

EARLY YEARS AND CAREER

Kermit Bye was born in this Great Northern Railroad section house in Hatton, ND. His grandfather worked for the railroad, and his parents lived there. They could not get to the hospital because of a raging January blizzard.



Kermit Edward Bye was born in a railroad section house to Kermit and Margaret Bye during a raging blizzard in Hatton, North Dakota, on January 13, 1937.

Kermit grew up in the small town of Hatton and graduated from its high school in 1954. He worked nine summers during high school, college, and law school at Hatton's Cooperative Creamery, delivering milk. He also sold advertising for Grand Forks' KNOX radio station and worked in catalog sales at Montgomery Ward.



Judge Bye's father, Kermit Bertrand Bye, was an accountant and State Farm agent. Judge Bye's mother, Margaret Brekke Bye, was an elementary school teacher.

He graduated with his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of North Dakota in 1959 and his Juris Doctorate, with distinction, from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1962. He served on the editorial board of the *North Dakota Law Review* (1961-1962) and was a member of the International Legal Honor Society of Phi Delta Phi, whose members are selected for their academic ability, moral compass, and personal integrity. He is the first University of North Dakota School of Law graduate to be appointed as a United States Circuit Judge.



Kermit (standing), sister Marjorie, and brother Carl.



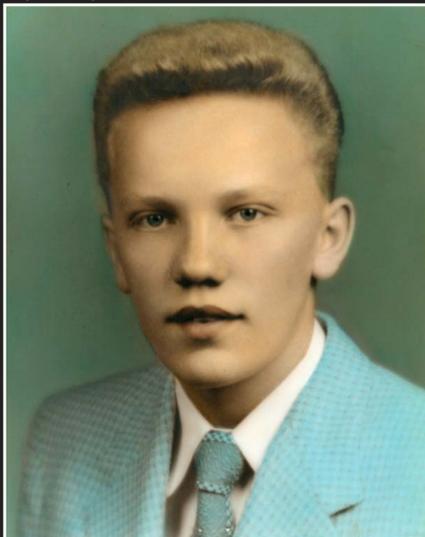
Two above: Judge Bye as a child.

Following law school, Kermit Bye launched his legal career working for the state of North Dakota as Deputy Securities Commissioner from 1962 until 1964 and as Special Assistant Attorney General from 1964 until 1966. He then was appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of North Dakota, serving from 1966 until 1968. Thereafter, he joined the Vogel law firm (later Vogel, Weir, Bye, Hunke & McCormick) in Fargo, North Dakota, where he practiced in both federal and state trial and appellate courts, specializing in business litigation and professional liability, for nearly 32 years from 1968 until 2000.

Judge Bye as a young lawyer.



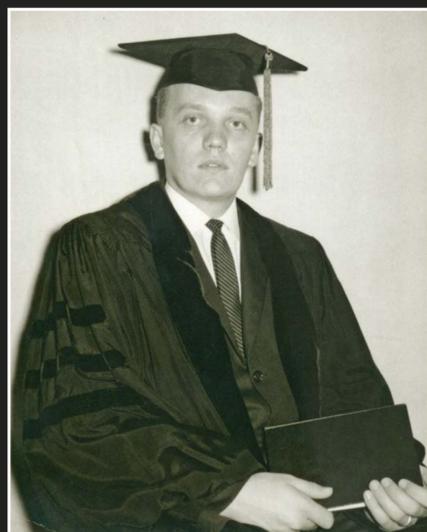
High school graduation, 1954.



Halton High School, where Judge Bye attended 12 years of school.



University of North Dakota School of Law in Grand Forks.



Law school graduation, 1962.



Judge Bye with his mentor and friend, Mart Vogel of the Vogel law firm, where Bye practiced law for 32 years.