

Farewell to a Friend

On July 6, friends and strangers from across the state paid tribute to Louis L. Goldstein '38 at a public memorial in the State House—a rare honor. Goldstein, 85, died of a heart attack at his home on Friday, July 3. State Archivist Edward Papenfuse was not aware of any other person receiving the honor of a public viewing at the State House—the oldest such building in continuing operation in the country. The honor is appropriate because Goldstein, the son of immigrants, cherished state history and often recited it.

On July 7, the small Trinity United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick was host to as many as 1,000 people, including three surviving former governors who served with Goldstein—William Donald Schaefer, Marvin Mandel and Harry Hughes. Elected officials and old friends embraced and reminisced.



Graduating class of 1938

how much strength Louis drew from his family and how much he loved them, and they him.

“Louis Goldstein served others. He ennobled our politics. He enriched our lives. We shall miss him dearly.”

Afterward, Gov. Parris Glendening, his wife Frances Anne and Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend led a procession of mourners following the flag-draped casket up a steep hill from the church into the Wesley Cemetery, where Goldstein was buried next to Hazel, his wife of 49 years. The pastor offered as a final blessing the words that were Goldstein’s trademark: “May God love and bless y’all real good.”

In his 56-year term of public service, the last 40 as state comptroller, perhaps one of the most fitting tributes of all is the New York-based Standard & Poor’s triple-A rating for the state’s 1998 General Obligation bonds, totaling \$250 million. S&P reaffirmed its AAA rating for all \$3.3 billion worth of outstanding state bonds.

Louis’ memory will be forever cherished by the faculty and staff of the law school for his many efforts and timeless commitment.



The 90-minute nonsectarian service befitted Goldstein with its patriotic and sentimental touches.

President Clinton and Vice President Gore sent letters of condolence.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes eulogized Goldstein (excerpts follow):

“Louis Goldstein practiced the politics of joy, not the politics of hate; he sought to unite people, not to divide them.

“Louis knew the importance of education and what the ladders of opportunity from which he had benefited meant for a healthy society. His love of history...and of Maryland’s heritage infused his life and led him constantly to seek to pass it on...In a very fundamental sense he was a true educator, and we all benefited from his teaching.

“He practiced civility and tolerance in his politics. Louis lived the American dream. He wanted others to be able to live it, too. Louis fought for that dream with valor in World War II...he honored our veterans throughout his life and was, in turn, honored by them.

“Let me just say that for those of us in public life, we valued greatly the example the Goldstein family set. We saw