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St. Louis County leaders remember Al Mitchell

The unexpected death of former St. Louis County Attorney and Administrator Al Mitchell has brought tributes from those who worked closely with him.

“As a colleague and friend, Al was caring, compassionate, empathetic and above all, reliable,” said Commissioner Steve Raukar. “He was a consummate public servant who led by example, setting high expectations for himself and others while empowering others to be good leaders. Simply put, he wouldn’t ask others to do anything he himself wouldn’t do or had done. If you asked Al to do something and he agreed to do it, you didn’t have to ask twice.”

“He was a remarkable man,” said County Attorney Mark Rubin, who was hired by Mitchell and worked with him for many years. “I truly believe through his leadership and his vision, he built this office into what it is today. Al instilled a strong work ethic, courageously allowing us to do our work because it was the right thing to do, without any political influence.”

"When you think of the words 'public servant,' Al Mitchell had that in spades," said retired Commissioner Mike Forsman. "He had a long range vision. You seldom heard 'I' or 'me' from him. It was always about what was best for the citizens and taxpayers long term. I loved the guy."

“Al was truly a dedicated public servant. He worked tirelessly at all times to represent the best interests of the citizens of St. Louis County,” said St. Louis County Auditor Donald Dicklich.

“There are volumes of good things that could be said,” said Commissioner Keith Nelson. “Suffice it to say, St. Louis County lost perhaps the finest public servant we have ever had.”

Mitchell was the St. Louis County Attorney from 1979 through 2006. He also served as County Administrator for 15 months in 2008-09. The Alan Mitchell Law Library in Duluth was dedicated in his honor last August in recognition of his strong advocacy for the law library and its

services.

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