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IN MEMORIAM

Charles S. Burton

Members of the Allen County Bar Association again pause to pay loving and affectionate tribute to a departed associate. It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of Charles S. Burton, who enjoyed an unusually high position in our personal esteem.

"Chuck," as he was affectionately known to all of us, passed away suddenly at his home at 2:30 a.m., on Monday, October 23, 1961, at the early age of 49. Although "Chuck" was never engaged in the general practice of law, his passing from this life to the mysteries of the hereafter leaves a void in our ranks that will be hard to fill.

Charles S. Burton was born at Houston, Texas, on March 7, 1912. At an early age he moved with his family to Oak Park, Illinois, where he was graduated from Oak Park High School in 1930. He received his undergraduate and legal training at Indiana University, being graduated from Indiana University School of Law in the class of 1936, following which he was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Indiana in the same year.

He was married to Helene Smith, who, together with three daughters--Nancy, age 21, now attending DePauw University; Sally, age 19, a student at the University of Michigan; and Susan, age 11, at home--survives him.

Following his graduation from law school "Chuck" moved to Fort Wayne, where he had family ties, and began a career as an insurance adjuster with the Denton Adjustment Company, which was

interrupted by service with the United States Navy, during which he attained the rank of lieutenant senior grade and saw active duty in the Pacific area for 16 months.

Upon his discharge from the navy, "Chuck" returned to Fort Wayne and his family, and soon thereafter, together with Earl Chism, formed a partnership and purchased the Denton Adjustment Company, which was thereafter known as Burton & Chism Adjusters. The partnership continued until the retirement of Mr. Chism, since which time the company was operated by "Chuck" as Charles S. Burton Insurance Adjusters.

During his undergraduate years at Indiana University "Chuck" was an active member of the S.A.E. Fraternity and president of the house for one year. He also played varsity football and won his letter, and was an active member of the "I" Men's Club throughout his postgraduate life. He continued his interest and participation in athletics in general throughout his active life, and even on the day before his death he attended a football game at the University of Michigan.

He was a member of Thomas Lau Suedhoff Post of the American Legion and of the Wayne Street Methodist Church and its Men's Club. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mizpah Shrine, where he served for many years on the directors' staff.

"Chuck" never practiced law but his work brought him into close contact with members of the Allen County Bar and other lawyers throughout the area. He was a loyal member of the Allen County Bar Association and keenly interested in the affairs of the legal profession. He had a sincerity of mind and purpose, which were reflected in the intensity of his nature, whether on the athletic field or in his chosen career or in his social life,

and those of us who dealt with him professionally found him to be a doughty opponent and a formidable ally. He was eminently honest, forthright, direct, and dedicated to high standards of endeavor. He leaves an indelible imprint, on all who knew him, as a loving and considerate husband and father, a loyal friend, a gentleman and professional associate. He was a definite credit to the profession. We shall long cherish the memory of many pleasant associations with him.

Death is always accompanied by grief, anguish, heartache and sorrow, particularly when it strikes down one so young, so virile and active and so much in his prime, enjoying life to the fullest, as was Charles S. Burton at the time of his death. It comes with sudden and shocking severity to loved ones surviving him. To his devoted wife and his three daughters we express our most sincere and tender sympathies. May the knowledge of his superior qualities, and the affectionate regard in which he was held by his lawyer friends, comfort and sustain his loved ones during the hours of their grief.

Respectfully submitted,

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