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The Allen County Indiana Bar Association meets once again to pay its respect to the memory of one of its members.

Ramon S. Perry died on Monday, June 30, 1980, at his home. He was sixty-six years old, having been born on August 4, 1913, in Bay City, Michigan.

Surviving are his wife, Clora; two daughters, JoAnn Jones of Fairfax, Virginia and Jana Perry of Fort Wayne; two sons, R. Scott Perry, Fort Wayne, and Jeffrey Perry, Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Marie Elena Lyon, and two stepsons, William H. Lyon and Miles Briggs, all of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Perry received his pre-law training at the University of Michigan and was a 1936 graduate of the Indiana University School of Law. He began practice as an individual and formed a partnership with Judge Dalton C. McAlister in January, 1953, which partnership was merged in 1961 with the Adair, Beers and Mallers firm to form the present law firm of Adair, Perry, Beers, Mallers and Larmore of which he was a member at the time of his death.

Mr. Perry was very active in many phases of community life. He was a board member and former president of the Fort Wayne Jaycees; a board member and former president of the Humane Society; a board member and former president of the Wayne Youth Commission; an original board member of the Allen County Cancer Society; an organizer and original board member of the Board of Trustees of the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Commission; a board member of the YMCA; a board member and former president of the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre; a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, United Fund and Fine

Arts Foundation; a member of Summit City Lodge F and AM, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine; and a member of Orchard Ridge Country Club and Glacier Ridge Lions Club.

He held professional membership in the American Judicature Society, American Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association and the Allen County Indiana Bar Association, in which he held the offices of president and secretary, having served as its president in 1962-63 and on many of its committees.

Mr. Perry was an ardent Republican and served his political party as a precinct committeeman. He was also the chairman and Republican member of the Allen County Election Board, on which he served continuously from 1955 to the date of his death. For many years he served as a member of the Allen County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

As president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Perry was instrumental in the drive to build the Allen County Memorial Coliseum, pushing for construction of the Coliseum as a war memorial after World War II.

Well known and highly regarded in local sports administration, Mr. Perry served as president and legal counsel for the Komet hockey franchise and was one of the original owners, along with Ernie Berg and Harold VanOrman, Jr. He had been a partner in the former Fort Wayne Daisies women's baseball team. He enjoyed playing golf.

He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Ramon S. Perry had a wide and varied clientele, Ray had a unique ability to seemingly practice law at a leisurely pace, but when faced with deadlines, he could produce prodigious amounts of work in a relatively short space of time by simply


immersing himself totally in long hours of work, and then once again resume a less demanding schedule. Ray was not above jeopardizing his personal liberty in defense of his own or a client's principle of law. During the last several years his appearance at the courthouse was sporadic, but regardless of when you saw him, even though infrequently, he always managed to brighten your day.

The legendary and celebrated clashes with a few of his colleagues contributed much to local legal folklore, but failed to demonstrate the kind, compassionate and caring person Ray was with his many clients and friends.

To his family, the Allen County Bar Association pauses to extend its sympathy.

Mr. President, I move that the above resolution be adopted, that a copy of it be sent to Mrs. Perry and that it be spread of record in the Courts of Allen County.

Respectfully submitted,


Alfred W. Moellering
Chairman, Memorial Committee

July 7, 1980