

AUGUSTINE J. BOWE JUDGE IN CHICAGO

Poetry Journal Co-Founder,
Civic Leader, Dead

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CHICAGO, Feb. 7—Augustine J. Bowe, presiding judge of the Municipal Division of the Circuit Court, collapsed and died of a heart attack Sunday night while taking a walk near his home. He was 73 years old.

As a sophomore at Loyola University, where he received a law degree, Mr. Bowe and Harriet Monroe founded Poetry magazine, to which he was a regular contributor. He continued writing poetry after leaving college and published more than 30 poems.

He was president of the Modern Poetry Association, which publishes the magazine in Chicago. Through the years it has published the works of almost all leading American poets.

Mr. Bowe, a native of Chicago, was elected chief justice of the Municipal Court System in 1960 when he ran for the post as a Democratic party "blue ribbon" candidate following a traffic ticket scandal.

He served in that capacity until January, 1965, when a judicial reform amendment to the State Constitution placed the Municipal Court in the Circuit Court system and he headed that division.

Before becoming a judge, Mr. Bowe had practiced law here from 1913 until 1960. He was a member of the firm of Bowe, Bowe and Casey, in which his son, John, is a partner.

He was president of the Chicago Bar Association in 1955 and 1956, chairman of the Chicago Human Relations Commission from 1948 to 1960 and had served as chairman of the Illinois Committee for Equal Job Opportunities. He had been a director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Bowe also was chairman of the Commission on Chicago Architectural Landmarks, a member of the Citizens Board of Loyola University and a member of the Prisoners Welfare Association.

Surviving are his widow, Julia, his son, a daughter, Mrs. Willard O. Thompson of Cleveland, and four grandchildren.