James W. Rouse ’37

On April 9, 1996, the School of Law and the nation mourned the loss of developer Jim Rouse. A graduate of the class of 1937, he founded the Rouse Company and retired as its chief executive in 1979 to begin what he called “the most important work of my life.” Together with his wife Patricia, their vision to help impoverished communities spawned the Enterprise Foundation, that today works with more than 550 community-based nonprofits and has provided commitments of grants, loans and equity investments exceeding $1.7 billion. Enterprise has helped produce over 61,000 units of housing for very low-income people, one third of whom were either formerly homeless or with special needs.

He founded The Rouse Company in 1954 because he recognized the need for higher quality, better designed and larger retail facilities. He is credited with the creation of Harundale Mall, one of the first large, enclosed shopping malls in America; the Village of Cross Keys in Baltimore; the planned community of Columbia, Md.; and Harborplace, downtown Baltimore’s showcase to the world; in addition to Faneuil Hall in Boston. His vision and work has also brought about economic development and a better quality of life in countless other places around the nation.

Last fall, Jim Rouse was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor by President Clinton who remarked, “If every American developer had done what Jim Rouse has done with his life, we would have lower crime rates, fewer gangs, less drugs. Our children would have a better future. Our

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Joseph M. Moran ’59
Jack I. Mullen ’53
George V. Parkhurst ’33
Bond E. Rhue ’68
George E. Rullman Jr. ’59
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David S. Sykes ’35
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cities would be delightful places to live. We would not walk in fear, we would walk in pride down the streets of our cities, just as we still can in the small towns in America.”

He is survived by his wife Patricia and three children.

Edward Fitzgerald Shea, Jr. ’53

Ed Shea, a graduate of the class of 1953, was a partner with Kaplan, Greenberg, Engleman & Belgrad who specialized in public utility law before his death last spring. A lifelong friend of the law school, he was known as the “Father of Professionalism” because of his efforts to improve attorneys’ conduct in the courtroom. His efforts led the Maryland Court of Appeals to create a required course in professionalism in 1990. Lawyers are not allowed to practice in Maryland until they have completed this course. To date more than 7,200 people have taken the course.

In recognition of his outstanding leadership in professionalism the Fellows of the Maryland Bar Foundation awarded him the fourth annual award for professional legal excellence and the advancement of professional competence, just weeks before his death. “What we hope to instill is pride, dedication and adherence to the highest standards of integrity, civility and compassion,” he said at that time.

Ed is survived by his wife of 46 years, the former Mary Lou Dean, and five sons, three daughters and 17 grandchildren. His son, Edward F. Shea III, is a graduate of the class of 1979.