



Judge Robert Carley

Dedicated to justice

Judge Robert Carley, 57, died Friday, 1, 1983, in Cobourg and District General Hospital from a heart attack. He suffered from heart problems for some years and had entered the hospital for observation on Wednesday.

He had been county judge of Northumberland and of Durham region since April 1979 when he succeeded Judge J.C.N. Currelly who retired. While in Cobourg for only four years, he had already established a reputation for giving careful and detailed decisions in which he explained his reasons for every judgment. People knew that the judgments of his court were reasonable and fair.

The flag at the Northumberland county building where he presided is at half-mast today in his honor.

In provincial court Monday morning, Judge R.B. Baxter, on behalf of the legal profession,

expressed shock and sadness at the death of his colleague.

He described Judge Carley as "a most dedicated judge."

Judge Carley is survived by his wife, Margaret, and four grown children. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. from Cobourg's St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, with burial in Little Lake Cemetery, Peterborough.

Robert Hamilton Carley was born in Lindsay, son of the late Thomas Carley, who was a lawyer then in Fenelon Falls, and the late Grace Sangster Carley. His father moved his legal practice to Peterborough, and it was there that his son attended school. He was head boy in his Peterborough collegiate class, joined the Royal Canadian Navy and served on HMCS Sarnia. After

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the Second World War, he graduated from University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School, returning to Peter-

borough to practise law with his father's firm. In 1967, he was named a QC., and from 1971 to 1975, he served as a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

In Peterborough, he was past president of the Peterborough Law Society, past president of the Rotary Club, a trustee of the Victorian Order of Nurses, a member of the Presbyterian Church and was involved in senior citizens' projects, the Red Cross and the Auto Club.

In business, he was a director of Raybestos Manhattan Limited of Peterborough and of Consumers Gas Company of Toronto, from which he resigned when he became a judge.

Mrs. Carley also grew up in Peterborough. She was the former Margaret Grace Langley, a graduate of McGill University, with an MA in bacteriology from University of Toronto.

The Carleys quickly settled into Cobourg. Judge Carley had always had an ambition to join the bench, and his family said Monday that he was "extremely happy" with his appointment to Cobourg and with living in this community. They retained their cottage at Sandy Lake, north of Buckhorn Lake.

Judge Carley was an elder in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, a member of Cobourg and District Historical Society, and an avid duplicate bridge player. He played golf more in the years he lived in Peterborough, but he loved the sport.

The Carleys' four children are: John Robert, Toronto, an architect, who is married to Victoria Lister Carley; David Langley, Peterborough, a journalist; Janet Margaret, (Mrs. James Butler), Vancouver, in theatrical public relations; and Gordon Thomas, London, a student at University of Western Ontario. All of the family is now at home in Cobourg.

He is also survived by one sister, Joan (Mrs. Robert A. McRae), Peterborough.

The service will be taken by Dr. Alex Calder, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough. (Rev. Stephen Hayes, St. Andrew's, is on vacation). Funeral arrangements are by the MacCoubrey Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are: Judge Gilbert Murdoch, William Lech, Alexander Fleming, Jack Reinhardt, James Fitzpatrick, and R. Lightbody, all of Peterborough.