

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

GILMORE S. HAYNIE, JR.

WHEREAS, we are here to pay our respects to the memory of our deceased colleague and friend, Gilmore S. Haynie, Jr., who died August 21, 2014 at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Susan Haynie, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; daughter, Devon Haynie of Washington, D.C.; son, Gilmore S. Haynie III of Fort Wayne; and his brother, William Haynie, also of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gilmore S. Haynie and Mary Ann Haynie.

Gilmore was born in Bluffton, Indiana on May 1, 1947 and raised in Fort Wayne. He attended South Side High School and graduated in 1965. He received his undergraduate BS degree from Indiana University in 1969 and his Juris Doctor from Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington, in 1973. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve during 1969-1975.

Gilmore was a great guy; he was a great friend to all of us; he was great fun and he had a great life. Today is a day to celebrate.

Gilmore had a love, passion and zest for life with few peers. A few of Gilmore's loves --

He loved and was proud of his family – Susan, Devon, Gil III, brother Bill, and all other members of his extended family. In the early 70's, Gilmore headed to Pinehurst, North Carolina, for a tennis camp. We didn't think he might be wife-hunting – and he probably wasn't. However, shortly after his return we weren't so sure. Gilmore said he had found the "real deal". That became more evident when Susan began to visit the Fort. They were married November 11, 1976 and raised daughter, Devon, and son, Gilmore III, both of whom Gilmore loved dearly and was very proud of.

In the early 70's, Gilmore had a lot of hair, mostly facial hair, handlebar mustache, mutton chops and the worst comb-over in the tri-state area. He put Gene Keady to shame.

We knew their relationship was serious when Susan persuaded Gilmore that “bald is beautiful”. So it wasn’t long after they met, the comb-over was gone and Gilmore became the bald Gilmore that we all came to know and love.

Gilmore loved being a lawyer. As many of you know, Gilmore’s dad was a lawyer so he grew up in a legal household. His dad was an acclaimed trial lawyer, one of the most highly regarded trial lawyers in the state. Gilmore had many of Gil Sr.’s qualities in terms of being an effective communicator; being able to explain difficult subjects in a simple and understandable manner; being credible; and being likeable. Gil never chose to pursue the trial practice, instead, became an accomplished lawyer in the tax and estate planning areas.

After having practiced a decade or so with his father’s firm, Livingston, Dildine, Haynie & Yoder, Gil chose to join with his good friend, David K. Hawk and started the Hawk Haynie law firm in 1988. This was one of his proudest moments during his 40 years of lawyering and he enjoyed the practice with this firm for nearly 26 years.

Being a graduate of IU with two degrees, Gilmore loved IU and the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. He was an IU Hoosier and IU Phi Gam through and through – for his entire adult life.

An IU sports fan – be it football, basketball or any field of fray – he experienced the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat for several decades. He suffered thru untold football seasons as a season ticket holder with good humor. He was a self-described expert of the prowess and strategies of IU coaches and teams. A true IU fan he was.

Gilmore loved his friends and having fun. He was not all-consumed by the practice of law. Gilmore looked for balance. His credo – “Life is short; so have some fun.” He took the time to smell the roses. Gilmore had the ability to make friends and he had an untold number of them. His life was filled with friends from all stages – boyhood and high school; college and post-college. The number of his friends was directly related to the fact that he had a great sense of humor and he liked to have fun.

Many of you might be unaware of the fact that Gilmore was multi-lingual. He could speak Scottish, the King’s English, Italian, Sicilian, German, French and Chinese and others. And he had the amazing ability to speak the language,

whatever it might be, so that you could understand it. Even if you didn't speak Chinese, Gilmore spoke it so you could understand.

Over the years, it became a tradition for Gilmore to spin a yarn, tell a funny story or relive a prior event for whatever the occasion might be. Others today may talk about a few of those yarns and funny stories.

Gilmore loved the game of golf. And I mean really loved the game of golf. In the early 70's, his sport shtick was what a great high school quarterback he had been at South Side High School along with Tom Gallmeyer as his ace halfback. Truth be told, I think Gilmore and Tom led South Side's football team to a lengthy string of losing seasons. Gilmore's stories about his quarterback prowess lasted a few years until Phil Burt, who as a young lawyer with Gil's dad attended many of young Gilmore's South Side football games, described Gilmore's throwing a pass as something akin to a duck trying to fly with one wing tied to its side. So much for football.

Then it was tennis. Gilmore always said he played number one singles on South Side because he had the best-looking legs. That may have been true but Gilmore was a good tennis player. Gilmore and I, along with John Kruekeberg and Max Smith, were instrumental in getting tennis as a companion event during the ACBA golf outing. We served as co-chair of the tennis outing. We were responsible for securing the trophies for both the tennis and golf outings. We were discharged from our duties when the tennis trophies were multiple times the size of the trophies awarded during the golf event.

For the past three decades, Gilmore's passion was golf. Many of us have spent innumerable hours listening to Gilmore talking about the finer points of the golf swing; how to drop the hands into the slot; how and when to shift the lower body; how to turn the shoulders; position of the right elbow; tempo; how to grip the club and many other golf tips.

Gilmore enjoyed golf both with his golf buddies, several who are here today, as well as Susan and their couple's friends. He was proud to have been the president of Fort Wayne Country Club and was a founding member of the Fort Wayne Country Club Caddy Scholarship Program.

Gilmore was a long time member of the Indiana Society of Arizona, a group of Fort Wayne-connected golfers who made an annual trek to Scottsdale for four days of golf and fun.

He was also a charter member of the Patriot Cup Group. This group was again, mostly Fort Wayne golfers who competed in a Ryder Cup format every other year with a group of golfers from Scotland and Great Britain. Gilmore was in his element. As many of us have been schooled repeatedly, Gilmore was a 19th generation descendant of Robert the Bruce, a famous Scottish legend from centuries past – and he had the documents to prove it. Gilmore often said that in addition to his family and being a lawyer, one of the best things that ever happened to him in his life was to be a member of the Patriot Cup Group. As with all groups, Gilmore was an instant hit and developed strong, lasting friendships with all of his European friends. Upon Gil's death, one of the European competitors from St. Andrews, Scotland, wrote, in part: "I think St. Peter and the rest of the crew up there have got their hands full now. Earth is going to be a much sadder place but heaven is going to be a lot more fun."

Finally, Gilmore loved Fort Wayne. Following graduation from law school, he had several opportunities to land in places other than Fort Wayne. He chose Fort Wayne, I think in part, because he had great confidence in the city and had a vision for its future.

Gilmore was a "servant leader" long before that phrase came into vogue. He spent untold hours and invested a great deal of sweat equity in an effort to make Fort Wayne the city it is today. He set a great example for all lawyers by his civic involvement.

He served on many commissions, boards and other entities dedicated to improving Fort Wayne and its quality of life. Among these included a 15-year member of the Embassy Theatre Foundation where he served as president for two terms; served many years on the Journal Gazette Foundation; served as vice-president of the Allen County Convention Tourism Authority; served many years on the board of directors of the Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana; served on the board of directors of the Fort Wayne/Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau and was an active and aggressive supporter of Turnstone, YMCA, Arts United, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art and Indiana University.

One of Gilmore's most signal accomplishments was his selection, several years back, to serve as the Mayor's designated member of the Fort Wayne Capital Improvement Board. Gilmore did not serve with these various entities simply to create a resume. Again, as noted before, he served on these entities and spent

thousands of volunteer hours pursuing the various goals to make Fort Wayne a better place.

Gilmore believed that a lawyer's greatest asset was to hold and enjoy both a high professional and high personal reputation. Gilmore enjoyed both.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of its sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life of Gilmore S. Haynie, Jr., and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be unanimously adopted by those present upon this occasion, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted by the Allen County Bar Association to the members of the Gilmore S. Haynie, Jr. family, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread of record in the permanent records of the Federal and State courts of Allen County, Indiana, to evidence the respect and admiration of members of the bench and bar for their friend and colleague, Gilmore S. Haynie, Jr.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2014.

THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



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The Honorable David J. Avery, President

By: Stanley A. Levine
The Honorable Stanley A. Levine
Judge, Allen Superior Court

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