

RESOLUTION

JAMES R. SOLOMON

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James R. Solomon was born in 1929, and he left us two weeks ago at a young 57 years of age. He was in the prime of his life and enjoying enviable success in his law practice. He was an apparent picture of health, when the catastrophic blow of terminal illness struck. He put his affairs in order, and, thereafter, his life was mercifully brief.

Jim was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne, graduating from South Side High School in 1947. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Duke University in 1951. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the Korean conflict, and graduated from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1955.

He joined the law firm of Hoffman and Hoffman, which evolved to the partnership of Hoffman, Moppert and Solomon, where he remained until 1979. During those years, Jim had a general practice, which later turned toward the field of family law. He then made his decision to specialize in that field of practice, and struck out on his own. He founded the firm, which became known as Solomon, Hampshire and Associates.

His practice in his last years was devoted nearly exclusively to the field of family law. He was extraordinarily well-informed in that field, and was proud of his Fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Those who practiced with Jim knew him to be hard-driving, scholarly, and a master strategist -- yet, a joy to practice with. His workday regularly began shortly after dawn, and sometimes before that hour. He worked feverishly, and constantly strived for perfection in what he did.

His tennis partners report that Jim approached his tennis with the same intensity, although, frustratingly to

him, without the same degree of success on the court as in his law practice. He attended tennis camps in Arizona, and in Texas, and worked constantly on his game on his frequent, but brief, trips to his condominium on Siesta Key.

Jim's natty appearance and healthy, deep suntan suggested that he led a leisurely life. But those with whom he practiced, and his adversary attorneys, can attest that he worked even during his sojourns to Florida, with daily calls to the lawyers and staff members of his firm.

Jim was married to Sara Monahan for 22 years. He was devoted to her and he was good to his stepdaughter and two stepsons. His daughter, Lisa, achieved considerable success for herself in the business world, where she resides in California, and Jim was especially proud of her accomplishments.

Although Jim was a very private person, he was always warm and amiable. He was respected for his legal acumen, and for his fairness in everything he did. His popularity at the bar was evidenced by his election to the presidency of our Association in 1974.

Jim Solomon was an uncommonly good lawyer and a fond friend. We shall miss him dearly.

Respectfully submitted,

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION