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Alameda DA for 22 Years

Ex-Prosecutor Coakley Dies

By Michael Harris

J. Frank Coakley, who won a reputation as one of the nation's toughest prosecutors during 22 years as district attorney of Alameda County, died Sunday at his home in Piedmont. He was 85.

Mr. Coakley's wife, the former Kathleen Wrinkle of San Francisco, was with him when he slumped and died while watching a football game on television. They had been married for 52 years.

Mr. Coakley was best known nationally for conducting the case against Burton Abbott, who was executed in the San Quentin gas chamber after being found guilty in 1956 of murdering 14-year-old Stephanie Bryan. The body of the Berkeley schoolgirl was discovered in a shallow grave in Trinity County and her personal belongings were found in Abbott's basement.

The uncompromising prosecutor was almost as well-known for his political positions. Mr. Coakley took vigorous legal action against University of California students protesting the war in Vietnam, telling then-Chancellor Roger W. Heyns in 1965 that it was "high time the UC takes a stand" against demonstrators on the Berkeley campus.

Hundreds of students were taken to the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center, many of them dragged out of Sproul Hall.

Similarly, he opposed a massive anti-war march in Oakland, maintaining that even though the parade turned out to be non-violent, it involved unnecessary public expense and inconvenience and might have resulted in street fighting.

Mr. Coakley asserted his legal principles in 1947, when the Alameda County Board of Supervisors appointed him as district attorney to fill a vacancy. He promptly began a long campaign against gamblers, crime syndicates, police corruption and the political left.

In 1950 he urged the Berkeley school board to cancel a permit for a Paul Robeson concert, warning the school district might be held liable "if as a result of Mr. Robeson's appearance mob action or rioting occurred which caused damage to property." At the time, Robeson had become a vigorous supporter of the Soviet Union.

Mr. Coakley was elected the first president of the National Association of County and Prosecuting Attorneys, founded in 1950 with the announced purpose of combating, among other things, "organized crime, including communism."

Mr. Coakley was a pioneer in promoting alcohol and narcotics rehabilitation programs. He forced a number of high-ranking police officials suspected of corruption to resign their posts, and he conducted the criminal investigation of a county assessor jailed for accepting payoffs.

In spite of the philosophical differences that later developed between them, he remained a warm friend of the late Chief Justice Earl Warren, whom he met while both were deputies in the district attorney's office. He was one of the department's chief aides while Warren was district attorney of Alameda County.

Mr. Coakley was a native of Oakland, the son of an Irish immigrant who established an East Bay butcher shop. He earned money for college by driving his father's meat wagon and, after earning his undergraduate degree at St. Mary's College and his law degree at Boalt Hall at Berkeley, joined the district attorney's office in 1923.

Except for wartime service as a commander in the Navy and one year of private practice with his younger brother, Thomas J. Coakley, he devoted his entire career to the district's attorney office. After his retirement, Mr. Coakley was appointed district attorney emeritus by the county supervisors, and he continued to maintain an office in the county courthouse.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas J. of Mountain View and John M. of Los Altos; a daughter, Clare Frances Klinge of Placentia (Orange County); a sister, Alice DeLucchi of Sebastopol (Sonoma County) and four grandchildren.

A rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. today (Tuesday) at St. Leo's Church, 176 Ridgeway Avenue, Oakland. A funeral Mass will be said at the church at 10 a.m. tomorrow (Wednesday), with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Oakland.
February 7, 1983

Gerald E. Veltmann, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Veltmann:

As you may recall, a few years ago you and I spoke on the phone regarding your role in the Port Chicago trial. A gentleman was supposed to call upon you for an interview, but he turned out to be rather unreliable and has since moved to Hollywood and is no longer in the academic profession. Perhaps you would still consent to an interview if I can just find somebody locally to meet with you.

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed article regarding the passing of Mr. Coakley. Fortunately I was able to meet with him a few years ago.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Enclosure
MISS COAKLEY HONOR GUEST AT DINNER.

Mrs. Frank Atwill Is Hostess to 25 of Kin In Compliment to Sister Who Is Bride-Elect

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Complimenting her sister, Miss Alice Coakley, who is to be married to Lieut. Ernest Delucchi, U.S.N.R., Mrs. Frank Atwill was hostess to 25 members of the family on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coakley are entertaining the members of the bridal party at their home after the night of the wedding rehearsal.

The wedding will take place at 4 o'clock on November 7 at St. Frances de Sales Church, and the reception to follow will be held in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Coakley.

Mrs. Atwill will be maid of honor for her sister. The other attendants will be Mrs. Philip Quittman, Miss Gertrude Conkley, Miss Alice Coakley, and Miss Bernice Delucchi, a sister of the bride-elect.

Mr. Raymond Delucchi will be best man. Named to usher at church are Messrs. Tom, Lieut. John Gaddy, and sign George Moscone, while Messrs. Albert Lourdous, Claire and Jeanette Buechel, nieces of the bride-to-be, flower girls at the wedding.

Miss Coakley

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Is Betrothed

Cards in the mail announce the betrothal of Miss Alice Gertrude Coakley to Lieut. (J.G.) Francis Delucchi, of San Francisco.

Miss Coakley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Coakley of Oakland, and the sister of Miss Alice Coakley, Mr. Frank Atwill, Mr. Frank Coakley, Mr. Tom Coakley, and Lieut. Chaplain Joseph M. Coakley. She attended College of the Holy Names, and is a graduate of San Francisco State College.

Lieutenant Delucchi is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Delucchi of San Francisco, and is the brother of Mrs. William Tontes, Miss Beatrice and Mr. Raymond Delucchi. He is a graduate of University of San Francisco and San Francisco State College, and is now an instructor at the Navy Pre-Flight Training School at St. Mary's College, Morro Bay.

Plans for the wedding are indefinite.
ALICE-COAKLEY IS 
BRIDE OF LT. DELUCCHI

Lieut. Joseph M. Coakley, chaplain of the State Guard, Army of the United States, conducted the ceremony yesterday afternoon in St. Francis de Sales Church when Miss Alice Gertrude Coakley became the bride of Lieut. Joseph Delucchi, U.S.N.R., 4 o'clock wedding. Many relatives and friends of the couple were present at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Coakley, on Rand Avenue, Oakland. Only the members of the two families and a few close friends attended the reception.

Giving the bride in marriage was her father.

DUCKES SATIN GOWN

A gown of duchess satin designed with a yoke of princess lace, long fitted bodice, a full skirt with front pleats and finished with a long train, was worn by the bride. A Juliet cap of Princess lace held the fingertip-length veil in place and she carried a bouquet of bouvardia and white cyclamen, scattered with butterfly orchids.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Frank Atwill, was gowned in a white velvet gown and wore green ostrich tips on her hair. She carried an arm bouquet of Calla lilies.

The bridesmaids, Miss Bernice Delucchi, sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. Carl Hedquist, Mrs. Philip Quittman and Miss Elinor Kessler, wore white faille dresses made with bouffant skirts. On their hair they wore Juliet caps trimmed with leaf green ostrich tips.

FLOWER GIRLS NAMED

Flower girls were the bride's two nieces, Jeannetta and Clare Coakley, and two young cousins, Donald and Robert Hazelwood, served on the altar during the marriage service.

Mr. Raymond Delucchi was best man for his brother and included in the group of ushers were Lieut.

Pair Expected 
Home Soon From Wedding Trip

Lieu., Ernest Joseph Delucchi, U.S.N.R., and Mrs. Delucchi, who motored up the Redwood Highway on their honeymoon after their marriage last Sunday in St. Francis de Sales Church, Oakland, arrived home this week-end. Lieutenant Delucchi is instructor at the Pre-Flight school at San Mateo and the couple hope to establish their home in Contra Costa County.

En route North, they were guests at Dan Bow and Eureka Inn, stopping at several places on route. The bride, who was Miss Alice Gertrude Coakley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Coakley, Rand Avenue.
Former Alameda DA Coakley dead

By Don DeMain
Tribune Staff Writer

J. Frank Coakley, the hard-hitting and outspoken Alameda County district attorney for 22 years who became one of the state’s best-known prosecutors, died at his Oakland home Sunday afternoon at the age of 83.

Coakley was watching the Dallas-Green Bay National Football League playoff game on television when he slumped over in his chair, according to his wife, Kathleen.

Oakland fire and police squads were summoned, but the poetry-quoting, wise-cracking crime fighter who took over for the late U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren as county district attorney in 1949, had died.

Coakley was often called the dean See COAKLEY, Back page
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of prosecutors, handling numerous celebrated cases, including Vietnam
war protesters during the turbulent Sixties at the University of California
at Berkeley.

He retired in 1969; being succeeded
by Lowell Jensen who went on to
distinction himself as Alameda Coun-
ty's chief prosecutor before he went
to Washington, D.C., to head the
criminal division of the U.S. Justice
Department.

Coakley was a colorful courtroom
figure and an innovative legal ad-
ministrator, pioneering in alcoholic
and narcotic rehabilitation pro-
grams.

"He was an institution throughout
the legal fraternity in this country," said J. Fred Haley, a former Alame-
da County deputy district attorney
now practicing law in Oakland.

"He was so loyal and on the side
of law and order. As we used to say
in the (Marine) Corps. "He was a
man to go to the well."

Son of an Irish immigrant, he was
extroverted, a joiner and organizer.
He often told of the days when he
drove a meat wagon through the
streets of Oakland as a young man to
earn money to go to St. Mary's Col-
lege and Stanford University. He ob-
tained his law degree from the Univer-
sity of California in 1922.

He practiced law briefly, then en-
tered a long and colorful public serv-
ice as deputy district attorney in Alas-
meda County and later became War-
ren's top assistant.

He served in World War II with
the U.S. Navy with the rank of com-
mander and was senior advocate and
officer in charge of the General
Court Martial Section of the 12th Na-
val District, receiving recommenda-
tions for distinguished service.

After the war he again entered
private practice but was appointed
district attorney in 1947 by the Alas-
meda County Board of Supervisors.

During his career he prosecuted
many famous civil and criminal cas-
es, including the Burton Abbott kid-
napping case of Stephanie Bryan, a
trial that had nationwide front-page
billing.

Coakley cracked down on gam-
bling, sweat shops and vice opera-
tions in the county, gaining a rep-
utation as a tough prosecutor. In his
later years, he left the actual trial
work to his assistants but maintained
a close eye on those cases he felt
were important.

He personally argued an impor-
tant constitutional case in which he
successfully upheld the right of coun-
ty assessors to exempt parochial
schools and nonprofit institutions
from county property taxes. His ar-
guments were upheld in the U.S. Su-
preme Court.

In 1930, he married the former
Kathleen Wrinkle. They had four chil-
dren, the late James Francis Jr.;
Thomas J. Coakley, now with the Na-
tional Aeronautics and Space Admin-
istration in Mountain View, John M.,
with the U.S. Geological Survey at
Los Altos; Claire Klinge of Orange
County; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services are pending at
the John Cox Mortuary in Oakland.
Expressions of sorrow at the death of retired Alameda County District Attorney J. Frank Coakley came in from all over the nation Monday as former colleagues learned he had died at the age of 85.

"I am deeply saddened," said Edwin Meese, special counsel to President Reagan, from his White House office Monday. Meese, who worked with Coakley as a deputy district attorney from 1958 to early 1967, added, "He was a good friend, a great teacher. All of us who worked under him are indebted."

"Meese called Coakley "one of the men who made the greatest contributions to law enforcement in California in this century — one of the best in the country.""

Coakley served as Alameda County district attorney from 1947 to 1969, following the tradition set in the 1930s by Earl Warren. Warren, who left the district attorney's office to become governor of California and later Chief Justice of the United States, was succeeded by Ralph E. Hoyt and then Coakley.

D. Lowell Jensen, now assistant U.S. attorney general, followed Coakley in the distinguished Alameda County District Attorney's office.

"Jensen said from his Washington office, "Frank Coakley was a towering figure in public prosecution in America. He provided leadership and inspiration to everyone who has served in that calling. I counted him as a friend, as a mentor and cherish the privilege of working with him. We all shall miss him greatly."

Coakley's younger brother, Thomas I. Coakley, was a widely known Bay Area band leader and later a superior court judge from Mariposa County and appellate court justice before his retirement in 1971.

A rosary will be recited for Coakley at 8 tonight in St. Leo's Catholic Church. A 10 a.m. Mass of Christian burial at St. Leo's Wednesday will be followed by services at St. Mary's Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Kathleen Wrinkle Coakley, three children and four grandchildren.