



William R. Stitsinger

May 2, 2007

William R. Stitsinger, 89, died surrounded by his family at Berkeley Health Care on May 2, 2007. He was born to Henrietta Pfaffman and Fredrick Stitsinger on February 15, 1918. He graduated from Hamilton High School, Ohio University, and the University of Cincinnati School of Law. Immediately after being admitted to the Bar, Bill enlisted in the Navy and served as Skipper on PT boat 1168 attaining the rank of Full Lieutenant. In 1945, Bill married his wife of 61 years, Harriet Lee, in Miami, Florida. They are the parents of four children: Rebecca (Robert) Weigel, Peter (Ilene) Stitsinger, Gretchen Stitsinger (Ron Welch), and Sally Stitsinger. In 1950, Bill formed a law partnership with Gilbert Condo and Herbert Walsh. He loved the law which he practiced for over 50 years. Active in local politics, Bill served as County Commissioner from 1960 until 1968. He was elected Common Pleas Judge in 1978 and sat on the bench for 12 years. He then served as Visiting Judge in neighboring counties. Bill was active in his church and was a member of the Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 719, F. & A. M. and the Scottish Rite, Valley of Cincinnati. He also served on the board of the Metropolitan Housing Authority and was a 65 year member of Hamilton Elks Lodge 93. A lifelong baseball fan, Bill was a driving force behind the Legal Eagles, the team he played on for many years. In addition, he enjoyed bowling, jazz, and playing cards. He was an avid bridge, gin, and pitch player. Bill spent many happy hours gardening with his dear friend Judd Uhl. Bill was devoted to his family and loved spending time with his grandchildren Sarah, Anna, and Rob Weigel;

Jennifer and Abigail Stitsinger; Allison and Meghan Welch; and Emma and Katherine Thomson. Bill was preceded in death by his eldest grandchild, Ellen Weigel, and his sister, Sue Contreras. In addition to his children and grandchildren, he is survived by his brother, Gene Stitsinger (Jean), nephews and cousins. Bill set high standards for himself and others but will be remembered most for his tender heart. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N. W. Washington Blvd. with Rev. Grant Montgomery officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Burial Park. Visitation will be Saturday, from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be given in his memory to the Ellen E. Weigel Fund, in care of Colonial Foundation, 520 Eaton Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio 45013