Warren W. Lehman’s large and generous heart finally failed on the evening of Saturday, November 16, 1991. His death silences a profound and moving voice for his circle of family, friends and colleagues. Warren was born in Chicago on July 18, 1930. He received his A.B. from the University of Chicago in 1950, and later was a graduate student in the University’s history department. He was also Human Relations Officer for the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, Research Director for the Boy Scouts of America, Housing Specialist for the Chicago Urban League, and writer and editor for U.S. Industries of Santa Barbara, California, before returning to the University of Chicago Law School. He received his J.D. in 1964 and was the Bigelow Teaching Fellow from 1964 to 1965.

He became Assistant Professor and Associate Dean at Washington University Law School in St. Louis before coming to the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1968. He was Associate Dean here from 1977 to 1981, retired as Professor in July 1990, and was appointed Emeritus Professor soon after. Both as Associate Dean and teacher, he was especially interested in the tutelage of foreign law students, and he and his family invited them into their home as guests throughout the year and on holidays.

His areas of interest were criminal law, trademark, and especially jurisprudence. As his career developed, he became increasingly interested in the relationship of the law to psychology and psychiatry and to wider issues in philosophy. At the same time, his concern with personal experience and the way it illuminated legal issues deepened, and more importantly, he expanded his exploration of a sense of intuitive moral responsibility. He was the author of more than fifty books, papers, and articles. His honors included his appointment as Scholar in Residence at the Lewis Law Center of Washington & Lee University and as Resident at the Rockefeller Study Center in Bellagio, Italy. He twice held the Smoneski Research Professorship at the University of Wisconsin Law School, and was listed in Who’s Who in America. Upon his retirement, he continued his teaching in jurisprudence, and devoted himself to the development of a new publication, of which he was the editor, The Madison Journal, A Review of Spirit, Culture and Law. During his residence in Chicago in the 1950’s and early 1960’s, and again during his residence in the Marquette neighborhood in Madison in the late 1960’s and 1970’s, he was active in local community organizations and politics. He was a recovering alcoholic who spent the last 14 years of his life as a beloved participant in the recovering community. He was also a talented painter and photographer who exhibited his work and actively participated in the local photographic community. He will be remembered by his students, colleagues and friends as a source of ideas, spiritual strength and leadership; and by his family as a loving and supportive husband, brother, father, uncle and grandfather.

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