

IN MEMORIAM JAMES D. MCKINNEY, JR.

James DeVaine McKinney, Jr., 76, a partner in the law firm of Ross, Marsh and Foster, died on June 25, 2008, at his home in Arlington, of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

He was born in Muscatine, Iowa, served in the Army during the Korean War, and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1958. Shortly thereafter, Jim joined Ross, Marsh and Foster. He retired from active practice in 2007. One of his most significant accomplishments was his successful representation in obtaining a Supreme Court decision on behalf of several pipeline companies challenging a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order dealing with the charge for pipeline production. During his fifty year career, Jim appeared before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and its predecessor, the Federal Power Commission, on a broad range of issues, especially those affecting pipelines. In addition to his private practice, Jim served as a board member of the Energy Bar Association for several years and was one of the first Secretaries of our Association.

Although not of the generation that served in World War II, Jim McKinney was a veteran of the Korean War and embodied the values of country, service and the highest moral code. Always impeccable in dress and manners, for Jim, the right way was the only way. Jim was an avid tennis player and played with the same group regularly for over twenty years. He also was a voracious reader with a preference for Sherlock Holmes and history.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Betty; brother, Jerry McKinney; son, Jim McKinney; daughters, Cynthia Drayton and Jennifer Long; and his eight grandchildren, as well as two furry friends, Molly and Mindy.

Jim McKinney will be missed.