

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Memorial Service  
April 19, 1973

Memorial to: John D. McGill  
Presented by: Representative M. J. McCauley

Winona Municipal Court Judge John D. McGill died Sunday, February 27, 1972. A judge in Winona for nine years, he had also served five terms in the Minnesota Legislature as Winona's Representative. He was a candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives in 1958.

I believe it was a privilege to have known John McGill and during the past 4 years I was fortunate to work with him on some legislation and to get to know him in a personal way.

Judge McGill was born in St. Paul June 10, 1920 to John and Rose Kukowska McGill. He married Doris Sinell November 26, 1949 in Le Sueur, Minnesota. He had lived in Winona 49 years.

John graduated from Winona High School, attended Winona State College, and graduated in 1948 from the St. Paul College of Law.

He was Winona's representative in the legislature from 1952 to 1962. He was appointed Winona Municipal Court Judge June 24, 1963 by Governor Karl Rolvaag to fill the seat vacated by the death of Judge S. D. J. Bruski. He was elected in 1965 and reelected December 7, 1971 to a 6 year term.

John was a member of the Winona County Bar Association, the Minnesota Bar Association, the Minnesota Municipal Judges Association, Winona Elks Club, Winona Athletic Club, Winona Red Men and was Secretary and Past President of the Eagles Club and was President of the Winona Odd Fellows.

John is remembered best as being a man with deep spiritual understanding and dedicated to the task in making this world of ours a better place to live. In addition to serving his constituents and the state in an exemplary manner, John never forgot his own family in the meantime.

He died at the age of 51 and is sadly missed by his family and a host of friends.