

## **The Honorable Merlin S. Young**

The District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Idaho, their Judges, clerks and staff, mourn the passing of the Honorable Merlin S. Young, retired United States Bankruptcy Judge, who died on August 14, 2007

Judge Young was born in Eden, Idaho on December 5, 1918. He graduated from Boise High School and Whitman College. After completing two years at the University of Michigan Law School, he served as a U.S. Naval Officer in the Pacific during World War II. He completed his legal education at the University of Southern California in 1946.

Judge Young was admitted to the Idaho Bar in 1946 and engaged in private practice with his cousin, Willis Moffatt, from 1946 to 1950. He was elected Ada County Prosecuting Attorney in 1950 and, in 1952, he was elected to the Idaho State Legislature as a representative of Ada County. While in the Legislature, he served as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. In the fall of 1954, Judge Young was elected District Judge in the Idaho state courts, where he served for 14 years.

In 1969, Judge Young was appointed by the District Court for the District of Idaho as Referee under the Bankruptcy Act. He served in that capacity until being appointed as the first United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Idaho in December of 1979. Judge Young served in that capacity with distinction until his retirement in 1984.

Judge Young's family has announced that a graveside inurnment service will be held on September 15, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise, and that those wishing to honor his memory consider donations to the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho, of which Judge Young was a longtime member.

