

Loew, two stepsons Charles and Stephen Digges, a brother, William, and his first wife, Mary (Moffatt) Loew.

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### RICHARD JEROME FLYNN

Albia, Iowa, is not a community known to the public as a well-spring of financial wizards, but as the birthplace of Richard Jerome Flynn it should be recognized as the hometown of a remarkable leader in the field of finance who shared his expertise with corporate and investment communities as well as a number of fortunate nonprofit institutions. One of five children of William and Bess Flynn, Dick Flynn came east to attend the College of the Holy Cross and tried out for its 1947 basketball team. Before practice began, Coach Doggy Julian suggested that Flynn watch a freshman named Bob Cousy shoot freethrows. As his daughter tells the story, Dick quickly refocused his efforts on the golf team. Upon graduation, he enrolled in Georgetown University Law School where he received his law degree in 1949. He served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1943 to 1946.

He began his business career as a law clerk for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, later serving as an associate in the Washington law firm of Mulholland, Robie, and Hickey. From 1951 to 1956 he was an attorney for Raytheon in Waltham, Massachusetts, leaving to become general attorney for Collins Radio in his native Iowa. In 1962 he joined Ling-Temco-Vought of Dallas, Texas, as corporate vice president and two years later was appointed executive vice president of its subsidiary, Continental Electronics.

Massachusetts reclaimed Flynn in 1969 when he joined Riley-Stoker of Worcester as director, president, and chief executive officer. Five years later, he was named financial vice president and chief financial officer of the Norton Company. Later in his Norton

career he became its executive vice president and vice chairman, also serving as a member of its board of directors. His expertise was also recognized by other business and investment organizations on whose boards he served—Fidelity Investments, Arkwright-Boston Insurance, Cleveland-Cliffs Corporation, and Mechanics Bank.

To his associates and colleagues Flynn was known as an exceptional team player and a leader who inspired his co-workers with his no-nonsense approach to problem solving and his clear vision for the future. In 1970, shortly after Father John Brooks assumed the presidency of Holy Cross, he saw to it that his talented undergraduate classmate, Dick Flynn, was elected to the college's governing board. Fr. Brooks cites him as a 'remarkably intelligent, perceptive, and responsible individual' who spoke with authority and conviction readily commanding the respect and attention of those who heard him. He was a loyal alumnus with a host of friends in the Jesuit community who, his family understood, 'enlightened his faith, stimulated his intellectual curiosity, and inspired his many lifelong virtues.'

He also served as a trustee of Notre Dame Academy, St. Vincent's Hospital, and Catholic Charities. In 1984 he was invested as a Knight of Malta in a ceremony at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral. The cultural community was also the beneficiary of his financial acumen and generosity. He was elected to membership in the American Antiquarian Society in 1983 and for many years he served on the board of Old Sturbridge Village and as chair of its finance committee. He was also a corporator and trustee of the Worcester Art Museum.

Dick and his wife of fifty-one years, Ellen McGarty Flynn, made their home on Fiske Hill in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. He died on April 28, 2003, leaving his wife, their seven children and fourteen grandchildren, a brother and sister. Returning to the Midwest for burial, he was laid to rest in Catholic Cemetery in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

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