



K. Edwin Applegate

July 21, 1923 - July 9, 2011

For more than 65 years, K. Edwin Applegate was a committed leader and public servant to the State of Indiana and to his country.

Upon recovering from wounds he sustained in France during World War II, Applegate earned an undergraduate degree in business management at Indiana University in 1946 and a law degree from the Maurer School of Law in 1948. He opened his first law firm in Bloomington in 1949 and retired from Applegate, McDonald and Associates in 2011.

Applegate had a distinguished record of public service, serving from 1951-1958 as U.S. Commissioner, Southern District of Indiana; from 1958-1965 as Deputy Prosecutor for Monroe County and Municipal Judge for Bloomington; and in 1965 as a representative in the Indiana General Assembly, where he was primary author of the bill that established Ivy Tech Bloomington's first Community College. In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated him as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, a position he held until 1970.

Applegate was an active civic leader, including serving as

President of the IU Varsity Club and on numerous boards of directors in Bloomington and Monroe County. He was also active in Knights Templar and Freemasons. He was active in the local lodge number 22 for over three decades, also serving in 1973 as the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary 33rd Degree, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and in 1976 as the Department Commander for the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States. He received many awards throughout his decades of service, including being selected by Governor Evan Bayh in 1992 for the Outstanding Government and Civic Service Award and, in 1999, for the Indiana Bar Foundation's Distinguished Service Award for fifty years of service. In 2011 Applegate was inducted into the Academy of Law Alumni Fellows from the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University. Induction into the Academy represents the highest honor the School bestows on alumni. Fellows have distinguished themselves in their chosen career fields and have continued to enhance the national reputation of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law through their personal achievements and dedication to the highest standards of their profession.

In 1944, Applegate married his grade-school sweetheart and love of his life, Betty Applegate (Dilts) of Winamac Indiana, a union that celebrated its sixty-seventh year in 2011 and resulted in four children, Eric, Ray, Bob and Beth Applegate.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sister Virginia Baumgartner, son Raymond Applegate (Rachel) of TX; son Bob Applegate (Vicki) of WI and daughter Beth Applegate (Trish Kerle); of Bloomington, IN. He also is survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Ed was preceded in death by his mother Gladys Applegate; father Karl Applegate; and son Eric Applegate.

Visitation will take place at Allen Funeral Home (4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN 47401) from 4pm to 7 pm on Thursday, July 14, 2011.

Memorial Services will be held at the First Methodist Church on the corner of 4th Street and Washington Street, Bloomington, IN on Friday, July 15 at 11:00am.

His body will be cremated and his remains will be placed in the First Methodist Church, Columbarium where his eldest son Eric also rests in peace.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in memory of Ed and Eric Applegate to the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, Morrison 313 / 1165 E. 3rd Street, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

Condolences may be directed to Mrs. Betty Applegate, 509 S. Swain Ave., Bloomington, IN 47401 or on line through the Allen Funeral Home web page.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Dear Aunt Betty and family,
Uncle Ed will always hold a special place in my heart and memories. You and Uncle Ed were always so gracious to me and I have always felt as though you were part of my immediate family and not extended. Uncle Ed is the main reason that I selected pre-law as an undergraduate, even though I later chose a different direction. He was such a positive influence to so many, including me! I am sorry that I cannot be there this week to help celebrate Uncle Ed's life, but you are all in my heart and prayers.

Sarah Gomez - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JM

“ Aunt Betty and Family - Words cannot describe the sorrow we feel for your loss. Uncle Ed meant so very much to us and our family.

I have told you several times how much you both have meant to me in my life so all I can say now is God Speed Uncle Ed and don't let those Dilts Boys (plus Brownie) tease you up there.

Jim & Marta, Colleen, Mat Tom and Nick

Jim and Marta Canada - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

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“ Dear Applegate family,
I remember with fondness when Ray and Rachel roped Ed and Betty into babysitting with all the girls at ARVO in Sarasota, FL. I knew that my daughter Becky was in good hands.

My condolences go to all of you. It is really hard to lose a father, no matter when. I hope that you will have happy memories pop up at unexpected times.

Ann Elsner - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

VP

“ My sincere condolences to the family. When I was a girl, Judge Applegate spoke at my school. He spoke about honor, commitment, loyalty and marriage. I most remember he said he and Mrs. Applegate did the dishes by hand together each night and that gave them an opportunity to talk about their daily lives, their children and their plans for the future. He highly recommended that type of ritual. I'll think of that tonight when I'm loading the dishwasher by myself.

Vicki Massy Palmer - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM