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Fred Louis III, 67

Oct. 7, 1935 - June 20, 2003

NORTHBROOK, IL – Fred or Skip as he was known to friends and family was born Oct. 7, 1935, the son of Fred Louis, Jr. and Louise Carpenter Louis in Harlan, where he lived until he left for Dartmouth College in 1954. Fred attended Harlan High School participating in numerous activities, including vocal and instrumental music and drama. He excelled in athletics, particularly in football and track and field.

During his junior year he began dating Lona Nielsen, who became his wife in 1960. He went to Dartmouth College on a Naval ROTC scholarship. He joined the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and Glee Club. During his senior year he managed the Glee Club as well as singing in each concert. Fred served in the U.S. Navy until 1961. He was a supply officer both on board the U.S.S. Ross and later at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, VA. Upon leaving the Navy he attended Yale Law School, graduating in 1964. While at Yale Law School, he chaired the Barristers' Union and participated in the prize trial, taking second prize. Fred and Lona moved to Chicago in 1964 and to Northbrook in 1968. He practiced law continuously from 1964 until his death. He started his career with Lord, Bissell & Brook in Chicago and worked as Assistant General Counsel for A.B. Dick, Abbott Laboratories and Bell & Howell. In 1975, he started his own practice. Over the last 28 years he became a skilled trial attorney with both corporations and individuals as clients, many of whom were referred by fellow attorneys. Since the 1980's, Fred was associated with Edward M. Grabill and other Northbrook-based attorneys. However, Fred maintained his office in Chicago in close proximity to the state and federal courts. Early in his private practice, he served as lead counsel in a major discrimination lawsuit filed in the Federal Court in Chicago. After settlement, Fred was elected for two terms as a public advisor to the National Board of Respiratory Care. He was currently an elected member of the Board of Applied Management Professionals, NBRC's not-for-profit corporation. He died June 20, 2003, following a brief illness at age 67.

He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife, Lona; daughters, Amy Louise Lujan (Stan) of Nome, AK and Lona Beth Hedger (David) of Tampa, FL; two grandchildren, Anna Jane Hedger and Caroline Grace Hedger; and other relatives.

Memorial services were held June 28, 2003, at the Northbrook United Methodist Church, Northbrook.