

Judge dedicated himself to civic affairs

Archie Gingold had long career on bench

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Archie Gingold, a prominent judge in Ramsey County for more than 40 years, died Thursday night at Wellington, Assisted Living in St. Paul where he had resided for more than a year. He was 97.

Gingold was appointed to a St. Paul Municipal Court bench in 1954 by Gov. C. Elmer Anderson and was appointed to the Ramsey County District Court bench in 1960 by Gov. Orville Freeman. From there, he would serve for 18 years with the juvenile branch of the court and would establish several programs to involve families with professional, religious and service volunteers.

Sandra Iverson, one of his three daughters, said the judge's health steadily declined in recent weeks. "It was like he just wore out," she said.

His career on the bench and

in civic affairs, however, was tireless.

Gingold started several counseling programs for juveniles and their families, particularly involving alcohol treatments and programs. Some of these became statewide programs.

The judge also led drives to reform programs at the Ramsey County Workhouse, to establish a statewide group-home program for juveniles, and to create the existing Ramsey County Juvenile Service Center.

Gingold retired from the juvenile court bench in 1978 at age 70 and then served the district court for another 10 years as a senior judge in court training programs and as a special judge in civil trials.

Outside the courtroom, Gingold was involved with the St. Paul United Way and its speakers and lawyers committees, as well as the Bethesda Foundation. He also was a president of the Hallie Q. Brown set-



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tlement house and a board member for the St. Paul-Ramsey Mental Health Board and the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Paul.

Over the years, he received awards from Brandeis University, Ramsey County Bar Association, Mount Zion Temple, the St. Paul Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous, Goodwill Industries, the Minnesota Newspaper Association, St. Paul Area Clergy Associa-

tion and Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America. He also received an honorary Ph.D. from the University of St. Thomas Law School.

Gingold was born Aug. 8, 1908, in St. Paul, went to the former Mechanic Arts High School, Macalester College and St. Thomas, and was admitted to the bar in 1933. He served in the Army during World War II and returned in late 1945 to resume his law practice and marry Helen Mae Swanson. She preceded him in death.

He is survived by daughters Sandra Iverson, Carla Feldhamer and Mimi Gingold; a brother, Bernard; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave., in St. Paul. Burial will be immediately after the service at Acacia Park Cemetery with a reception to follow at Mount Zion Temple. Shiva is 5 p.m. Sunday at Mount Zion Temple.