

Associates Pay Judge Warner Final Tribute

Van Buren Bar Tells of Late Judge's Devotion to Duty and Fine Legal Mind

The Van Buren County Bar Association paid tribute Monday morning at the opening of the May term of court to the late Judge Glenn E. Warner, who presided for 24 years on the bench. Such was Judge Warner's legal record and his popularity with the public that no challenger for his job ever contested for the office. Judge Warner served for four successive terms unopposed at the polls.

The memorial service that was witnessed by nearly all the county attorneys and members of the Warner families was held in the court room after the calling of the May calendar with Louis Chappell, South Haven attorney, who petitioned the court to accept the memorial speaking for the association as its president.

David Anderson, Jr. presented the Bar's tribute that will be spread upon the court journal by order of Judge Mosier. Attorney Anderson characterized Judge Warner as one of the ablest men of his profession as borne out by the fact that he was frequently called into other state courts to hear important cases.

Attorney William L. Fitzgerald of Kalamazoo, classmate of Judge Warner, both in Paw Paw high



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school and the law school of the U. of M. spoke of his contemporary's fidelity to duty and his innate modesty that rejected all praise for himself. Fidelity to duty was the keystone of the Warner character and the most humble client was given the same consideration as to those of eminence, Fitzgerald concluded.

Judge Merl H. Young, a contemporary of Judge Warner's in the practice of the profession described his old friend as a "gentleman, an able lawyer, who will be known to history as one of the outstanding jurists in Michigan."

Judge Mosier in accepting the memorial petition of the Bar Association said that Judge Warner was a great lawyer, an excellent judge, who possessed that rare ability to combine judicial excellence with consideration for the human element in the court room.

WARNER, Judge Glenn E.
April 2, 1955

Funeral services for Judge Glenn E. Warner who passed away in his home here last Saturday evening, April 2nd, after an extended illness were held in the Hawley Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, and were conducted by the Rev. L. J. Peterson of the First Presbyterian church, and interment was made in the Wildey cemetery, beside his wife.

Casket bearers were his three nephews, Jerome Warner and David Warner of Kalamazoo and James Warner of Paw Paw, and his step-son Jonathan Woodman of Paw Paw and the husbands of his two nieces, Willard Banyon of Benton Harbor and Gordon La Belle of Grand Rapids.

Judge Warner who was born here Sept. 15, 1882, spent his entire life here, having been graduated from the Paw Paw high school in 1901 and received his law degree in 1904 from the University of Michigan, returning here to practice his profession, and has resided here since that time.

He served this community in several capacities, having been president of the village, prosecuting attorney for Van Buren county and in 1923 was elected circuit judge to succeed Judge L. B. Des Voignes, serving for 24 years, retiring in 1948.

Since then he has conducted his business from his home.

He also served in World War I, having been stationed at an officers training camp in Virginia.

During his earlier years he was a member of the Masonic lodge, the Kiwanis club and other civic organizations.

Judge Warner was recognized as a very able attorney and left an outstanding record as a circuit

judge, having few reversals from his opinions.

He served as a member of the Republican State Central Committee for several years and the present judge, Carl D. Mosier of the Van Buren-Cass circuit had the following to say of his ability as a circuit judge:

"His experience as a jurist of this court is an experience for each of us to aspire to." Judge Mosier declared several years ago "His attention to the work of the court and his decisions were always prompted by fairness, by diligent application to the case and by splendid knowledge of the law."

He was united in marriage with Mrs. Allie Shepard Woodman, Dec. 31, 1943 who passed away Jan. 5, 1951, and he is survived by two brothers, W. J. Warner and J. B. Warner of Paw Paw by four nephews and three nieces and other relatives, two brothers, G. F. Warner and L. R. Warner of Paw Paw having preceded him in death.

Members of the Van Buren Cass County Bar Association were here for the funeral and Judge Carl D. Mosier of Dowagiac, Judge Hadsell of Benton Harbor, Judge Lucien Sweet of Kalamazoo and Judge Earl Pugsley of Hart and Messrs. William L. Fitzgerald and Marvin J. Schaberg of Kalamazoo served as honorary pall bearers.