



## **MARVIN SEDWAY (Class OF 1946)**

Marvin Sedway moved from to Las Vegas from New York City when he was 13 years old. After graduating from LVHS in 1946, he attended the University of Nevada at Reno. After completing his professional education at Pacific University in 1954, Marvin worked as an optometrist for almost 40 years. Throughout his career, Marvin's compassion and generosity were evident. It was widely known that he volunteered thousands of hours to serve handicapped and underprivileged children who could not afford proper care.

Marvin was elected to the Nevada State Assembly in 1983 and served until 1990. He was an integral part of the Nevada political scene. In 1958 he was a member of the Democratic Party Reform Commission, and in 1968 he became the State Chairman of the "Humphrey for President" campaign. He was selected by several Nevada Governors to serve on various State boards. He was a member of the Governor's Task Force on Rural Health Emergency Services and an advisory board member for Clark County Community College. He also served as Secretary of the State Board of Optometric Examiners and President of the Clark County Mental Health Society.

As a member of the Nevada State Assembly, Marvin gained prominence across the State for his service as chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, which allowed him to determine which bills would survive and which bills would not move forward. Marvin used his coveted position to advocate for those who often are voiceless, including welfare mothers and low-income workers and families. His courage led him to support tax increases that would fund the State's expanding services and social programs.

Martin's greatest cause was improving the education of Nevada's school children. He was a great believer in the importance of a strong public education system and continuously pushed for increasing funds for State schools. Throughout his 8 years in the Nevada State Assembly, and even before then, he worked to ensure Nevada's children had the resources to improve their lives, receive a solid education and fulfill the American dream.

Marvin died of lung cancer on July 7, 1990 at the age of 61. His legacy was celebrated with the naming of the Marvin Sedway Middle School, in honor of his commitment to education. Thousands of young Nevadans will be educated in this remarkable facility, fulfilling Marvin's hopes and ambitions for Nevada's children.

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