

## 1940's

**Constance L. Brown '46**, Sun City, Ariz., died Jan. 20, 2006, at the age of 82. Brown and her husband Marlin established a law practice in Council Grove, Kan. Brown was the first female county attorney for Morris County, Kan. After moving to Arizona she continued to do income tax returns until the time of her death.

**Julian B. Muckenthaler '47**, Overland Park, Kan., died March 10, 2006, at the age of 87. Muckenthaler was an Army veteran of WWII and practiced law in Kansas City until his retirement.



**Robert S. Johnson '48**, Lawrence, Kan., died Feb. 12, 2006, at the age of 86. Johnson served in the U.S. Army and commanded the 3205th Quartermaster of the 6th Engineer Special Brigade. He participated in the assault on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, on June 6 and 7, 1944. He was discharged as a major in Feb. 1946 and remained in the U.S. Army Reserve in the Judge Advocate General's Corps until he retired as a lieutenant colonel. He practiced law in Topeka for 51 years and had represented the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation in their treaty claims cases against the United States.

**Robert E. Breidenthal '49**, The Woodlands, Texas, died Feb. 4, 2006, at the age of 86. Breidenthal entered the Army Air Corp in 1940, graduating at the top of his class 1941. A Martin B-26 instructor and test pilot, he eventually served on Guadalcanal, ending the war as the personal pilot of the commanding general of the South Pacific. After graduating from Washburn Law he moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked for the Atomic Energy Commission. He accepted a position with Gulf Oil Corp. in Pittsburgh, Pa., before returning to Kansas in 1959, where he opened a law practice in Wichita, Kan.

## 1950's

**The Hon. Jules V. Doty '50**, Olathe, Kan., died Feb. 20, 2006, at the age of 82. Doty served 12 years as a district judge in Kansas from 1983 to 1995. A longtime Ottawa attorney, he was appointed to the Kansas Corporation Commission by Gov. Robert Docking and served as its commissioner from 1968 to 1974.

**Clarke R. Geddes '51**, Beverly, Ohio, died April 6, 2006, at the age of 81. Geddes retired from Globe Metallurgical on Oct. 1, 1987, after 31 years as a purchasing agent. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 during WWII.

**Warren R. Southard '51**, Wichita, Kan., died Feb. 5, 2006, at the age of 80. Southard joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served in its V-5 program. He was a practicing attorney in Kansas for 55 years and a life member of the Kansa, Wichita and American Bar Associations. He served as chairman of the Wichita Bar Association ethics committee for 10 years. He was a member of the Kansas Board for Discipline of Attorneys for eight years. He received the first Howard C. Cline Award for Distinguished Service in the Wichita Bar Association and was a fellow in the Kansas Bar Association.

**James O. Yates '51**, Kansas City, Kan., died March 16, 2006, at the age of 86. Yates served in the Army during WWII. He was in the invasion of the Philippines, where there were 112 days of continuous combat. After the war, he went to college and graduated from Washburn Law. In 1970, he was admitted to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Phillip S. Mellor '53**, Wichita, Kan., died December 28, 2005, at the age of 80. In the Navy, during WWII, he served as torpedoman's mate aboard the aircraft carrier Bennington in the Pacific campaign. Mellor was an active member of the Kansas Bar Association and past-president of the Wichita Bar Association. He served as an arbitrator in commercial disputes and as a mediator in both federal and state courts. Mellor was appointed to the Kansas Judicial Council where he served for 11 years. He was a founding member of Mellor and Miller, PA law firm and later, of counsel for Fleeson, Goings, Coulson and Kitch, LLC.

**Franklin S. Carman Jr.'54**, Hays, Kan., died March 2006, at the age of 82. Carman joined the U.S. Army/Air Corps on December 8, 1941, and served throughout WWII. He practiced law in Quinter, Kan., until 1963 when he returned to college and received his B.S. in Mathematics. He taught high school math in Colo., Kan., Wyo., and Okla., until he retired.

**Daniel M. Dibble '59**, Kansas City, Mo., died May 25, 2006, at the age of 73. Dibble graduated *magna cum laude*, was editor-in-chief of the *Washburn Law Journal*, and a National Moot Court finalist. After graduation he moved to Kansas City and began working in a 16-member law firm that grew into the 275-lawyer firm now known as Lathrop & Gage L.C. Over the course of his 45-year legal career, Dibble chaired the firm's Litigation Department and served as a managing partner for four years. He was a trial lawyer who was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1959, the U.S. Supreme Court, and appeared in courtrooms throughout the United States and on several occasions outside the U.S. He served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors from 1985 to 1993.

**Steven W. Rogers '59**, Fredonia, Kan., died Jan. 7, 2006, at the age of 74. From 1953 to 1955, Rogers served as First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Artillery, stationed in Germany. He practiced law for 45 years, serving as Wilson County Attorney and Fredonia City Attorney. Rogers was a member of the Wilson County

and Kansas Bar Associations, and was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

## 1960's

**Jimmy C. Jones '62**, Sallisaw, Okla., died March 2, 2006, at the age of 74. Jones was an educator for a brief time in Derby, Kan. He began practicing law in private practice in Sallisaw in 1962 and had just recently retired. Jones served as city attorney for almost every town in Sequoyah County and was a senior member of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

**Marlin A. White '63**, Holton, Kan., died May 24, 2006, at the age of 71. White moved to Holton in 1963 where he officed with attorney Don Sands. He later founded White Law Office, and in 1984 his son Dennis joined him in the firm. White continued to practice law until his death. He had served as city attorney for Holton since 1979 and was an attorney with the State of Kansas Employment Security Division Board of Review since 1967. He was former president of the Jackson County Bar Association and a member of the Kansas Bar Association. He served many years as secretary of the Second Judicial District Nomination Committee. He was often appointed as an assistant attorney general, special prosecutor, judge pro tem, and as a special master. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

**J. R. Hendrix '64**, Topeka, Kan., died April 9, 2006, at the age of 67. Hendrix was a member of the Topeka and Kansas Bar Associations. He was licensed to practice law in the U.S. Court of Claims, the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. He practiced law for 40 years in Topeka and at the time of his death he was in partnership with Mark Bennett.

**Richard B. Camp '66**, Winfield, Kan., died Dec. 29, 2005, at the age of 71. Camp was elected Cowley County Attorney in 1971 and served two terms through 1979. In 1979, he started a private practice located in his home. He retired in 2002. He was a member of the Cowley County Bar Association.

**Kenneth E. Murrell '67**, Dalton, Mass., died January 6, 2006, at the age of 66. Murrell served in the Army for two years. He was director of special marketing from 1995 to 2001 with Standard Insurance in Portland, Ore. Most recently, Murrell was vice president of marketing at Berkshire Life Insurance Co. of America, in Pittsfield.

**The Hon. Kenneth D. David '68**, Parsons, Kan., died April 15, 2006, at the age of 76. After graduation from law school, David moved to Independence where he became county attorney and was elected as the probate and juvenile judge. He later served as administrative district court judge for Montgomery County until he resigned his position in 1988.

**J. B. Laughlin '68**, Olathe, Kan., died May 12, 2006, at the age of 79. Laughlin was a Navy veteran of WWII. He was the director of the career planning and placement center at Kansas State University.

## 1970's

**Richard A. Neice '70**, Wichita, Kan., died November 24, 2005, at the age of 64.

**William C. Ellis '73**, Nixa, Mo., died Feb. 6, 2006, at the age of 58. Ellis had been an attorney in private practice in Nixa for the past 11 years. Prior to moving to Nixa, he served as the prosecuting attorney in Cowley County, Kan., and municipal judge in Oxford, Kan. Ellis specialized as an advocate in the Division of Family Services in Christian and Taney Counties.

**Craig S. Powell '74**, died Dec. 7, 2005, at the age of 55. Powell established a law office in Osawatomie and practiced by himself for a short time before joining Willis H. McQueary and forming the firm of McQueary and Powell. He was appointed assistant city attorney for the city of Osawatomie in Oct. 1974, became city attorney in Sept. 1980 and served until his retirement on June 1, 2003. He was counsel for Osawatomie USD 367 for approximately two decades and served from time to time as attorney for local financial institutions.

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**C. D. Wamsley Jr. '75**, Wichita, Kan., died Feb. 21, 2006, at the age of 56. Wamsley served as an intern for Bob Dole and later pursued his political interests by running for the Kansas House of Representatives. Wamsley had practiced law in Wichita for the past 30 years.



**Nanette Louise Kemmerly-Weber '79**, Humbolt, Kan., died July 8, 2006 at the age of 51.

Kemmerly-Weber served as county attorney for 20 years until early January 2005. A Democrat, she did not seek re-election in November 2004, after having been re-elected consecutively since 1984.

She was a member of the Allen County and Kansas Bar Associations. She served as board member and president of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association and was the recipient of their 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Contributions to help create an endowed fund in Kemmerly-Weber's name can be made by calling the School of Law Advancement Office at 785-670-1100.



**Byron M. Cerrillo '84**, Olathe, Kan., died July 26, 2006, at the age of 50. From 1984 to 1986, Cerrillo served as legal advisor for Ed Ritchie, the Sheriff of Shawnee County, Kan. He worked for the Shawnee County public defender's office in Topeka, Kan., before joining the Johnson County office in 1993.

Since 1993 he served as chief attorney for the Johnson County Public Defender's Office. Cerrillo was an Adjunct Professor for Washburn Law's Center for Excellence in Advocacy since 2004. He has served on the faculty of the NITA Rocky Mountain Regional Trial Advocacy Program and as a faculty member for various training programs teaching trial advocacy to lawyers in both the private and public sector. Memorial contributions may be made to the Washburn School of Law College Fund.

Contributions to help create an endowed fund in Cerrillo's name can be made by calling the School of Law Advancement Office at 785-670-1100.

**Michael E. Simmons '89**, Racine, Wis., died March 12, 2006, at the age of 44. Simmons worked for the Lake County Department of Court Services, in the Adult Probation Department as one of the first intensive probation officers in the state. He left the department to attend Washburn Law. After graduating, he returned to Lake County and began work as an assistant state's attorney for the 19th Circuit Court for ten years before going into private practice as a criminal defense attorney.

**Mark A. Stueve '97**, Topeka, Kan., died March 08, 2006, at the age of 58. Stueve served in the Marine Corps for two years, attaining the rank of Sergeant E-5, and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was the president of S/S Builders, Inc., from 1985 to 1994. Since 1997, Stueve was employed as a Project Manager for Woods Construction, Inc., in Sterling Heights, Mich.