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“Servant of God, well done,
well has thou fought the better fight. . . .”
John Milton, *Paradise Lost*

If any one word could summarize those adult years that Lee Hummel was with us, that word would be service—service to his profession, his country, his family and friends, and service to his faith. In none of these did he ever falter or fail.

Lee Hummel was born in the village of Mapleton, in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. His father, Heber H. Hummel, was a minister of the Church of the United Brethren; he and Lee’s mother, Vera Ann Walters Hummel, saw to it that Lee had the upbringing of a clergyman’s son, which is to say he was imbued with self-reliance and responsibility and was always motivated by love and concern for others. After his family made those moves so typically made by a minister’s family, Lee graduated from Johnstown Central High School in 1947 and thereafter from the University of Pittsburgh.

Lee’s life of service began, as it did for many of that era, in the armed forces. Although military service interrupted his plans for law school, Lee served his country well and without complaint with the Eighth Army in Korea. He returned from that conflict as a corporal.

When I first had the pleasure of knowing Lee, we were both

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students at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. All of us who knew Lee could not help but admire his sense of humor, his humility, his good nature, and his dedication to fairness—characteristics that were evident throughout his professional life.

Not content to use his training simply as a means to earn a livelihood, Lee gave generously of his time and talents to the profession. His activities on its behalf cannot be listed here, except those that were perhaps more visible. He served on the Law Day Committee, the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, and was Secretary of the Allegheny County Bar Association. He served for many years as Articles Editor of the *Pittsburgh Legal Journal*, where his talent will forever be seen in the skillful touch he gave to the professional articles that appeared in the monthly.

While an attorney in the Trust Department of Pittsburgh National Bank and thereafter as a partner of the firm of Anderson, Moreland & Bush, Lee generously shared his knowledge with his colleagues at the Bar in numerous continuing legal education programs. Having always understood the difficulties faced by law students, Lee had recently become an adjunct professor at Duquesne University School of Law where he quickly obtained a reputation for patience, lucidity, and wit.

Throughout all of his adult years, Lee was a loving husband to his wife Nancy, and a devoted father to five children. For many years he was an active member of the Board of Directors of the Wesley Institute, a charitable organization helping children with emotional and education disabilities.

Lee's life of unselfish service ended abruptly. Stricken with a massive stroke on January 17, 1982, he immediately lapsed into a coma from which he never recovered. Lee died on January 28, 1982 and, while with us all too short a time, leaves a legacy of faithful service that will long be remembered by the many whose lives he touched.