



John Mason

June 14, 2002

Mason - Hon. John M., (Jack), age 63, of Minneapolis, died suddenly on June 8, 2002. Born Mankato, MN on October 31, 1938 to Hon. Milton D. Mason and Marion D. Mason. Graduate: Harvard Law School (J.D., 1963); Macalester College (B.A., cum laude, 1960); and Mankato High School (1956). He was appointed United States Magistrate Judge on March 1, 1995. Prior to that he was a partner with the firm of Dorsey & Whitney (governing committee-1991-95). He also served as Chief Deputy Attorney General of Minnesota, 1972-73, and Minnesota Solicitor General, 1971. He was a veteran of United States Air Force. Jack was loved by family and friends for his passion for life and sense of humor. The highlight of his passion for bicycling was achieving his request to ride the 100 mile 'Headwaters 100' race in under 5 hours in September 1999. He played both classical piano and accordian. His love of foreign languages and travel began in 1995 with an AFS trip to Germany; over the years he studied German (fluent), Italian, French, Spanish, Korean, and Arabic. At the time of his death, he served on the Board of Directors of Ordway Music Theatre, National Advisory Board of Concordia College Language Villages, Advisory Board for Books for Africa, and was Chair of the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee, District VI. Jack was an elected member of the Minneapolis Board of Education from 1973-80 (Chair 1976-77). In 1995, he was selected as a Macalester College Distinguished Citizen. Service on other Boards included Theatre de la Jeune Lune, MacPhail Center for the Arts, Minnesota Chorale, St. Paul Chamber of Orchestra, University of

Minnesota Hospital and Clinics, and Macalester College. He has also served on the Board of Contributors for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune and the Minneapolis Planning Commission. He was a past President of the Harvard Law School Association of Minnesota. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Vivian; daughter, Kathleen; sons, Peter (friend Amy Brown) and Michael (friend Jamie Hull); sisters, Marilyn Mason and Jean (Phil) Caswell; brothers, Hon. James D. (Marcia) Mason and Dr. Donald (Elaine) Mason; aunt, Barbara Ruud; and many other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation 4-7PM Tues. June 11, WASHBURN-MCREAVY FUNERAL HOME, 2301 Dupont Ave. S., Mpls. Funeral service 11AM (visitation 1 hour prior), Wed. June 12, at MACALESTER COLLEGE CHAPEL, Snelling and Grand, St. Paul. Memorials preferred to: Minority Scholarships, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, 55105 or Village park Scholarships MPRB/Concordian Language Villages, Concordia College, 901 8th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56562. Washburn-McReavy Davies Chapel 612-377-22032.