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Memorial tribute to Nathan L. Dryfoos, 1948.

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MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO NATHAN L. DRYFOOS

It is with deep regret that I find myself unable to attend the funeral service of our friend, Mr. Nathan L. Dryfoos, and to speak of him as I should wish to in memorial tribute. An uncancelable engagement of long-standing denies me this opportunity.

A fine citizen of our community has departed from our midst with the passing of Mr. Nathan Dryfoos. He walked through life as a friend of men - helpful, sharing in the common tasks and the responsibilities of all community life, eager to participate in everything that advanced the wellbeing of men. His loyalties were deep and never parochial. Mr. Dryfoos lived graciously. He was never voracious of life. Ambition did not consume him. Whatever he achieved he was content to achieve at the cost of his own efforts - not at the sacrifice of others. His was an ordered life of duty, service, love and labor which, while not free from trials and problems, also yielded its recompense.

He walked the long road more than the four-score years allotted by the Psalmist to the especially favored and never sharply detoured from it but "always fronted toward the light, always faced toward the light".

For more than 50 years Mr. Nathan Dryfoos was an honored member of The Temple and we were proud to number him in our fellowship. He was a patriotic citizen and revered the noble traditions of American life which afforded him the opportunities of American freedom and which he repaid with worthy and loving service.

I knew him as a courtly gentleman and as a friend whose memory will long be cherished.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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