



William Polking

February 6, 1936 - January 16, 2009

William G. Polking, age 72, a well known Carroll, Iowa, attorney, died Friday, January 16, 2009, at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 A.M., Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Father Timothy Schott. Con-Celebrants will be Father Brian Hughes and Father Tim Friedrichsen. Homilist will be Father Brian Hughes. Lectors will be Barry and Mary Bruner. Gift Bearers will be Jim and Marge Knott. Pianist will be Sue Feilmeier. Vocalist will be Jeana Schroeder. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Carroll County Bar Association. Casket Bearers will be Dave Polking, Paul Ruane, Bobby Molak, Gary Ludwig, Kevin Brinker, Dave Pottebaum, and Mark Branigan. Burial will be at St. Bernard Cemetery in Breda, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 3:30 P.M. Monday at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. A rosary will be prayed at 4 P.M. Monday. There will be a Christian wake service at 7 P.M. Monday by St. Lawrence Parish. Visitation will resume at 8 A.M. Tuesday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or church for St. Anthony Home Health Care and Hospice. Mr. Polking was born on February 6, 1936, at Carroll, Iowa, the son of Clem G. and Anna (Dopheide) Polking. He spent his younger years in the Breda community and graduated from St. Bernard High School in 1954. He then attended the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1959 and Juris Doctorate degree from the Catholic University of America School of Law in 1962. He was admitted to the Supreme Court of

Iowa in 1962 and to the District Court of Iowa in 1964. From 1962 until 1971 he practiced law in Washington D.C. and then returned to Carroll to establish his law practice. On November 25, 1967, he was married to Peggy McCoy at Annunciation Catholic Church in Havertown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Polking was a member of St. Lawrence Parish and served his parish as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and taught Religious Education for twenty years. Civic achievements include serving as President of the Kuemper High School Board, co-chair of the bond issue for the Carroll Community Middle School, member of the George Wernimont Foundation Board, was named Carroll Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, taught business law at DMACC, and served as trustee of the Evelyn Holck Scholarship Fund. Professionally Mr. Polking was a member of the Iowa State and Carroll County Bar Associations, served as associate Juvenile Judge, was an examiner for the Iowa State Bar Association, served as a Carroll County Magistrate for thirty years, was a past Carroll County Attorney, and presently served as attorney for the City of Breda. Survivors include his wife, Peggy Polking of Carroll; children, Ann Polking-Vincent and her husband Michael of Carroll, William G. Polking Jr. of Carroll, and Christopher C. Polking and his wife Thetia of Carroll; grandchildren, Colby Vincent, McKenna Vincent, Cooper Vincent, Sophia Polking, Jameson Polking, Quinten Polking, and Kieran Polking; brothers, James Polking of Des Moines, John Polking of Houston, Texas, Paul Polking and his wife Joan of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Joseph Polking and his wife Lynn of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; a brother-in-law, Tom McCoy of Denver, Colorado; and six nephews and three nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Phyllis Mae Polking; and a brother, Clement Polking, in infancy.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember him as a great guy, and I know my brother Paul really thought of him highly not only as a friend but also as a mentor.

Nathan Vetter - February 26, 2009 at 08:34 PM

DH

“ My sympathy to you, Peggy, and to your family. I will never forget the numerous acts of kindness that Bill showed to my oldest son, Paul Vetter. Bill was like a father to Paul and counseled him many times. He gave the most beautiful, complete eulogy at Paul's funeral, some ten years ago. No one could have done a better job. I am imagining Paul and Bill telling jokes in heaven. I will always remember Bill; he was a very special person. You can be so proud of him and know that he was the best husband, father, grandfather, Christian, attorney, teacher, friend and so much more. Treasure the memories!

Deanna (Vetter) Hall - February 24, 2009 at 04:54 PM

DH

“ To the family of Mr. William Polking.... Bill Polking taught in our district for several years. We are a low-income school located in a poverty area. William Polking, Bill's father, was instrumental – both financially and through his legal services – in aiding several of our low-income students over the course of Bill's time here.... always quietly and with no fanfare. I'm sure that many on staff don't even know about the contributions made by Bill's father. Based on the high standards Bill lived by, it was only too apparent what a quality family he came from. Mr. Polking's obituary illustrates the tremendous contributions he made to his community, his state, and his family. My condolences to the family on this great loss.... he will be missed, but never forgotten.

Debbie Hills - January 22, 2009 at 11:32 AM

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“ Bill was our lawyer here at Carroll Car Credit Company. He helped us start our cooperation and guided us with legal advice since. I have always had nothing but the greatest respect and admiration for Bill. He was always professional, helpful, kind, and caring. I will miss him tremendously!

Clayton Winterboer - January 19, 2009 at 10:28 AM

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“ Peggy, Chris and family: My sympathy for your great loss. Bill will be missed by all and his honor will be remembered by all. I feel very fortunate to have met and worked with Bill. My prayers,
Erin McCullough

Erin McCullough - January 18, 2009 at 06:48 PM