Judge Charles W. Joiner

February 14, 1916—March 10, 2017

Judge Charles W. Joiner of Naples, Florida died March 10, 2017 at the age of 101. Judge Joiner was born to Mary von Schrader Joiner and Melvin William Joiner on February 14, 1916 in Maquoketa, Iowa. He married Anna Helen Martin in 1939. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Margaret Lozier and Charlotte Child, his brother Otis Joiner, and his daughter-in-law Carol Joiner. He is survived by three children: Charles Jr. (Katherine) of Greenville, SC; Nancy (Stan) Bidlack of Pinckney, MI; Richard of Madisonville, KY; seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Judge Joiner was appointed by President Richard Nixon as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan on June 9, 1972. He took senior status on August 15, 1984. He served as a District Judge at the Court’s Ann Arbor location.

Judge Joiner was a graduate of Maquoketa Junior College and the University of Iowa, receiving a B.A. degree in 1937 and a J.D. degree in 1939. During World War II he served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force from 1942 until 1945.

Judge Joiner was a member of the Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1972-1978; the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules, 1959-1970; and on the Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence, 1964-1975. He served as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Michigan Procedural Revision, 1956-1962; Director of Research and Drafting for the Michigan Constitutional Convention, 1961-1962; and was one of the Michigan Commissioners on Uniform State Laws since 1963. He was a member of the American Bar Association, the American Bar Foundation, the American Law Institute, the American Judicature Society, the Michigan Association of the Professions, the National Conference of Bar Presidents, the State Bar of Iowa, the State Bar of Michigan and President of the Scribes.