

FLOYD M. BATURIN, ESQUIRE
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, our colleagues at the Bar, to Floyd's beloved wife, Kersti Baturin, his beloved children, family, friends, and peers, we are honored here today to celebrate and respect the life and career of an esteemed colleague, Floyd M. Baturin.

Floyd M. Baturin was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on October 21, 1928. He was the son of Moses S. Baturin and Ruth M. Baturin and younger brother to his sister, Hannagene, all of whom he remained close to their entire lives and loved dearly. A highly playful child, Floyd loved collecting arrowheads and coins with his father around Fort Hunter, traveling, playing sports, being a batboy for the local Harrisburg baseball team, and spending time with his close friends, especially watching the Sunday Western Matinees. He loved to reminisce and tell stories about his childhood antics and escapades.

Unbeknownst to his parents, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Floyd always said that this was the second best decision he ever made, after marrying his wife, Kersti, which was his best decision. Joining the Marine Corps changed his life and provided him with lifelong core beliefs, foundations, and principles that he followed. During his years in the Corps, he was stationed at the United States Marine Corps Barracks in Washington DC, at 8th and I Streets, where he served our country, marched in the Friday Evening Parades, as well as the Inaugural Parade of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, participated at White House functions, and ultimately dutifully served his country in the Korean War.

Floyd remained always faithful and devoted to the Corps, active in Veterans affairs, participated as a member and leader in numerous Veteran and patriotic organizations, such as the American Legion and War Veteran's Councils. Even into his nineties, Floyd continued to donate bags of toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program and would stay around to banter with the Marines. He always supported the Marines and made several trips to Washington annually with his family to soak in the Evening Parade and socialize with the Marines. As he would drive to Washington, DC, he would beam and say "I'm going home". He met and socialized with many guest dignitaries at these parades, including United States Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., with whom he concurred, that the Marine Corps Parade "was the greatest show in town."

Just a few years ago in 2018, after Floyd and his family enjoyed the Evening Parade, the Marines unexpectedly honored him with a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing his great service to his country.

Floyd graduated from William Penn High School and then Lebanon Valley College in 1953. After his Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps, Floyd followed in his father's footsteps and became a lawyer. He graduated from the Dickinson School of Law in 1959. He began his law career working side by side with his dad, Moe, in the law firm that eventually would become their namesake of Baturin & Baturin Law Offices.

Practicing law was Floyd's great passion for well over 60 years. He built a diverse, wide-ranging practice, representing individuals and generational clients, in corporate, estate, civil and criminal matters, as well as many other areas of the law. A good portion of his practice was devoted to pro bono work, as he was always committed and passionate in helping and representing those less fortunate.

His early practice included the representation of the city's first professional football team, the Harrisburg Capitols, and the representation of SAAB Corporation which provided him the opportunity to travel to Stockholm, Sweden on numerous occasions for legal work, including one remarkable time in 1965 as he would reminisce, "Just think SAAB sent me to Sweden and the rest is history." It was as an attorney for SAAB on a legal work trip to Stockholm, where he met the love of his life and future wife of 56 years, Kersti Renee Neuman. After knowing each other for one day in May, he proposed to Kersti that evening and since she felt the same about him, she said yes.

What a shock it was for Ruth and Moe, when Floyd returned from Sweden and handed them a Swedish newspaper with his name in ink. His parents questioned "Why is your name in the Swedish paper?" His response, "Oh, that is my engagement announcement." Floyd and Kersti were married three months later in Stockholm, Sweden.

They were married for 56 wonderful and blessed years and had four children, and many grandchildren. He was a loving, active, engaged, and influential father and grandfather.

Floyd maintained a love for his wide-ranging law practice and a penchant for the law that remained with him throughout his life. His office was a fixture on North Second Street in Harrisburg. As often as he could, he would walk to the courthouse for cases and filings, walk to the post office for mailings, and walk to other offices or restaurants when necessary. He understood how important it was to keep his body and mind healthy.

Floyd welcomed client appointments and walk-ins as he maintained an enthusiasm for the direct social contact with clients, which became one of the genuine and beloved hallmarks of his practice. He was not quick to turn anyone away having an abundance of time for the clients most in need. Floyd thoroughly enjoyed meeting with each client who were also eager to listen to his stories and to follow his legal advice. Floyd Baturin did not just represent clients, he represented generations of families. He represented all of his clients zealously, knowledgeably, and compassionately.

Over his sixty year career, there were so many situations where Floyd's commitment, concern, and compassion for his clients were paramount. In 1972, Hurricane Agnes destroyed Floyd's family's home and car. Floyd and his family were helped by the National Guard and taken to a shelter. There was no telephone communication available with clients. Despite these conditions, to the disbelief of Floyd's clients, Floyd walked into the Cumberland County Courthouse, his suit covered in mud, with his three toddlers in tow, to handle an adoption hearing for his client because it was the most important legal proceeding for his client.

He empathized with his clients and the difficult positions that so many of them faced and was recognized for his many years of providing legal services to the community. He received an Official Citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for his service work. This formal recognition recognized but a fraction of the time he devoted to helping clients in need.

In addition to serving the needs of his clients, he loved to interact with fellow members of the Bar and was always available and willing to provide his colleagues, fellow attorneys and legal professionals with his sharp insights, well thought-out reasoning and sound practical advice whenever asked. He enjoyed a good discourse and he would often invite others to join him for "an old – fashioned conversation."

A gifted writer, Floyd enjoyed writing letters to the editor in the Patriot News and working on his interesting and witty articles that were published in the Pennsylvania Lawyer Magazine. He covered all sorts of esoteric topics, ranging from his observations of law firm letterheads and titles, to Latin's vital role in the legal profession. He kept a running tally of his articles and the responses to them and he would wait excitedly, but patiently, to see when the other members of his law office would notice and read the articles.

Floyd felt it was important to support professional organizations, and so over the years, Floyd served as a CLE Panelist on numerous occasions, served on many Dauphin County and Pennsylvania Bar Association Committees and Sections, and attended numerous board and chair meetings. Even in his ninety-third year of life, he still completed his CLE requirements, and was still an active member of the Dauphin County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

He was extremely proud that three of his children, Madelaine, Monica and Harry, followed in his footsteps becoming attorneys, ultimately joining him in his family's practice, learning from his wisdom and experience. He was able to engage in the practice of law with his children, just as his father, Moe, had been able to do with him; and this was very important to him. He truly enjoyed reviewing cases and strategies with his children and attending legal functions, Dauphin County full day CLE programs and meetings with them. His children will always be grateful for the many years they were able to practice law alongside their father and will retain the knowledge and lessons they learned from Floyd, and will always remain faithful.

Floyd appreciated the value of life and cared about people. When people were at their worst, he would help them the most, by visiting and cheering up those in the hospital and nursing homes. Floyd wanted to let people know that they were appreciated and would give unexpected

gifts and support to anyone he thought needed it. So often, Floyd's family only learned of his acts of kindness and generosity after being told by the recipient of a pleasant visit or unexpected gift from Floyd.

Not only will Floyd's kindness and generosity be remembered and missed, but so will some of his other specific traits and characteristics, such as his long lectures, use of alliteration, knowledge of history and world affairs, love of reading, wisdom, wit and writings, his wearing of suits and neckties for every occasion, his firm handshakes, straight posture, strength and strong independent personality.

Floyd M. Baturin was a good and honorable man, son, brother, uncle, husband, father, grandfather, friend, and lawyer. He was a brave man who served his country, a great role model who provided for his family, and a respected attorney who represented his clients with integrity and great zealousness. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

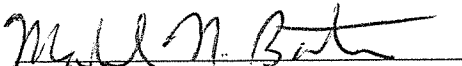
When Floyd passed away on January 10, 2022, he passed on a great legacy. His 93-year life brought forth an endless amount of good deeds, good humor, fascinating intellectual pursuits, continual inspiration to his family and friends and abounding kindness. Sir Winston Churchill once stated, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." It is clear that Floyd Baturin made a great life for himself.

Therefore, be it resolved, that in the passing of Floyd M. Baturin, our community has lost a most honorable gentleman, citizen and wonderful practitioner and affectionate Member of the Bar.

And resolved further, that the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, in meeting assembled, mourn the death of our esteemed colleague, Floyd M. Baturin, and extend our deepest sympathies to his many family members and friends.

And resolved further, that copies of the Memorial Resolution be spread upon the records of the Dauphin County Courts and the Dauphin County Bar Association, that the original copy be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary, and that the copies be transmitted to his family.

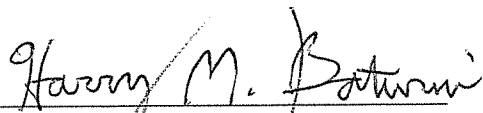
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