

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Judge Bye's service has extended far beyond the legal community. He was chair of the Advisory Board and a founder of the North Dakota Small Business Investment Company, and served on the Board of Directors of the Greater North Dakota Association and the State Executive Board of U.S. West (now CenturyLink) Communications, Inc. He served on numerous other boards of businesses and civic and philanthropic organizations, including as Vice Chairman and founding member of the Board of Trustees of the Hope Lutheran Church Foundation, and was a founder and member of the Board of Directors of the North Dakota State University Hockey Club, Inc.

He is a past member of the North Dakota Combined Law Enforcement Council, past member of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Mental Health Center, and past chair and board member of the Red River Human Services Foundation in Fargo.

Judge Bye has been married to Carol Beth, also a native of Hatton, for 57 years. They have three children, Laura (Anthony Yuill), William, and Bethany (Stephan Lindemann), and four grandsons, Brekken, Britton, Oscar, and Conrad. His enjoyments, besides his family and the law, are cameras and photography, hockey, hunting, fishing, and going to the lake.



Above, right: Kermit and Carol Beth Bye's wedding day, August 23, 1958 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hatton.
Above: Three generations of the Bye family, June, 2015.

Top: Carol Beth and Kermit Bye.
Middle: The Byes' children: William, Laura, Bethany, June 2015.
Bottom: The Byes' four grandchildren.

Judge Bye left his small hometown of Hatton, North Dakota to become one of the most highly respected attorneys in the state of North Dakota, and then to ascend to one of the highest, most prestigious legal positions in the nation, that of a federal circuit judge. His contributions to the law and to legal and civic communities are valuable and many.



Judge Bye as Grand Marshal and Carol Beth in Hatton's 4th of July celebration, 2006.



Left: Chief Judge Riley, Judge Smith, and Judge Bye at a UND hockey game.



Below: One of Judge Bye's fishing trips to Canada and Lake Sakakawea in North Dakota.



Above: Judge Bye's camera collection.
Left, middle: Judge Bye hunting with ABA friends.
Left, bottom: Judge Bye hunting with Vogel law firm friends.