



JUDGE AUGUSTINE J. BOWE

Judge Bowe, 73, Dies During A Walk

Judge Augustine J. Bowe, chief of the Chicago Municipal Division of the Circuit Court, was found dead on the sidewalk Sunday at 1420 N. Lake Shore.

The 73-year-old jurist was believed to have died of natural causes. There were no marks of violence on the body and no evidence that he had been robbed, the police said. An autopsy was scheduled for Monday.

Judge Bowe had left his home at 1120 N. Lake Shore for an afternoon walk. At 4:55 p.m., policemen responded to a call that a man had collapsed.

They took Judge Bowe to Henrotin Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Wife Called Police

The judge had been under treatment for heart and circulatory ailments. When he was late returning from his

walk, his wife Julia notified the police.

Mrs. Bowe's description of the judge matched that of the man who had been found on the street, the police noticed.

Mrs. Bowe and her son John, of 2431 N. Orchard, a Loop attorney, went to the county morgue, where the son identified the body of his father.

Native Of Chicago

Judge Bowe, a native Chicagoan, was a graduate of Loy-

ola University here and was admitted to the bar in 1913. He practiced law until elected to the old Chicago Municipal Court in 1961.

When the court system was reorganized Jan. 1, 1964, Chief Judge John S. Boyle appointed him to the post he filled until his death.

Civic Interests

Judge Bowe, a Democrat, was president of the Chicago Bar Assn. from 1955 to 1956.

As an attorney he specialized in trial and appeal law.

He was active in civic affairs, serving as head of the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations.

He also was chairman of the Commission on Chicago Architectural Landmarks, a member of the Citizens Board of Loyola University and of the Prisoners Welfare Assn. and a for-

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mer president of the Modern Poetry Assn.

Judge Bowe was known for his humanitarian approach to the administration of justice and was credited by his associates with raising the prestige of the municipal bench.

Tribute By Daley

Mayor Daley, after learning of the death, said, "Chicago has lost one of its greatest citizens with the death of Augustine Bowe. As a lawyer, judge, humanitarian and patron of the arts, he made outstanding contributions to the city and its people.

"He was a champion of human rights recognized everywhere for his compassion, kindness and generosity," the mayor said. "Chicago has lost a great citizen. I have lost a personal friend."

Other Tributes

John S. Boyle, chief justice of the Circuit Court of Cook County, said:

"Judge Bowe was a fine man, a great administrator and a perfect gentleman—a truly lovely man. Although he had been a judge a short time, he compiled an outstanding record, and before becoming a judge, he was an outstanding trial lawyer."

Seymour Simon, County Board president, said that at a funeral service last Thursday, Judge Bowe called the deceased "a kind, reasonable and merciful man." I would say Judge Bowe was a kind, reasonable and merciful public official. I am sorry to lose a good and kind friend."

Thomas J. Boodell, president of the Chicago Bar Assn., said, "The bar and the bench have lost a great figure. He was an outstanding lawyer, past president of the Chicago Bar Assn., and a great jurist.

"It will be very difficult for the chief judge to replace him. Personally, he was a warm and gracious friend."