

ROBERT G. GEMIGNANI

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Robert G. Gemignani, 63, died Saturday, Aug. 16, 1986, of a pulmonary embolism while being examined in his doctor's office at 2300 N. Rockton Ave., Rockford, Ill.

He was born on May 2, 1923 in Morrison, Ill., the son of Guido and Olga Gemignani. He lived many years in Rockford, returning there from Iowa in 1955.

He married the former Virginia Johnston in Brooklyn, Iowa on June 5, 1976.

Bob was employed as chief administrative assistant by the Winnebago County state's attorney's office for 23 years, and at the time of his death was the county's top criminal prosecutor.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Marine Corps as part of the U.S. occupation force in Japan.

He was a member of St. Bridget Catholic Church, Loves Park.

Bob attended Rockford Central High School and graduated from Morrison High School in 1941. He graduated from Drake University Law School in 1950. He served one year in 1965 as a magistrate judge for Winnebago County. Earlier, he was employed as claims manager for State Farm Insurance Co. and General Adjustment Bureau for Rockford area.

In 1981, he was honored as first recipient of Rockford Rape-Counseling Center citizen award

for exemplary service to the community; for successful prosecution work with rape victims. In 1977, he testified before a U.S. House subcommittee on links between sexual child abuse and child pornography, and fought for stronger federal laws dealing with interstate transportation, production and sale of pornographic materials.

He was a part-time instructor in criminal law at Rock Valley College, and lectured on criminal justice to prosecutors and police authorities throughout the area.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; two sons, Gene and Danny Gemignani, both of Missoula, Mont.; a daughter, Paula Realini, Minneapolis, Minn.; two grandchildren, John Realini and Kristin Gemignani; a brother, James Gemignani, Moline, Ill.; a sister, Gloria Pearson, Clinton, Ia.; and his sister-in-law, Frances Paulson and her husband, Paul, of Brooklyn.

The Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in St. Bridget Catholic Church, Rockford, with the Rev. Raymond P. Gordon, pastor emeritus, officiating. Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Brooklyn, with the Rev. Lawrence Vogel officiating.

A memorial will be established at a later date.