



Harold K. Wood

Born: March 21, 1906, in Mount Vernon, New York
Died: December 17, 1972, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Federal Judicial Service:

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Nominated by Dwight D. Eisenhower on March 2, 1959, to a seat vacated by William H. Kirkpatrick.
Confirmed by the Senate on September 9, 1959, and received commission on September 10, 1959. Assumed senior status due to certified disability on June 24, 1971.
Service terminated on December 17, 1972, due to death.

Education:

Colgate University, A.B., 1927
University of Pennsylvania Law School (now Carey Law School), LL.B., 1934

Professional Career:

Tax Examiner, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: 1940-1941
Assistant District Attorney, Chester County, Pennsylvania: 1942-1945
Legal Counsel, Selective Service System: 1941-1945
Private Practice, Pennsylvania: 1946-1957
U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania: 1957-1959

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Judicial Biography

*President Eisenhower's final nominee was Harold K. Wood of Chester County who succeeded Chief Judge Kirkpatrick when he became a senior judge. After obtaining his undergraduate degree from Colgate University, he came to Philadelphia to attend the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He then worked as an Assistant District Attorney in Chester County and as legal counsel for the Selective Service System during World War II. Subsequently, he was in private practice until the President named him as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in 1957. He moved from that post to his federal judgeship in 1959.

Judge Wood died in Philadelphia on December 17, 1972 at the age of 66.

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