

The Allen County, Indiana Bar Association must again pause in respectful memory of a member of the Bar.

Chester K. Watson died on August 9, 1972, after an extended illness and still unexpectedly.

A lifelong Democrat, he served his party, his community, his state and his nation with skill, determination and warm-hearted respect for the individual.

Mr. Watson was active in party politics his entire adult life. He was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1931 and served one term. He was then called by his party to seek election to the State Senate, and was elected and served a term from 1933 to 1937, and again served in the State Senate on two subsequent terms, certainly a reflection of the esteem in which he was held by his community.

Mr. Watson was called upon to serve his nation during the first critical year of World War II in the capacity of manager of the United States Office of Price Administration, which office he left to serve in the Armed Forces of his country.

After his return from World War II, he became affiliated with various Veterans organizations, all of which he served with the same enthusiasm and vigor which characterized all of his activities.

Mr. Watson practiced his profession in Allen County since 1925, in which year he was graduated from the Indiana School of Law, except for such periods of time when he was serving in the military service and in the various public offices enumerated herein.

Mr. Watson defended the rights of his clients and prosecuted their rightful demands with the same determination and vigor, and with the same philosophy of respect for his fellowman as was evidenced in all of his public life.

This community has lost one of its most prominent public figures, and the Bar of Allen County has lost a respected lawyer, and this loss will be felt by both for a long time to come.

Mr. Watson left surviving him his widow, Frances, to whom the Association now extends its deepest sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

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