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In Memoriam

Gary Vance Schaber

Born in Aberdeen, South Dakota, Gary was brought to Sacramento as a babe in arms and spent the rest of his life in our city. He was educated in the local schools and went to work on a full time basis at an early age. He started at McGeorge as its Business Manager in 1957 and remained with the school until his untimely death on September 1st, 1981, when he was Associate Dean for Administration and Chief Financial Officer. The McGeorge School of Law we see today is literally the result of his untiring efforts. As was said of a great architect of yesteryear, it can truly be said of Gary that "If you would see his monument, look around" when you are on campus.

Gary was dedicated to McGeorge, but at the same time he was a good citizen and did his part for his community and his church. When the United States District Court needed a new Magistrate Gary was sought out and persuaded to accept this responsibility. He served well and ably for a term of seven years. He was a hard worker, but he shared with his friends the full joy of life. He unhesitatingly accepted the responsibilities that came his way, not for reward, but for the pleasure and satisfaction of a task well done.

We pay to him our tribute of respect, admiration and affection for his unusual ability, his love of fairness, his sound reasoning, his unerving integrity, his unrequited efforts, his ever ready helping hand, his sage advice, his evenhanded justice, his unfailing courtesy, his pleasant disposition, his keen sense of humor, his hearty good fellowship, his warm friendship, his intense loyalty to his friends, his abiding devotion to his family, his dedication to all things good and decent and for his love of God and his fellowman. All these qualities and attributes endeared him to those of us who had the privilege of knowing him. Sadly we mourn his passing, but at the same time we are both proud and pleased to have had the privilege of knowing this affable gentleman.

Though he has left us, we will never forget, that while passing through this transitory life Gary established himself in the hearts of his

friends, his neighbors and his loved ones. This world is a better place because he was with us during his all too short life.

Ave atque vale, amicule.

Judge Sherrill Halbert
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
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