

Miles O. Price

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To write about Miles O. Price is not an easy task. He was a complex individual with many different aspects to his character. All are aware of his contributions to law librarianship and of his dedication and devotion to the Columbia Law Library, which will remain as a lasting memorial to him. But he was also a man with many other interests. He loved baseball, classical music, and Shakespeare (although he didn't believe Shakespeare was really the author of Shakespeare's works).

Others, I know, will comment more fully on different aspects of his life; but I shall always remember the willingness of Miles O. Price to help others. Although a conservative in politics,

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he was a liberal in his relationship with people. Many *talk* of human relations, of fighting prejudices, or of working against discrimination; but Miles *acted*. And he acted by giving of himself—perhaps not always to one's liking, but always for one's best interest.

Anyone who had the privilege, as I did, of working closely with him can testify to how he gave unstintingly of his time to assist law librarians who needed his help. But, typical of the man, I know that he would not wish these enumerated.

His life can best be described in the words of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes: "Life is action, the use of one's powers. As to use them to the highest is our joy and duty, so it is the one end that justifies itself." *Vivat et vivet in memoriam*.