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**The Delaware Judiciary expresses condolences on passing  
of retired Justice William T. Quillen**

The members of the Delaware Judiciary were saddened to learn of the passing of retired Justice William T. Quillen on August 19 and offer their condolences to his family and friends.

Justice Quillen, 81, had one of the most unique and varied careers of anyone who has ever served on the Delaware Bench, starting with a term on the Delaware Superior Court, from 1966 to 1973 followed by a term on the Delaware Court of Chancery where he served as Chancellor from 1973 to 1976. He then joined the Delaware Supreme Court in 1978 where he served until 1983. After leaving the bench again for several years, and serving as Delaware Secretary of State under Gov. Tom Carper, he returned to Superior Court in 1994 and served until 2000.

“Delaware has lost one of its most talented, loyal and unique citizens; someone who graced us by spending much of his career as an outstanding and exemplary member of our Judiciary. Relentlessly, almost restlessly, curious, deeply intelligent, and passionate about our state, Bill Quillen was always ready to take up the next challenge, to push himself and those around him to make the institutions he helped lead serve the people of Delaware better. Our thoughts as a Judiciary are with the Quillen family at this sad time, as they suffer with the loss of this truly one of a kind man, a man whose love for his community was only exceeded by the love and pride he had for them,” said Chief Justice Leo E. Strine, Jr. who worked alongside Justice Quillen when both were working for Gov. Carper.

A memorial service will be held at New Castle Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be made in the Justice’s memory to either New Castle Presbyterian Church (23 E. Second Street, New Castle, DE 19720) or Wilmington Friends School (101 School Road, Wilmington, DE 19803). Online condolences are being accepted at [Gebhartfuneralhomes.com](http://Gebhartfuneralhomes.com).

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Retired Justice William T. Quillen at a February 2013 ceremony in Dover where he was presented with the Governor's Heritage Award by Gov. Jack Markell for his distinguished contributions to the recognition, preservation and celebration of Delaware's heritage.

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