

## MARTIN A. KUTLER

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Though his span of life was short and his years as a lawyer and a member of the Bar of Northampton County were very few, nevertheless, Martin A. Kutler achieved a good bit of distinction and an excellent reputation as one of the most promising younger members of our Bar.

He was born on October 17, 1924 in New Jersey, but shortly thereafter his family moved to Shenandoah, Pennsylvania. He received his early education in the public schools there and was graduated from Shenandoah High School with an excellent scholastic rating. After having spent one year at Penn State University he was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was graduated from the Service Academy and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

After having been honorably discharged from the Army, Martin Kutler attended and was graduated from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania. He thereafter was admitted as a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, but rather than return to Schuylkill County he came to Northampton County, was admitted to the Bar on February 16, 1951, and began the practice of law in association with Irving W. Coleman at Northampton, Pennsylvania.

Marty Kutler was a lawyer's lawyer. He had a brilliant mind, a great love of the law and took a keen delight in digging into the cases and learning the correct answer to intriguing problems. The Judges of our Court and his fellow members of the Bar, especially those who appeared in cases opposite to Marty Kutler, will testify that he never came into Court without having completely prepared his cases and was a most capable adversary.

He possessed all of the qualities that go to make up a good lawyer. A man of unquestioned integrity, his native ability, an intense love of the law and almost boundless energy, together with physical attractiveness and charming personality, brought him quickly to the attention of the people of this community. He numbered among his constantly increasing clientele many

important individual clients, as well as the Townships of Hanover and Moore.

A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Kutler was soon selected by those in authority as Chairman of the Young Republican Clubs Association of the City of Bethlehem and later was appointed Chairman of Region 11 of the Pennsylvania Federation of Young Republican Clubs. Though a very young man and new in the City of Bethlehem, Mr. Kutler made an impressive record as the Republican Candidate for the Pennsylvania State Assembly in the City of Bethlehem.

In addition to his legal work and the efforts expended in the political field, Mr. Kutler found a good bit of time for community work. He was an active member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and served in various offices with the Northampton County Cancer Society, recently serving that organization as its County Chairman.

He was married on August 3, 1947, to Rose Sherman, who taught school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of three lovely daughters and Marty Kutler was a devoted husband and loving father. His untimely death of a heart attack on June 9, 1960, at the age of 35, took from the Northampton County Courts a man with a most promising future, from the City of Bethlehem — a gentleman interested in every beneficial program, from his friends and associates — a most attractive personality, and from his family — a good and loving husband and father. He will long be remembered by the Courts of Northampton County and the members of the Bar.