

Louis Hattner

Lou was born on October 1, 1927 to Abraham and Eva Hattner in Toledo, Ohio. He graduated from Scott High School in 1945 and received a Bachelor of Sciences Degree from the University of Toledo in 1949. After serving in the United States Army, he returned to Toledo to marry Joan Nathanson in 1955. Lou took a rather unconventional path into the legal profession. He worked with his father in their business the Hattner Paint Company on Dorr Street. Having married the boss' daughter and with three young children, Lou attended night classes at UT Law School and graduated at the top of his class in 1968. He retired as a full partner with the firm of Spengler Nathanson in 2005.

Known as "Sweet Lou" to his friends and associates, Lou could be seen regularly at The Golden Lily, ordering Egg Foo Young, with a side bowl of brown gravy; and, a pot of hot tea (loaded with sugar) ordered from his favorite waitress, Donna.

He served as President of the Lucas County Bar Association in 1976 and was also a member of The Toledo and Ohio State Bar Associations. He served as a Board Member of the Arthritis Foundation and was a founding member of the Washington Local School Educational Marketing Group.

Judge Clifford Brown respectfully gave Lou the moniker "Fireman" because he was skillful at putting out "legal fires" for his clients.

Many did not know that Lou was an accomplished poker player. He and his wife spent many winters in Henderson, Nevada where he often competed in Texas Hold'em

Tournaments. Although he did not have an overpowering service game, Lou loved to play tennis and had a “killer” drop shot.

He will be remembered not only by his loving children, Eva, Nancy, Fran and David as well as his partners at Spengler Nathanson, but also the dozens of young lawyers Lou mentored in family and bankruptcy law who owe much to Lou Hattner for his patience and tremendous coaching ability.