

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE  
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

ROBERT B. POWLEN

Mr. President, members of the Allen County Bar Association and friends.

Once again we meet to honor the memory of a member of our profession and of our association who has departed this life. Robert B. Powlen died June 4, 1975. He was only 67 years of age. He was born in Logansport and moved to Fort Wayne at an early age and spent most of his life in our midst. He received his education at Indiana University and was admitted to the Bar in 1936.

With our entrance into World War II, he entered federal service as an investigator for the Civil Service Commission, and after the war served as Chief of Contract Terminations and Facility Sectors of the Navy at its Fort Wayne office. At the termination of this service, he resumed the practice of law. During his years of practice he ran for and became a Justice of the Peace. He was instrumental in creating a trend toward choosing legally trained people for this office, and if his example had been extensively followed, the move for abolition of Justices of the Peace would probably not have gone forward. In his practice, Bob Powlen was not regularly in court, but practiced his special interests, real estate and probate, rather quietly. Sincere and conscientious, Bob Powlen put family first. He was a devoted husband and father and took great pride in the accomplishments of his son, now the Reverend William R. Powlen of our city.

Bob Powlen was a member of Sol D. Bayless Lodge, F&AM, the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine Temple. He was active in St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Those who knew him will miss his quiet friendliness and good humor.

To his widow Ruth, son William and his sister Mrs. Marjorie Lord of Arlington, Virginia, we extend our deepest sympathy in their loss.

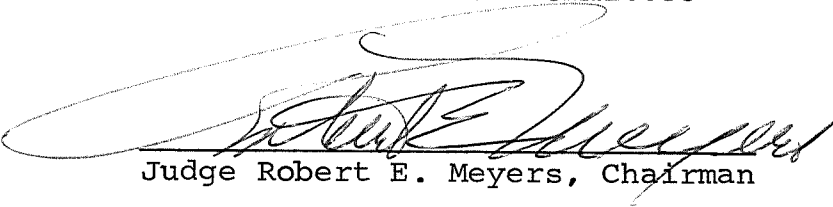
Mr. President, I move that the Allen County Bar Association give public expression of the sorrow of its members upon the death of Robert B. Powlen;

That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his widow Lura and son Reverend William R. Powlen.

That a copy of this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and affection of the members of the association for its departed brother.

WITNESS our hand and seal this 9th day of June, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Allen County Bar Association  
Memorial Resolution Committee

  
Judge Robert E. Meyers, Chairman

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