

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
OF THE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
THE HONORABLE HERMANN F. BUSSE**

We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, The Honorable Hermann F. Busse, who passed away on July 13, 2000.

Hermann was born in Arcola on February 9, 1911, to his German immigrant parents. Hermann was one of seven children. He grew up on a 40-acre farm in Lake Township.

At a young age, Hermann joined the Marine Corps and served for a time in Nicaragua. His Marine Corps duty led to his years at the Congressional Library in Washington, D.C.

Like many attorneys of his time, Hermann did not attend law school. He studied the law by correspondence course and was admitted to the Indiana bar November 19, 1940. He began practicing law in Fort Wayne in 1942. He was first associated with Hartzell and Todd, then became a partner with Ray McAdams. Later on, he practiced with Charles Halter. In 1971, he was appointed to the Circuit Court of Allen County to fill the unexpired term of the late Circuit Judge W. O. Hughes. Hermann retired from the bench on July 31, 1983.

Hermann was a well respected jurist. He was a good lawyer, a hard worker and a sound thinker who knew the law and handled cases well before the jury.

Hermann was plain spoken, opinionated and practical. Yet once he entered the courtroom as judge, Hermann separated his own personal opinions from the law. He had a strong sense of justice and judged people fairly. He often gave a first time offender a break, while he was tough on second offenders. He could acquit a defendant on the evidence presented, though he personally thought the defendant guilty.

Hermann understood people and their problems. Hermann's sharp ability to judge character was honed by his many years of practicing law among working class clients. One of his early cases was representing a man convicted of shooting and killing a dog which Defendant claimed was eating his chickens.

Hermann was a generous and private man who loved history and fishing. He especially enjoyed walleye fishing on Lake Erie with his friends and grandchildren. Hermann also was an avid woodworker.

Hermann was a member of the Allen County Bar Association and the Indiana State Bar Association. Hermann was also a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Fort Wayne Historical Society.

Hermann is survived by his beloved wife, Regina M. Snyder-Busse, two stepdaughters, Linda Polk of Lafayette and Rita Squadrito of Fort Wayne, and a stepson, Jay Snyder of Albion. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bessie, and a son, Jerry.

Hon. Hermann F. Busse will be remembered by his friends and colleagues as an outstanding judge. He will be missed as a practitioner, a jurist and as a friend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life and death of Hon. Hermann F. Busse;

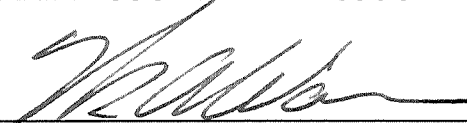
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Office by the Allen County Bar Association to the members of the Busse Family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the Courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, Hon. Hermann F. Busse.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2000.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: 

Mark A. Warsco, President

By: _____
*The Honorable Nancy Eshcoff-Boyer
Allen Superior Court*