



GEORGE FOLEY, SR. (Class of 1940)

While his father and four brothers practiced law in Southern Nevada, George Foley, Sr. shunned the family business for a somewhat lucrative career as a Las Vegas bellhop. It wasn't until one of his brothers teased him about hauling guest's luggage for generous tips that George decided to make tracks for Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. He graduated at the top of his class at the age of 33 in 1956. He returned to Las Vegas and carved out a career as a local attorney.

George was a member of one of the most prominent legal families in our state's history. He was an accomplished lawyer and dedicated public servant who represented his family, friends and state with honor. George served as Clark County District Attorney from 1958 to 1960. He spent most of his career practicing family law and serving as a criminal defense attorney.

He was the son of late Federal Judge Roger T. Foley, for whom the Foley Federal Building on Las Vegas Blvd. South and Bridger is named, and the grandson of attorney Thomas L. Foley. His four brothers were all local attorneys.

The Foley family lived for many years in a humble rural home on California Avenue, a little south of what is now Charleston Blvd. There, they raised cattle, goats and chickens.

George graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1940, where he was a standout on the varsity basketball team for three years. He worked at the BMI plant for three years and served in the U.S. Navy for four years during WWII, working as an aviation radio operator for the Pacific Fleet in Hawaii and Guam.

George is the father of Federal Magistrate George Foley, Jr. Another of his sons, Todd, is an attorney and worked in the White House for President Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

George died on September 26, 2010 at the age of 82.

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