

## **Myron E. Leavitt**

**October 27, 1930—January 9, 2004**

**Elected 1970**

**Myron E. Leavitt was born at home at 328 N. 11th Street. His father, Mike Leavitt, served on the County Commission in 1944. The younger Leavitt followed his father's footsteps to the County Commission in 1970. He also served on the City Council, as lieutenant governor, as a district court judge, and as a Nevada Supreme Court justice.**

**The younger Leavitt grew up in Las Vegas and attended Las Vegas High School where he excelled at football and track and worked as editor of the student newspaper. Following his graduation in 1948, he attended the University of Nevada on an athletic scholarship. He earned a degree in journalism in 1952. Leavitt worked briefly as the sports editor at the Las Vegas Review-Journal before law school. He went on to earn a law degree from the University of Utah in 1956.**

**Leavitt was elected Justice of the peace in 1960 for Clark County. He ran for mayor of Las Vegas in 1963, but lost to Oran K. Gragson. In 1970, Leavitt was elected to the Clark County Commission, making history as the only father and son to be elected to the Commission. During his time on the Commission, he led the fight to build Dula Senior Center. In 1975, he served on the Las Vegas City Council. He served as lieutenant governor between 1979 and 1982. During his time as lieutenant governor, Leavitt cast several tie-breaking votes in the Nevada legislature. In 1982, Leavitt ran for governor, but lost in the primary to Richard Bryan.**

**In 1984, Governor Richard Bryan appointed Leavitt as a district court judge in Clark County. He served as district court judge until 1998. In 1998, Leavitt was elected as a Nevada Supreme Court Justice.**

**Leavitt fathered eleven children. He was active in youth sports and coached Pop Warner football. Leavitt died in 2004 after a brief illness.**

