

Our colleague, William Ralph Santa, died March 19, 1986, at his home following an extended illness. He was diagnosed as having lung cancer two years ago and was forced to leave the practice in August, 1984.

Bill was born in Ohio City, Ohio, in 1935. He worked for many years as a brakeman for the Erie Lackawanna Railroad.

He wanted more out of life and so he left the railroad, moved to Fort Wayne and went to work at Bowmar where he became personnel manager. While working at Bowmar, he obtained both a B.S. and M.B.A. at IPFW.

He then moved to Indianapolis, worked as personnel manager for the Insley Corporation, a manufacturer of construction equipment, and obtained his law degree from Indiana School of Law, Indianapolis. After years of hard work, he was admitted to the bar in 1976.

His legal career was all too brief, but he established himself as a hard working, dependable member of the Allen County Bar during his years of practice. He specialized in labor and employment law and taught personnel management and labor law at IPFW and St. Francis College.

He was the devoted and proud father of two sons and two daughters and one stepson and one stepdaughter. He took great pride in his three grandchildren. He was a loving husband to his wife, Linda.

Bill was a warm and loyal friend, and he is mourned by his many friends who reciprocated his warmth and loyalty in their relationships with him.

He was an ardent fan of car racing and of the hurrying Hoosiers. He enjoyed woodwork. He loved to go to the lake.

Bill worked hard to become a lawyer, he was good at it, he did not get to enjoy it long enough, and we miss him.

It is moved that this memorial resolution be approved and adopted by the association, with appropriate copies to the court records, and to his family.

Respectfully submitted,

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE



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David B. Keller