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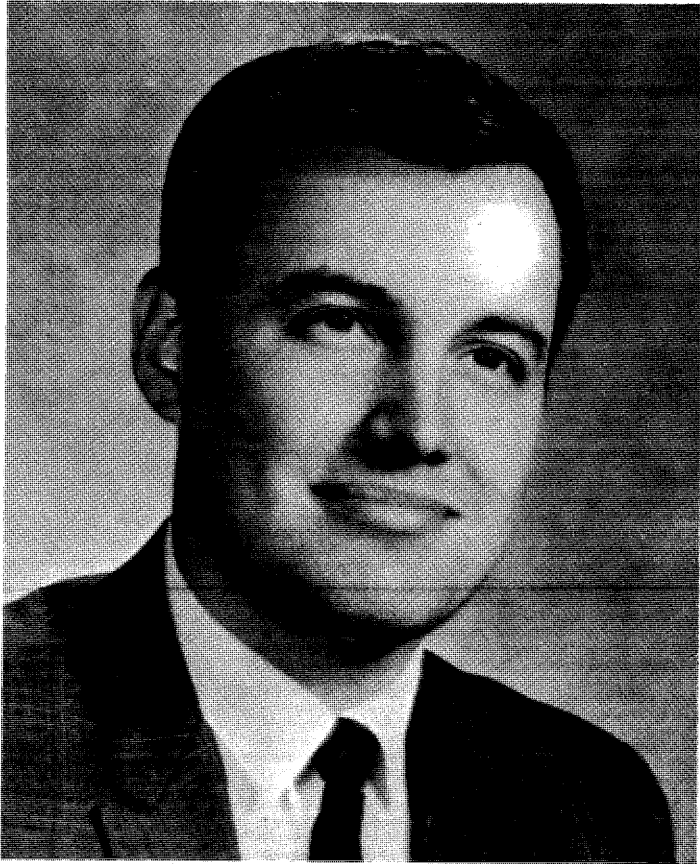
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**Terry L. Crapo**  
**1939-1982**

## In Memorium: Terry L. Crapo 1939—1982

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Terry Crapo's vita is that of a man who lived much longer than 43 years. He earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from Brigham Young University with high honors. In 1963 he received an LL.B., Magna Cum Laude, from Harvard Law School, where he was a Law Review editor. He returned home to Idaho Falls and was admitted to the Idaho bar in 1963. His skills quickly made him a leading practitioner, particularly in trial work and business and estate planning. Terry was also a past President of the Idaho Legal Foundation, a member of the American Law Institute, and a member of the American College of Probate Counsel.

Terry Crapo's public service activities were extraordinary. While carrying on a full time law practice, he served six years in the Idaho House of Representatives, four of those years as majority leader. He was a major participant in successful efforts to have the Model Business Corporation Act and the Uniform Probate Code adopted in Idaho. Terry was also a member of the Idaho Republican Party State Central Committee and of the Boards of Directors of the Idaho Falls LDS Hospital, the Idaho Falls Public Library, and the Idaho Falls Community Concert Association.

Terry was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His service in that body was extensive. For approximately ten years he was President of the Idaho Falls West Stake of the Church and at the time of his death he was serving as a Regional Representative in the Rexburg, Idaho area.

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Beginning in 1975, Terry taught full time each winter semester at our Law School. He offered courses in wills, estates, federal estate and gift tax, advanced estate planning, estate planning for farmers and ranchers, and estate planning document drafting. He co-authored two books, *Idaho Probate System* in 1977 and *Idaho Estate Planning Forms* in 1981. He was also the author of several articles in law reviews and professional journals.

This summary of Terry Crapo's professional life presents a story of remarkable accomplishment. But the impressive paper record fails to capture the things which we, who were his closest associates at the Law School, appreciated most about him and remember most clearly. Our purpose is to share a few impressions with those who may have their own memories of Terry and with our students and fellow members of the bar who may be encouraged by the example of an outstanding law teacher and lawyer whose human qualities drew many people to him.

When Terry Crapo came to this Law School he was already a man of considerable accomplishment, while many of us were struggling to establish ourselves professionally. In spite of that gap, he was the most approachable and least condescending of colleagues. He was not merely willing, but anxious, to listen to what other faculty members were discovering in their research and teaching and to offer encouragement.

Terry's personal gifts also made him an eminent performer in law practice and law teaching. He was a quick study with sharp analytical skills. He could grasp problems and be proceeding to an answer while most were still milling about the threshold. He produced work with remarkable speed. He read faster than the rest of us, he wrote faster than the the rest of us, and he could type as fast as many professional secretaries. As a result, he could get out a first draft and proceed to a finished product while other people were still searching for the handles to the problem.

Terry's oral skills were outstanding. His teaching was warmly appreciated by the students and his classes were heavily elected. He was a popular continuing legal education speaker, and although his practice was oriented towards business and estate planning, he was in considerable demand for trial work.

We never failed to be impressed by the work schedule to which Terry held himself. He would typically arrive in Provo by air on Tuesday morning, teach a heavy schedule through Thurs-

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day, fly to Idaho Falls on Thursday evening, handle law practice, community, church, and family matters on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday and then be back to the Law School on Tuesday. During all this, he would carry out a full quota of committee assignments and would frequently be involved in a writing project. He literally did the work of two full-time professionals—full-time teacher/scholar and full-time practitioner.

A person who accomplished as much as Terry Crapo and worked as hard might be expected to be either grim or harried and distracted. Terry was neither. We have worked closely with him at the Law School and have traveled with him to participate in continuing legal education programs. We have joined him in the battle against advancing age by sharing racquetball matches and laps on the track. We have also lost some of our gymnasium gains by participation in lunchtime excursions in pursuit of his favorite sandwiches. In all these activities, Terry was a delightful colleague who was willing to join in pranks and who enjoyed the jokes and companionship of his friends.

Perhaps Terry's greatest human quality was his ability to relate to people and to make those around him feel comfortable. His accomplishments never tainted his likeable personality. He treated his students with the same respect and consideration that he extended to faculty members. He regularly poked fun at himself and, if someone happened to mention one of his accomplishments, he would immediately give the credit to another or understate the significance of the achievement.

We particularly loved the fact that, in spite of his accomplishments and responsibilities, he never entirely grew up, but instead brought to our lives a childlike exuberance for the ordinary delights of life and friends. We also appreciated the example that Terry presented of a conscientious family head. Anyone who spent significant time with him soon realized that his wife and children were the center of his life and the foundation of his happiness.

Perhaps the greatest loss to our Law School from Terry Crapo's passing will be the deprivation of his role model for our students—and indeed for our faculty. Terry succeeded, as few do, in accommodating many important, but sometimes competing, values: professional values, leadership values, spiritual values, and family values.

Our common faith in the immortality of the human soul and our assurance of God's love for all of his children take some

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**of the sting from Terry's passing, but we feel the loss of our friend and miss him greatly. We shall seek to honor his memory by striving for excellence in our own professional and personal lives.**