

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
FOR ROGER W. HULTQUIST**

April 25, 2022

We are here to pay our respect to the memory of our colleague and friend Roger W. Hultquist, who passed away on May 3, 2021, at the age of eighty-three.

Roger was born on January 22, 1937, in Norway, Michigan to Herbert and Flora Hultquist. Roger was the third oldest of thirteen children, and he spoke frequently of Norway, his family, and his friends in Norway. Roger returned to Norway every few years for a class reunion, and he remained lifelong friends with many of his classmates.

Roger attended Michigan State University, where he earned a degree from the College of Communication Arts. Roger spent five years earning his undergraduate degree in communications because he attended school for a couple of semesters and then he dropped out for a semester to work on the Great Oar Ships on the great lakes to earn money to return to college. Roger told this story not to complain about his circumstances but to talk of the adventures he had on the great lakes.

After graduating from MSU, Roger relocated to St. Louis Missouri to work at KSLH-FM where he was a writer, director, producer, and actor in KSLH's children education programing. While working at KSLH-FM, Roger enrolled in the University of Missouri Law School in Columbia Missouri, where he graduated in 1963. While attending law school, Roger met his wife of 53 years, and the love of his life, Sharon Shurtz.

Roger and Sharon were blessed with one child, Kerry, in 1971, who Roger adored. Roger fondly spoke of traveling around the country to watch Kerry play soccer and about their competitive games of Scrabble. Roger was proud when Kerry graduated from Creighton Law School. However, the greatest gift Kerry gave his dad were twin granddaughters, Lily Kay and Isabella Lee, born in 2008. Most of us in this room have heard countless stories about the talented, smart, and beautiful twins! Every child should have a grandfather like Roger.

Sadly, Sharon lost Roger in May of 2021 and she unexpectedly lost Kerry earlier this year on March 28, 2022. Sharon was so adored by these two men in her life. She understands joy and wonder because she knew Roger and Kerry. Hopefully that love will assuage the great burden of her grief.

Upon graduation from The University of Missouri Law School, Roger moved to Sharon's hometown of Fort Wayne, Indiana and joined the law firm of Hogg, Christoff, Snouffer and Haller where he worked for years. Roger practiced law as a sole practitioner from 1978 through his passing. He shared office space with Sol Lowenstein on Wayne Street, Paul McNellis, and others in the PNC building, and then with his many friends on the fifth floor of the Lincoln Tower. Roger loved to socialize with lawyers, really anyone, but especially lawyers!

Roger was very generous with his time and gave countless hours to help the Allen County legal community. Roger frequently served as a special judge and judge pro temp. He also served as a pro bono mediator on mediation days and was a frequent volunteer for the Volunteer Lawyer Program. Roger represented countless children while serving as their Guardian Ad Litem. Further, Roger served on the Judicial Selection Commission for two terms.

Roger also served the Fort Wayne community on many boards including the Foellinger Foundation, the Washington House, The 13 Step House and the Mental Health Association. Roger frequently told people that he had been sober for 47 years. He openly discussed his addiction struggles hoping to help someone else on their journey. Roger was an active member in JLAAP and an unofficial "go to" for Allen County attorneys and Judges who had concerns about a colleague or family member or just needed advice for a case involving an addiction issue.

Roger was talented, creative, and curious. He loved to read and talk about the books he read. Roger's creativity was expressed through painting and other creations. Many of us have "Hultquists" hanging in our offices and homes. Roger made art out of what many of us would consider junk! Remember the gourd creatures! Roger loved to paint and create but he loved to give his paintings and creations away to a charity auctions or friends even more. As a member of Quest Club, other members were educated, entertained, and inspired by Roger's papers, which usually had a funny and slightly racy twist to them.

Roger made friends wherever he went, even if it was just the elevator! Roger could make a friend in the time it took the elevator in the PNC Building to go the seventeen floors to the first floor. Roger's new friend always left the elevator with a smile of his or her face. People loved Roger and Roger loved people.

WHEREAS, we will miss Roger and his humor which brought smiles to our faces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allen County Bar Association gives public expression of sorrow upon this, the occasion of the remembrance of the life of Roger W. Hultquist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be unanimously adopted by those present at this assembly upon this occasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Office of the Allen County Bar Association to the members of the Hultquist family; an

BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED, that this Resolution be spread of record and become a part of the permanent online records of the Allen County Indiana Bar Association to evidence the respect and admiration of the members of the Bench and Bar for the departed friend, Roger W. Hultquist.

Dated this 25th day of April 2022 at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

By: *Sarah Schreiber*

Sarah Lorraine Schreiber, President, Allen County Bar Association

By: *Jennifer DeGroote*

Jennifer Lynne DeGroote, Judge, Allen Superior Court



Resolution prepared and presented by Linda P. Chrzan, Esq.