

MEMORIAL

THE HONORABLE EDWARD W. MEYERS

This morning the Allen County Indiana Bar Association meets in deep sorrow as it pays sincere respect and high tribute to the Honorable Edward W. Meyers, whose death has taken from us a gentle, kind and lovely friend, an able lawyer and an excellent judge.

His sound judgment on legal matters and upon social and religious questions, were highly and most sincerely valued by the young and old alike.

He was an articulate man who had the keen ability, intelligence and high intellectual qualities, the insight and understanding which made him a fountain of knowledge and information.

Edward W. Meyers was born on the 25th day of December, 1878, in Adams County, Indiana, where he attended parochial and public primary schools. His father died when he was fourteen years of age and it was necessary for him to withdraw from school and to work the farm to assist in the support of his mother and younger brother and sister. There remains in Adams County today the barn he assisted in building. It had a slate roof with slate of different color stating the date of construction, 1890.

The poor estate of his youth could not suppress his thirst for education and his desire to be a lawyer. Intense study prepared him for entrance examinations and admission to the University of Michigan. In 1909 he graduated from the School of Law of that University and in 1910 he began the practice of law in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In the practice of law he was associated with Joseph Haley and E. F. Perry, In his profession he manifested those high

qualities of honor, integrity and legal ability which made him a respected, honored and loved lawyer and friend.

He was elected Judge of the Superior Court of Allen County in the year 1938 and was reelected in the years 1942, 1946 and 1950. He served with distinction, recognized all lawyers as friends and all litigants as equals entitled to his unprejudiced and studied judgment. No case tried before Judge Meyers was so unimportant as to be decided without full and intelligent consideration.

A man of many talents, his interests were varied and his reading and study entered deeply into the religions, philosophy, masonry, astronomy and history. He was a football and baseball enthusiast. The St. Louis Cardinals were the team of his choice, in good times and in bad; and when the times were too bad, he went fishing.

His sense of humor was great. He enjoyed jokes and innocent pranks and, perhaps, those played upon him received his heartiest laughter.

He was a member of the Allen County Indiana Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, University of Michigan Alumni Association, and was a charter member of the Decatur Knights of Columbus. Living in Fort Wayne he became a member of the Fort Wayne Council Knights of Columbus 451. He was also a member of the Izaak Walton League and of St. Peters Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society. He was a charter member of the Fort Wayne Housing Authority.

He deeply loved his family and in turn was loved by them. He was survived by two sons, the Reverend Maurice Meyers, S.J., a teacher at St. Ignatius High School, Chicago, and an instructor at the University of Illinois Regional Campus in Chicago, and by our own highly respected member and friend, Robert E. Meyers,

former Mayor of our City, one grandson, a brother, William J. Meyers, and a sister, Mrs. Henry J. Borns of Adams County, Indiana.

We shall sadly miss him, his friendship and his counsel.

As Robert Green Ingersoll spoke of his brother, we may affectionately speak of our friend Judge Meyers, whom we shall always remember,

"He added to the sum of human joy, and were everyone to whom he did some loving service to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep tonight beneath a wilderness of flowers."

To the members of his family who shared him with us, we shall be forever grateful, and of God who gave him life, forever appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,

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