

## **Robert Parker Goff**

Died: July 3, 1996

Bob died of cancer at age 56 on Wednesday, July 3, 2006 at Montana Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, Montana. He had battled health problems since about 1994, and had undergone surgery to remove a kidney in 1995.

He grew up in Great Falls, and graduated from high school there. He had been a member of the National Honor Society, and the school dramatics and glee clubs. At Dartmouth, he majored in history, was active in dormitory government, sang in the glee club, and was a member in his senior year of the Newman Club.

After serving in the Army from 1962 to 1968, he earned a law degree at the University of Montana where he was editor-in-chief of the law review. He then clerked for U.S. District Court Judge James Battin. In 1972 after his clerkship, he joined the Great Falls law firm of Church, Harris, Johnson & Williams where he remained until elected to be a judge on the state district court in 1995.

During his years in private practice, Bob developed a reputation in the area of property taxation, municipal and county zoning, and real estate and commercial development.

He was greatly involved in community affairs, especially the boy scouts, the Salvation Army, housing, and the Lutheran Church. His secretary for 17 years, Colleen Owen, said Bob "was very charitable. He was involved in anything that would help people out. He was one of my best friends, one of the nicest and most intelligent people I ever knew."

At the time of his death, Bob was survived by his wife Sandra, whom he married in 1967, a daughter, Bethany, and a son David.