

Judge Bowe Dies at 73

HE COLLAPSES DURING WALK NEAR HOME

Led Municipal Division of Court

Augustine J. Bowe, presiding judge of the Municipal division of Circuit court, collapsed in a snow bank and died yesterday during a pre-dinner stroll along Lake Shore drive near his home.

Judge Bowe, 73, who lived at 1120 Lake Shore dr. and was president of the Chicago Bar association in 1955 and 1956, was pronounced dead of apparently natural causes in Henrotin hospital.

His body was taken to the county morgue, where it was identified three hours later by his widow, Julia, and his son, John, 2481 Orchard st., a lawyer with offices at 7 N. Dearborn st.

Carried No Identification

Identification of the judge was delayed because he carried no papers at the time of his death. His pockets contained \$13.25 in bills and change.

Police were tracing a laundry mark in his shirt when



Judge Bowe

Mrs. Bowe telephoned a family friend, Minor K. Wilson, chief aid to Police Supt. O. W. Wilson, to report that she was worried because the judge was late in coming home from his walk.

Coroner Andrew J. Toman scheduled an autopsy for this morning.

Judge Bowe collapsed in front of an apartment building at 1430 Lake Shore dr. Fred Huhley, a car hiker in a garage in the building, discovered him lying in the snow and called police.

Judge Bowe made it a practice to walk four miles every day, regardless of weather, his nephew, William J. Bowe said.

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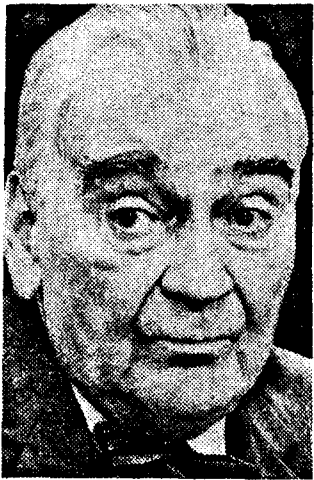
While at the morgue, Mrs. Bowe talked on the telephone with Mayor Daley and Chief Judge John S. Boyle of Circuit court.

Judge Boyle said Judge Bowe was "a good administrator, a fine judge, and, above all, a perfect gentleman."

Mayor Daley said: "Chicago has lost one of its greatest citizens with the death of Judge 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. Chicago has lost a great citizen. I have lost a personal friend."

Judge Boyle said no decision

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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 precious friend."