

Kevin Maguire

Solicitor

Born: January 2, 1921;
Died: January 22, 2016

KEVIN Maguire, who has died aged 95, was a highly respected Glasgow solicitor and former senior partner of R Maguire Cook and Co. He was born James Kevin Macguire in Springburn, Glasgow, in 1921 and was educated at St Ninian's High School Kirkintilloch. In 1939 he enrolled at Glasgow University where he earned an MA and began legal studies.

In 1941, he enlisted and was commissioned into the 81st Welsh Field Regiment Royal Artillery. He fought in the European campaign, landed in Normandy just after D-Day and served in France, Holland, Belgium, the



Ardennes and Germany. It was while stationed in Sheerness in Kent prior to D-Day that he met his future wife Pat. At the end of the war he was posted to India where he spent the next two years in the 46/10 Field Regiment Royal Artillery.

He utilised his spare time there to

continue his legal studies, from text books shipped out from Scotland.

After the war he completed his law degree and was enrolled as a solicitor in May 1948. He then joined the family firm, R Maguire Cook and Co, the firm started by his father Robert Maguire and James Cook. He became senior partner remaining there until he retired in 1991.

He was an effective litigator and specialised in industrial reparation in the Sheriff Courts and the Court of Session. In particular, he acted for trade union clients, successfully pursuing claims on behalf of members who had been injured in industrial accidents.

He was well liked and respected in the profession because of his integrity, knowledge of the law, his practical approach to obtaining the best results

for his clients, many of whom had been disadvantaged, and his professional courtesy to colleagues and adversaries.

These qualities were recognised by his peers in 1986 when he was appointed Dean of the Royal Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow which position he held until 1989. In June 1997 he was made an honorary member of the Faculty.

He also acted as chairman in national insurance tribunals for many years, and as chairman of the Glasgow Legal Aid Committee. He was one of the first tutors appointed when Strathclyde University opened its law school.

After he retired in 1991, he had more time to indulge in his other interests. He had taken up skiing aged 40, and skied in to Europe each year with his brother, Monsignor Desmond Maguire and

friends. He gave up skiing aged 82. He was an enthusiastic gardener, producing beautiful roses. He read avidly, travelled extensively and supported "Ye Cronies" thoroughly enjoying their concerts.

From an early age he had a passion for woodwork and throughout his life he acquired and cherished a large collection of tools with which he built furniture for his house and toys and models for his children and grandchildren.

He was a deeply religious man, and took great comfort from his Catholic faith, but was truly respectful of others' faith and values. Above all, he was an exemplary family man.

He is survived by his beloved wife Pat, his best friend of 68 years, and their five children, nine grandchildren and great grandson.

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