

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF
THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

ROBERT W. HALLER

WHEREAS, we are here to pay our respects to the memory of our colleague and friend Robert W. Haller, who passed away on September 16, 2016, at the age of 87.

WHEREAS, Robert was born on October, 9, 1928 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Harry W. and E. Louise (Spake) Haller. He attended Harrison Hill Elementary School and South Side High School. While attending Indiana University, Robert enlisted in the Air Force Reserves in 1948. After one year of law school, Bob joined the active Air Force where he then served in Korea as a radar observer with the 319th Fighter-Inceptor Squadron, receiving the distinguished flying cross and an air medal. He received his LLB degree from Indiana University in 1954. Bob continued serving in the Air National Guard in the 122nd Tactical Squadron at Baer Field as a judge advocate until his retirement with the rank of Colonel in 1980.

WHEREAS, Bob, while in the service, met and later married his life-long love Celia Hartmann while he was on leave from active duty in 1951. They were set up by Bob's mother, who was Celia's supervising teacher at Concordia Lutheran High School. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Celia, his brother, George; his son-in-law, Bryan Shaha; and his parents. He is survived by three children Bob and his wife Beth; Paul and his wife Judy; and Carol Haller. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Julia Haller, Christoff Haller, Rachel Haller, Jonathan Haller, and Meaghan Shaha; and special grandchild Kate Colcord.

WHEREAS, Bob's work ethic started young when he helped out in the family grocery store complete with butcher shop. He had colorful stories of his time working in the store. He was also selected as a "Quiz Kid" when that popular radio show came to Fort Wayne. Bob's legal career began at Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, and then as an employee for Ralph L. Shirmeyer, Inc. Bob practiced law in Fort Wayne, starting with the firm of Hogg and Snouffer, now known as Haller and Colvin, before retiring in 2010. He specialized in real estate, business law, estate planning and represented other pilots in FAA administrative matters. Bob also taught real estate law at Indiana Institute of Technology and Indiana University at Fort Wayne for many years.

WHEREAS, Bob was very active in in his community serving on many boards including: the Limberlost Girl Scout Council, Indiana and American Lung Associations and the Metropolitan YMCA. Bob belonged to Trinity English Lutheran Church where he served in many capacities as a lay leader of the church. Bob was also a member of "Quiet Birdman," the American Legion, Kiwanis, the Masons, and both the Indiana and American Bar Associations.

WHEREAS, Bob was a remarkably intelligent and dedicated public servant and a loyal and congenial friend and colleague. He was a voracious reader, mostly of non-fiction, and was well informed about many issues including politics and current events. He was a good friend to people and the community. He enjoyed traveling abroad with his wife Celia, sailing, and flying. Bob spent summers at Lake George, first at the farm of his uncle, Bob Nill, adjacent to the lake. Later, his parents bought a cottage on the lake. At Lake George, Bob sailed an Inland Cat -- seldom finishing a race in the top half of the fleet. Bob's other hobby was flying and he owned a Cessna and later, a Beechcraft Bonanza which he flew to Florida and on other family vacations. His mantra was to remember that he was a lawyer flying a plane, not a professional pilot. Bob was a great storyteller and could work a room with his jokes and stories. He was the life of many a gathering.

WHEREAS, we shall miss him.

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 of Robert W. Haller.

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 the members of the Haller 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, Robert W. Haller.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2017 at Fort Wayne, Indiana



THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

By: Melanie L. Farr
Melanie L. Farr, President

By: Craig J. Bobay
The Honorable Craig J. Bobay
Judge, Allen Superior Court

*Resolution prepared and presented by
The Honorable William C. Lee*