

RESOLUTION

BYRON F. NOVITSKY

OCTOBER 11, 1909 - JANUARY 26, 1988

We meet today in memory of Byron F. Novitsky, who departed us last Tuesday.

Byron was a native of Fort Wayne, and was born in 1909. Following his graduation from Central High School in 1927, Byron received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1931. Byron went on to receive a LLB degree, also from the University of Michigan in 1934.

After graduating from law school, Byron was admitted to the Indiana Bar and returned to Fort Wayne to practice. Byron became associated first with the firm of Townsend, Thomas & Hillgemann until 1937, and then with Edwin R. Thomas. Byron served as Public Defender in Allen County from 1937 to 1943. At his death, he was of counsel to the firm of Barrett & McNagny.

While Byron was an effective, respected practitioner of the law, who managed to achieve favorable results for his clients in an almost benign manner, we will probably remember him most for his decades of community service. The list of charitable, religious and civic organizations of which Byron was an officer or a member reads like a litany of civic achievement which may very well never be duplicated locally. Byron served as President of the Boards of Directors of St. Joseph Medical Center, the Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council, the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, the B'nai B'rith Lodge, the Hillel Foundation of the University of Michigan, the Community Chest Social Planning Council, the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, the Hospital Authority of Fort Wayne and our own Bar Association.

Byron also served as a member of the Boards of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the Achduth Vesholom Congregation, the Anthony Wayne Boy Scout Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Wayne Community Relations Council, the Fort Wayne Fine Arts Foundation, the Legal Aid Society and the Fort Wayne Zoological Society. Additionally, Byron had been a member of the Fort

Wayne City Plan Commission, the Wilson Family Foundation Committee and the Strauss Charitable Foundation Committee.

Byron's commitment and achievements did not go unnoticed. In 1963, he had the distinction of being named Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest civilian award. Shortly afterward, in 1966, Byron was selected as Jewish Man of the Year in Indiana. Then, in 1984, our Bar Association bestowed a special award upon Byron for his many years of community service.

However, the civic organization with which Byron might be most readily associated was the Fort Wayne Board of Parks Commissioners. Byron served as a member of the Parks Board for thirty-two years, and was President of that body for nineteen of those years. It was during his tenure that the highly regarded Children's Zoo was established here in Fort Wayne. As most of us know, a few years ago the Parks Board bestowed upon Byron the honor of having its administration building named after him. Byron often fondly mused that he was one of the fortunate few to have an intervivos memorial.

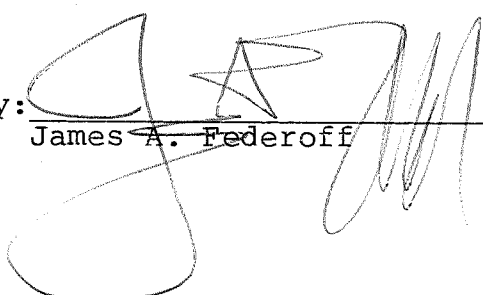
Byron is survived by his wife, the former Alice Gross, who he married in 1933 while in law school, his two daughters and six grandchildren.

Fort Wayne will not forget the accomplishments of Byron Novitsky, and we will long remember the kindness and wisdom of our brother who was a distinguished gentleman in every sense of the word.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

By:


James A. Federoff

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At a meeting of the Law Firm of Barrett & McNagny on the 28th day of January, 1988, it was unanimously

"Resolved, That all of the members of the Law Firm of Barrett & McNagny mourn the passing of Byron F. Novitsky and express to his wife, Alice, and his daughters, Sue and Judy, their heartfelt sympathy at the loss of an outstanding husband and father.

Byron was a man of legal competence and personal integrity who never lost sight of the fact that the law is a profession and the lawyer's primary duty is to promote the fair administration of justice and the best interest of his clients. He was an exemplary citizen of this community and of the entire State of Indiana, and was rightfully honored and respected by all who knew him because of his unselfish devotion to promoting the common good.

Last, but not least, he was a friend to all of the members of the Bench and the Bar; always willing to lend a helping hand; to give encouragement when it was needed; and to be a friend when friends are important. He will be missed by all of us."

Respectfully submitted,
BARRETT & McNAGNY