

In Memoriam
Guy H. Colerick

The Bar Association of Allen County meets to honor, eulogize and pay tribute to one of our loyal and respected members, Guy H. Colerick. It is a tradition of ours to so meet, no matter how busy we find ourselves and pay our respects, as we do today. There was a life abundant in all of its joys, triumphs, sadness, trials and tribulations, although it was not long in years, yet he nearly lived the traditional three score years and ten, which is customarily allotted to each of us.

He was a self made man; he came up the hard way and learned from bitter defeats and hard work the intricacies of the law. No college education assisted him along the way. Thru hard work, application, trial and error, good judgment, a sense of fairness and a bump of humor, he developed into one of the most honored and respected lawyers of our Bar.

We sometimes pride ourselves on our special abilities but few of us attain his eminence in the solid friendships, the loyalty of his fellow men, the respect, not only as an office consultant but as a trial adversary. His was a rich experienceⁱⁿ the practice of the law and he had the pleasure of following his vocation thru the last day of his life, maintaining at all times his keenness of mind, his sense of humor, dying as it were with his boots on.

In his early life he joined the Democratic party and was very active in politics and political circles not only in Allen County but in the State of Indiana. He was known from one end of the State to the other. He maintained his interest in politics up to the date of his death. In his earlier years he was the local leader of the party and as a reward for his many efforts and his time and devotion to the cause, he was given the position of City Attorney for Fort Wayne, which he maintained for a number of years.

It has been thoroughly established by mankind as it has been taught to us by all religions that it is better to give than to receive and that this quality actually makes up the worthiness of our lives. That sentiment was never more emphatically illustrated than by the life and activities of our deceased member, Guy H. Colerick.

His experience, his work, his association, not only in his business but in his social and political life can best be summed up by the statement that no matter where he found himself or what task was given him to perform, he efficiently discharged his duty and brought honor not only to himself but to his profession.

In his private life he was a pleasant and agreeable companion and a steadfast friend. He had a wonderful capacity to hold the friendships which he had made and his friends were numbered only by his ability to make contacts.

The community has profited by his life and his personal, business, social and civic values.

We the Allen County Bar Association resolve that this resolution be adopted; that a copy be spread on the records of the several courts and that a copy be sent to his bereaved wife and son.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By

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RESOLUTION OF WHITLEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

FOR

GUY COLERICK.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bar Association of Whitley County met in session to pay tribute to the memory of Guy Colerick, that the members of said Association are moved to deep sorrow by the passing of this highly respected member of the Allen County Bar, who was personally known to most members of this Bar, especially the older ones.

We who knew him personally, remember him for his perserverance and sincerity in working for the interests of his clients. He was conscientious and untiring in his efforts to present his clients' side of a case, but with it all he was always courteous to the Court and to opposing counsel, while he was regarded as a dangerous adversary by the opposition counsel. Nevertheless, he was respectful and friendly.

We, of the Whitley County Bar, feel that not only Allen County, but likewise Whitley County, has a great loss in the passing of this learned Counsellor. We join with the Bar of Allen County in mourning his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one copy of this Resolution be presented to Mrs. Guy Colerick, and one copy spread of record in the office of the Clerk of Allen County.

William H. Kissinger
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Resolutions Committee, Whitley
County Bar Association.

M E M O R I A L

We are ~~again~~ called upon to record the passing of Guy Colerick, senior member of the law firm of Colerick & Corbett, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who died at the Methodist Hospital in said city at the age of 69 years.

Mr. Colerick lived his entire life in the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He attended the schools of his community and after graduating, he entered the law offices of his Uncle, and was admitted to the Bar in 1907 and at which time he formed a partnership with his father, Henry Colerick.

Mr. Colerick never sought office, however he was active in politics, and held several different offices by appointment and at one time was president of the Allen County Bar Association and a member of the Masonic Lodge and Elks Lodge 155, of which he was ~~ex~~alted ruler.

Mr. Colerick enjoyed a wide practice in law and frequently appeared in the Wells Circuit Court in the trial of numerous cases which came to the Wells Circuit Court by change of venue from the Allen County Courts. He was a member of the Allen County Bar Association, and its former president.

The Wells County Bar Learned to know the decedent and found him to be a worthy advocate in any law suit in which he was interested for his client. However he was a gentleman in all his conduct in the trial of cases and at all times recognized the rights of others in his conduct before the courts.

The decedent, by the lawyers of Northeastern Indiana will be greatly missed, however, he will be well remembered by all who knew him during his active practice of law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wells County Bar Association extends to the Allen County Association and to the family and friends of Mr. Colerick, its Regards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial be spread upon the records of the Allen Circuit Court and copies thereof be furnished to the Allen County Bar Association, and to the family of Mr. Colerick,

WELLS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: Deane Mack

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