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STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF THE HON. STANLEY J. ROSZKOWSKI (RET.)

ROCKFORD – Stanley J. Roszkowski, former district judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, died Monday afternoon in Rockford, Illinois, he was 91 years old.

On July 19, 1977, President Jimmy Carter nominated him to a seat on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Judge Roszkowski initially was assigned to hear cases in Chicago, where he served full time for seven years, while also hearing cases part time in Rockford. To better serve the citizens of the western counties of the Northern District of Illinois, he advocated for a permanent court in Rockford. On November 1, 1984, Judge Roszkowski was assigned as the first full time District Court Judge in the Western Division. He served in the Western Division until his retirement in 1998.

In 2009, Senator Richard J. Durbin introduced legislation to name the United States Courthouse in Rockford, then under construction, for Judge Roszkowski. The legislation became Public Law 111-14 when President Obama signed the bill into law on April 23, 2009. The Stanley J. Roszkowski U.S. Courthouse was officially opened and dedicated on October 29, 2011.

Chief Judge Ruben Castillo said, “Judge Roszkowski was an outstanding jurist and a wonderful colleague. Stan was a true American hero and patriot who served his country admirably in World War II as a member of the Air Force. He flew thirty-four missions out of Italy in B-24 bombers. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Roszkowski was one of Rockford’s premier trial attorneys. We will miss him greatly, and our hearts go out to his entire family.”

The arrangements are as follows:

Visitation

Friday, July 11, 2014
3:00 to 8:00 p.m.
[Olson Funeral Home](#)
2811 North Main Street
Rockford, Illinois
815-963-6521

Funeral Service

Saturday, July 12, 2014
11:00 a.m.
[Second Congregational Church](#)
318 North Church Street
Rockford, Illinois
815-489-6670