

## MEMORIAM

The Allen County Indiana Bar Association again meets to honor the memory of one of its members.

W. Robert Fleming died on July 10, 1973. At the time of his death he was only 64 years of age, but had suffered a long and trying illness which he faced with his usual courage and good spirit.

He was born in Portland, Indiana but spent practically his entire adult life in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fleming was interested in many activities and he displayed a real flair for leadership in each of them.

He was a life-long Democrat and maintained his interest in politics to the time of his death. He was the democratic candidate for the House of Representatives from this district in 1958 and lost the general election by only some 300 votes to a very popular incumbent.

His interest in the social and political affairs of his community was evidenced by his membership in the One Hundred Percent Club, the Caldron Club and Parent Teachers Association, all of which he served as President--reflecting his leadership qualities. He likewise was a member of Summit City Lodge 170, F & AM, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine Temple. He also served as exalted ruler of Elks Lodge 151.

He brought to his profession the same qualities of leadership and integrity of the highest order. He first practiced law in the firm of Campbell, Jasper, Peters and Fleming and later as a partner in the firm of Hayes & Fleming. He also served as a Deputy Allen County Prosecutor from 1959 to 1963 and was a counsel for the Attorney General for the State of Indiana in 1949-1950.

In his military career, he again assumed a position of leadership serving for 39 months during World War II in the Southwest and Central Pacific Ocean areas and in the Philippines and Korea during which time he was a navy boat group commander. In the U. S. Naval Reserves from 1943 to 1945, he rose to the position of Lt. Commander.

From 1947 to 1958 he was a member of the Military Manpower Commission, again demonstrating his devotion to his country and to the things for which it stands.

Mr. Fleming was a member of the Third Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Merle, and three daughters, Mrs. Patricia Risher, Laguna Hills, California, Mrs. Sally Epley, Huntington Beach, California, and Mrs. Barbara Scrogam, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Association and this community will long remember Mr. Fleming and his many contributions to his profession, to his church, to his government and to his community.

On behalf of the Memorial Committee, I move the adoption of this resolution and that a copy of it be spread at length upon the records of the various Courts of Allen County and that a copy of the resolution be sent to his family.

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## Law Veteran W. R. Fleming Is Dead At 64

W. Robert Fleming, 64, of 2309 Florida Drive, who was deputy attorney general of Indiana in 1965



and Democratic nominee for Congress in 1958, died at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday in Lutheran Hospital, where he had been a patient one day.

Mr. Fleming, a native of Portland, who had lived in Fort Wayne most of his life, was a graduate of South Side High School and Indiana University, and received his law degree from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

He was a member of the law firm of Campbell, Jasper, Peters and Fleming, and later in the firm of Hayes & Fleming. He was a Navy boat group commander during World War II, and served for 39 months in the Southwest and Central Pacific Ocean, and also served in The Philippines and Korea.

He was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve 1943-45, was a member of the Military Manpower Commission 1947-53, was a special counsel for the Attorney General 1949-50, was a member of the Indiana Guard 1941-42, and served as deputy Allen County prosecutor 1959-63.

He was a candidate for nomination as mayor in the 1959 Democratic primary election, and was a member of the American, Indiana and Allen County Bar associations.

Mr. Fleming was a member of Third Presbyterian Church, past exalted ruler of Elks Lodge 151, and former president of One Hundred Per Cent Club, the Caldron Club, and the Forest Park Parent Teacher Association.

He was a member of Summit City Lodge 170, F&AM, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine Temple, Indiana University Alumni Association, Delta Chi Fraternity, Jefferson Democratic Club and Wayne Township Democratic Club.

Surviving are his wife, Merle; three daughters, Mrs. Patricia Risher, Laguna Hills, Calif., Mrs. Sally Epley, Huntington Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Barbara Scrogam, Fort Wayne; his mother, Mrs. Charles W. Fleming, Portland; and two brothers, Sam,

Portland, and Charles, LeCero, Calif.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D. O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery. Calling will be after 1 p.m. Friday with Elks Lodge 155 services at 8 p.m. today. Preferred memorials are gifts to the Kidney Foundation or to the Allen County Heart Association.

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### Fleming Memorial Set By Bar Association

A memorial service for W. Robert Fleming, 64, retired attorney and a former deputy attorney general of Indiana, will be conducted by the Allen County Bar Association at 11 a.m. Monday in Room 3 of the Allen County Courthouse.