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The Law School Alumni Association has announced plans for a drive to raise funds to establish a scholarship fund in memory of Bernard C. Gavit who died Saturday. Mr. Gavit was Dean of the School of Law from 1933 to 1951.



DEAN GAVIT

Funeral services for Mr. Gavit were conducted Monday at the Greene and Harrell Chapel with the Rev. Joseph Walker officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Foundation to Administer.

Fred H. Gregory, James Ferguson, and James Cotner, local attorneys, are taking the lead in organizing the drive. Plans are for the fund to be administered by the I.U. Foundation, according to Claude Warren, association president.

Members of the Monroe County Bar Association met Monday to pass a resolution in honor of Mr. Gavit.

Mr. Gavit was born in Saginaw, Mich., but moved to Indiana at an early age. He attended Indiana schools, including Wabash College, and received his law degree from Chicago Law School in 1920.

After serving in the Army and Navy for 10 months, Mr. Gavit entered law practice as a member of a law firm in Hammond.

Formerly at Oregon.

He served as assistant professor of law at the University of Oregon law school before coming to I.U. as acting professor of law in 1929. He was appointed professor of law in 1930, and was named Dean of the I.U. School of Law in 1933.

In 1941, Mr. Gavit was appointed faculty representative to the Big Ten Conference and chairman of the Faculty Athletic Committee at I.U.

Active pallbearers were: Lee R. Norvelle, chairman of the Department of Speech and Theatre; Leon Wallace, Dean of the School of Law; Frank Horack, professor of law; Dr. Ben Ross; Austin Steward, and Austin Clifford, professor of law.

Honorary pallbearers were President Herman B Wells; Herman T. Briscoe, Vice-President; Sheldon Elliott; Ralph Gregory; Alvert J. Harno; John S. Hastings, President of the Board of Trustees;

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