washburn University School of Law, receiving the Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in

Clinical Practice as a student intern in the Family Justice

and Immigration area of the Law Clinic. Focused on helping others, he spent time in Guatemala as a medical interpreter and as an AmeriCorps member before he went on to attend law school, becoming fluent in Spanish.

Following graduation, he recently joined the law firm of Matinez Immigration Law, focusing his practice on family-based and humanitarian visas and representing clients in immigration court.