



## Robert J. Addison

November 25, 1918 - January 18, 2009

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Robert J. Addison, age 90 of Denver, formerly of Portage, Hobart and LOFS, passed away on January 18, 2009. He was born in Gary on November 25, 1918 to John and May Addison. He was a graduate of Portage High School, Indiana University and Harvard Law School. He married Ruth Nelson on January 27, 1946 at Garyton Covenant Church in Portage. He was a veteran of WWII-U.S. Army 339th Fighter Group stationed in England. Robert practiced law in Gary from 1950 – 1973, moving his practice to Merrillville until his retirement in 1987. He was a member and past President (1967) of the Gary Bar Association. He also served as Assistant City Attorney for Hobart and Deputy Prosecutor for Lake County. Robert and his late wife loved to travel and visited many places around the world. He was beloved by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 56 years, Ruth Addison, 2 brothers, Frederick “Fritz” and Charles, and daughter-in-law, Martha Addison.

He is survived by 4 children, James (Brenda) Addison of CO, Roger (Kate) Addison of IL, Paul (Janet) Addison of W. Lafayette, and Janet (Terry) Hills of CO; 8 grandchildren, Alysha (Kwane) Marble, Nicole (Greg) Knaddison, Bryana Addison, Mark (Aya) Addison, Rachel Addison, Nicholas (Jennifer) Hills, Meagan Hills, and Joseph Hills; 3 great-grandchildren, Kwane & Lovelle Marble and Guy Addison; several nieces & nephews; step granddaughter,

Sarah Hills, and 2 step great-grandchildren, Sam & Gabe Ellison.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN, Rev. Craig Nordstrom officiating.

Funeral services will end at the funeral home with private interment at Calvary Cemetery in Portage.

Friends may visit with the family at Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, on Friday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. and from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, 2248 W. 35th Avenue, Gary, IN 46408. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ My heartfelt sympathies to the family. Bob was the first lawyer I met in Lake County in 1971. I had my first civil case against him. At that time, he was an experienced and accomplished trial lawyer. He could have taken complete advantage of a fledgeling like myself. Instead, he treated me well. He treated me with respect and he was always a gentleman. I came to know him much better as time passed and my impression of him as a first rate gentleman, a first rate lawyer and basically a really decent human being were all confirmed. it was my honor knowing Bob. My heartfelt sympathies to the family. Don Levinson##imported-begin##don levinson##imported-end##

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