

Memorial Resolution
of the
Allen County Bar Association
John William Archer

We are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, John William Archer, who passed away on March 16, 2008, at the age of 58.

John was a long time Northeast Indiana resident and attorney. He was born on July 3, 1949 in Hartford City, Indiana. John graduated from Wabash High School in 1967, and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Wabash College in 1971. He received his law degree from Valparaiso University in 1987. John is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Roberta; sons, William Martin, John Martin and Joseph John Archer; daughters-in-law, Norine Martin and Victoria Martin; eight grandchildren and his brother, Daniel Archer of Austin, Texas.

John was admitted to the Bar in 1987. He was a practicing attorney in Whitley County and Allen County, serving as Allen County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for 20 years. John became the Section Chief for the Misdemeanor and Traffic Division in Allen County in 1983. He was a highly skilled attorney, capable of managing the high volume of cases and chaotic schedule of Misdemeanor and Traffic court with order and composure. John was highly respected among his colleagues and was a great mentor who guided many younger attorneys in this community over the years.

Before embarking on his prominent legal career, John was the owner of Ruby's Red Hot Records. He was still known by many simply as "Ruby" even though the business had not existed for years. Ruby's was truly an example of a person turning a passionate pastime into a business venture. John's love of music and incredible knowledge of its history made him so much more than a seller of records. He was a true music enthusiast with an astounding record collection of his own, and he would pass along knowledge about virtually any music's origin or artist's background to anyone who would listen.

In addition to his great love for music, John enjoyed auto racing, baseball, and the pursuit of the perfect hot sauce. He would rate recipes and restaurants on the basis of the quality and the heat of their hot sauce. He could tell you the names, in order, of each winner of the Indianapolis 500, along with the chassis and engine type of the winning car. John was a zealous fan of the 1957 Milwaukee Braves and had memorized statistics from his youth that he could still recite from memory. John also immensely enjoyed the times spent at his family's cottage on Lake Michigan where he and Roberta had spent so many glorious days turning it into the perfect retreat.

John Archer was revered by many and loved by all who had the privilege of calling him a friend. His presence will be missed in the legal community, not only for his calming manner in Court, but for his wisdom and experiences which he so graciously shared with novice attorneys.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life and death of John William Archer; and

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 of the Allen County Bar Association to members of the Archer family; and

Be it further, resolved, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the federal and state courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for their departed friend, John William Archer.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2008.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: Thomas A. Hardin
Thomas A. Hardin, President

By: Frances C. Gull
The Honorable Frances C. Gull
Judge, Allen Superior Court