

David Williams...1919-1994

Honorable David B. Williams, 75, of Concord, retired presiding justice of Ayer District Court, died at Emerson Hospital in Concord on Dec. 5.

He was born in Boston on Jan. 7, 1919, son of the late Horace D. H. and Margaret (Harms) Williams. Williams attended the Fenn School and Belmont Hill and graduated from Governor Dummer Academy. He then graduated from Harvard University in 1940, and received his Juris Doctorate from Boston University Law School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a First Lieutenant.

After his admission to the bar in 1947, he became a partner in the law firm of Whitney, Sheehan and Williams. He was appointed clerk of Concord District Court from 1947-1948.

Judge Williams served as town counsel in Carlisle from 1948 to 1954. He was a member of the Governor's Council and General Court from 1951-1954. In 1955 he was appointed as a special justice at Ayer District Court and served in that position until 1965. In 1965, Williams was appointed the first presiding justice at the Ayer District Court until his retirement as the senior judge in the state 1989.

Williams had been the commander of the Massachusetts Disabled Veterans in 1955-1956, National Vice Commander of D.A.V. in 1956-1957 and National Commander of the D.A.V. 1958-59. He served as chief attorney for the Veterans Administration for many years. He was also a member of the American Legion, a life member of the Trench Rats, V.F.W., AMVETS, past national commander organization of the D.A.V., state Commanders and Adjutants Association of D.A.V. and past state Commanders' Organization of D.A.V.

He was a life member of the Ayer Lions Club and a life member of the D.A.V., Chapter 28. Williams was also a member of the Aleppo Temple, Corinthian Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Walden Royal Arch Chapter, Caleb Butler Lodge, A.F. & A.M.; St. Paul Lodge A.F. & A.M., Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite-Valley of Boston and Valley of Lowell Consistories, Order of DeMoley, International Supreme Council and Honorary Legion of Honor. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Minuteman Shrine Club.

He was also a life member of the B.P.O.E of Concord, the Concord Rod & Gun Club, Republican Club of Massachusetts, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Northern Middlesex County Police Association, Mass Bar Association and the Republican National Committee.

Judge Williams is survived by his wife, Gloria (Miller) Williams of Concord; a daughter, Deborah Williams of Littleton; and a son, Gregory Williams of Las Vegas, Nev.