A Friend and Colleague Remembers

Professor Frank E. Booker, who was actively involved in Notre Dame's Legal Aid Programs for most of his 26 years at the Law School, died this past May 8 from a stroke. The Spring 1997 issue of Notre Dame Lawyer, published in April, paid tribute to him on the occasion of his retirement in December 1996 with a series of remembrances by his former students and colleagues. It is fitting, however, that we pause to reflect on his passing in this issue, which concentrates on the Legal Aid program of which he was an integral part for so many years.

Following is a tribute by his friend and colleague, NDLs Professor Charles E. Rice, read at Professor Booker's funeral in Edwardsviill, Michigan, on May 10, 1997.

To Barbara and the family, I know I speak for all of Frank's friends when I express you all our concern and of our prayers for all of you, as well as for Frank. We pray that we, too, may be granted to live with the integrity and faith of Frank Booker. He had the qualities right: God, family, and then everything else.

The last time I was in this church was at the Easter Vigil in 1990 when Frank was received into the Catholic Church, received the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time and was confirmed. I was privileged to be Frank's sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Frank took that sacrament very seriously. The new Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds that Confirmation "gives