

Supreme Court Judge John H. Dimond, 66

JUNEAU — Governor Bill Sheffield today ordered state flags flown at half-staff for Supreme Court Justice Pro Tempore John H. Dimond, of Juneau, who died Friday in Seattle.

Dimond, 66, was first appointed to the Supreme Court Bench by Governor William Egan shortly after statehood. He retired in 1971, but was called back to duty as senior justice pro tempore two years later, and served in that capacity until his death.

Born in Valdez, Dimond was the son of the former territorial delegate to Congress and U.S. district judge Tony Dimond. He practiced as a private attorney in Anchorage and Juneau, and served as an assistant attorney general in Juneau.

"Alaska has lost a very dedicated individual in Judge Dimond," Sheffield said. "When called back to work from retirement, he readily agreed to serve the state he so greatly loved. That unselfishness was typical of John."

Dimond is survived by his wife Roberta and three children.