

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION

MEMORIAL SERVICE OF
RICHARD KITTO
STANLEY STETTZ
BERNARD QUINN

Heard by THE HONORABLE ROBERT A. FREEDBERG, President
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, Third Judicial
District, Easton, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, September 29, 1998.

APPEARANCES:

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—President of the Northampton County Bar Association

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—On behalf of RICHARD KITTO, ESQUIRE

KARL KLINE, ESQUIRE
—On behalf of STANLEY STETTZ, ESQUIRE

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Reporter.

THE COURT: Good morning. We have our annual Memorial Service
Program at this time. The Court recognizes Nicholas Noel, III, President of the
Northampton County Bar Association. Mr. Noel.

MR. NOEL: Thank you, Your Honor. May it please the Court, Members
of the Northampton County Bar Association, family and friends of the late
Richard Kitto, who died on December 5, 1997, Stanley Stettz, who died on
March 2, 1998, and Bernard Quinn, who died on June 6, 1998.

I've always preferred to approach occasions such as this, to view it as a
celebration. While solemn in nature, our gathering here today should not only
be a means of reflecting and remembering, but to rededicate our lives to the
celebration of life and what we can make of it.

I've always liked to say that people make a living by what they take, but
they make a life by what they give. The gentlemen we honor here today, befitting
their profession, befitting their stature, gave much, not only to their profession
and their clients, but to their alma maters, their country and their families.

As we listen to their accomplishments as they celebrated life, let us
reaffirm what is important, trust, respect and integrity. I would however be

remiss not to make a brief note of the special feelings that I do have today for Stan Stetz, for Stan was my partner, and who shared this office of president of this association in 1983, and encouraged me to become involved in the Bar Association activities over 15 years ago.

Stan enjoyed reminiscing with me this past year before his death when I'd seek his counsel about some minor frustration that always arose with bar politics, and he always had a way of putting matters in perspective. He was a man of integrity who could always be counted on to do the right thing and believed that trust was a sacred bond.

On behalf of the Northampton County Bar Association, I thank the judges of our Court for especially designating this morning for the Memorial Service and for your participation. The demand on our hectic schedules requires that we pause and still the hand of time every now and then, to remember, celebrate and respect. I believe it was Confucius that said, without feelings of respect, there is nothing to separate us from the beast.

I would like to thank our eulogists who will be speaking this morning, Ronald Shipman, on behalf of Richard Kitto; Karl Kline on behalf of Stanley Stetz, and Frank Danyi for Bernard Quinn.

I respectfully request that the Court recognize the eulogists beginning with Ronald Shipman. Thank you.

THE COURT: Mr. Shipman.

MR. SHIPMAN: Good morning, Your Honors. Dick Kitto, I think to talk about Dick Kitto, we have to start with probably the census-type data which really didn't tell you too much about the man, but at least gives the background. He was born in Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania, he attended Lawrenceville, and followed Lawrenceville with Princeton University and University of Pennsylvania Law School.

He graduated Princeton in 1940, and he graduated University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1943. After law school, as most people of his time, Dick entered the United States Military during the Second World War. He served in counterintelligence, then I think it was known as the Office of Strategic Services, until the end of the War.

Following the War, he came back to Pen Argyl for a time and practiced law as a private general practitioner. He married Ruth Dennis. Ruth is here today with her sister. Ruth Dennis Kitto. And they were married over 51 years by the time of his death. They were the proud parents of two sons, both of whom followed Dick to Princeton, Richard C.J. Kitto, Jr., and William, and, in fact, Rick Kitto is now a lawyer who, unfortunately, could not be here today.

The bare facts of that education tells you that Dick Kitto was a Pre-World War II guy who, like many of that generation, they were well and broadly educated. He was committed to what we sometimes think of as old time concepts. When he practiced law, it was as a general practitioner. It was a time probably when I knew him, it was a time before lawyers were really specialized. Lawyers were confidants, they were advisors, they did many different things, they were most of all, they were leading citizens, and that's how I think of Dick Kitto, and that's how I remember not only Dick, but people of his time and of his kind of practice.

After he left the private practice, he joined Standard Press Steel in Jenkintown and was corporate counsel and secretary, and he remained a director of a bank. But Dick's primary commitments were to his church. His father was a minister who remained committed to the Methodist Church which he belonged to all his life, and to his family, and basically to the broader community. It's a time that I think has passed. There weren't as many lawyers then, there weren't as many law schools. Lawyers tended to be, I think, more broadly educated, and they were certainly held in higher esteem. It's been my impression that part of that was because of their emphasis on being good and leading citizens, people turned to lawyers at that time for guidance, and we were fortunate to have people like Dick Kitto who provided it.

I think that's the legacy they leave, it's one we should never forget, that commitment to good citizenship, that commitment to being community leaders, that's how I remember Richard Kitto, and I think that's the legacy he'd like to leave and have all of us to remember him by. Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Shipman.