

Carl La Rue

This is a personal memorial from the time I knew Carl La Rue. In the days when Assistant U.S. Attorneys were political appointees, Carl was an Eisenhower administration nominee, together with Dick Colasurd.

When the Democrats came into power with John F. Kennedy in 1961, I was selected to succeed Carl. He painstakingly taught me all I should know, particularly criminal procedure. He was two years older than I, having been born in 1929. His dad was a U of M Botany professor who Henry Ford lured to grow rubber so he could make his own tires. He married a fellow faculty brat, Jane Rice, daughter of Warren Rice, professor of English and Milton Scholar. Carl was a serious pianist and after coming to Toledo played a two piano concert at the Art Museum, with my friend, Norman.

Carl did his undergraduate work at Wesleyan College and Harvard from which he graduated in 1958. Two years of military service followed after which he enrolled in and graduated from the University of Michigan Law School. Before his start in the U.S. Attorney's office he worked for Fuller & Henry in Toledo. Following his tenure as an AUSA he served in legal capacities with several local corporations, finally as General Counsel at Libbey-Owens-Ford.

Surviving Carl are his second wife, Ann and two sons Carl and Edward, and five granddaughters, as well as Ann's two children.

Carl always had a bemused look on his face as though he never took anything, including himself, too seriously. With his blonde hair and good looks he always presented an aristocratic mien, but in truth he was a down to earth person – always kind, considerate and helpful to others.

Unfortunately he suffered from dementia for 11 years and died on November 20, 2013, at the age of 84.

Respectfully submitted,

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