Kenneth Powell Short

Kenneth Powell SHORT 2/23/1918 - 4/15/2006 Trial attorney, community leader, WW II veteran, avid golfer, sports fan, husband, father, grandfather - these are some of the roles that Ken played during his long and full life. After a long illness Ken died on April 15 at the age of 88, with Marjorie, his devoted wife of 64 years, and family by his side. Born in 1918 in Seattle Ken attended Roosevelt High School and the UW where he received his BA in 1939 and his JD in 1942. He married Marjorie Goetz in 1941. Ken then went on to serve for two year in WWII. In 1946 he returned to Seattle and joined trial attorneys, George Rummens & Tracy Griffin. In 1949 Paul R. Cressman, Sr., who had met Ken during the war, became the firm's second associate. After the deaths of the two senior partners, the law firm, now named Short Cressman & Burgess, grew to include 25 attorneys in 1982 when Ken retired. During his career, Ken was actively involved with trial work and enjoyed a high reputation for trial competency among the Bar. He served as President of the Seattle-King County Bar in 1965, the WA State Bar in 1974 and as a delegate to the ABA for a number of years. Upon hearing of Ken's passing, Paul Cressman, Sr. stated, "Ken was one of the most loved and respected lawyers locally and statewide. He will be deeply missed by the entire legal community." Ken also served on a number of Boards including NW Steel Rolling Mills, WA Asphalt, Broadmoor Golf Club, and Pacific Regent Retirement Home. At ten years of age Ken began playing golf at Broadmoor Golf Club and went on to become a 50 year member. Ken and Marge also enjoyed many years of golf at De Anza Golf Club in Borrego Springs, CA and at Alderbrook Golf Club near their cabin on Hood Canal. Ken will be sincerely missed by his family and many friends. Other survivors include three children, James K. Short (Sue), Cassie Short and Jean Stansbury (Howie), five grandchildren, Brady & Trevor Short, Erin & Daniel Stansbury, & Kenneth W. Short, brother & sister-in-law, Jerrold & Darlene Goetz, niece & nephew, Pam Svardal & Tracy Goetz. Ken's brother, William Short preceded him in death. A private family service will be held. Memorial donations may be sent to the Millionaires Club, 2515 Western Ave, Seattle, WA 98121 or Evergreen Hospice Services 12822 124th Lane NE, Kirkland, WA 98034.

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