

BIOGRAPHY

On January 1, 1974, Judge Robert L. Smith retired from his position as Judge for the Second Supreme Court Judicial District of Nebraska.

Born February 20, 1918, at DeSoto, Nebraska, the son of Seymour L. and Myrtle H. Smith, Judge Smith graduated from Omaha Central High School in 1936. In 1940, he received his A.B. from Southern Methodist University.

During World War II, Judge Smith served in the U.S. Naval Reserve; he was honored with four campaign ribbons that included the assault and capture of Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa Gunto. In 1947, he earned his LL.B. degree from Creighton University.

Judge Smith married Beth Eileen Haney on June 12, 1948; their children include Mrs. Barry (Victoria) Lostroh, Craig H. Smith, Calvert Jane Smith, and Mrs. Jeffrey (Carey) Daharsh.

After practicing law in Omaha from 1947 to 1960, Judge Smith was named District Judge for the Fourth Judicial District of Nebraska. He served in this position from 1961 to 1964, when he was named Judge for the Second Supreme Court Judicial District of Nebraska. Judge Smith served the people of Nebraska in this position from 1964 through 1973, retiring on January 1, 1974, because of disability. The Judge is a member of the Nebraska Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Adjudicature Society, the Institute of Judicial Administration, and the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences.