

# IN MEMORY OF ROBERT M. SPIRE

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On behalf of the Creighton University School of Law, the Board of Editors of the *Creighton Law Review* dedicates this issue of the law review to the memory of Robert Spire, a friend to many, including the law school. Although Robert Spire did not graduate from the law school, he nonetheless lived his life in a way that every graduate of the Creighton Law School - indeed, every member of the legal profession - should emulate. As a result, it is with great honor that the law review celebrates the life of Robert Spire: A man loved by many and respected by all.

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While it is true to state that Robert Spire "did not graduate from the law school," the fact is that Bob Spire received a degree from Creighton University — doctor of laws, *honoris causa*. At the time of his death, Bob Spire had agreed to join the faculty of the Creighton University School of Law. Given these events, Creighton Law School considered Bob Spire as "one of our own." It was altogether fitting, therefore, that the law school celebrated the life of Bob Spire in a special memorial ceremony held at the Ahmanson Law Center on October 19, 1994.

Because music was so central to Bob's life, the memorial ceremony included a Chopin opus, the *Maple Leaf Rag*, and a gospel medley. Talk about a celebration! The audience was rhapsodized, mesmerized, and energized by the pulsating rhythms. For a brief moment, the audience members could close their eyes and envision Bob at the piano, transported to days past when the Attorney General of the State of Nebraska would relax by tickling the ivories.

The memorial service included as well the comments of several speakers. I was among those asked to participate, as high an honor as I have ever received. What I said that day may be summarized by the message that appeared on the buttons Dean Lawrence Rafal handed out at the memorial service. If we want to honor Bob's memory and do *him* justice, we need to heed the button's message: "BE LIKE BOB!"

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