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Death Unexpected!

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Former I. U. Law Dean B. C. Gavit, Age 60, Succumbs

Bernard C. Gavit, 60, former dean of law at Indiana University, died at noon today at his home, 1320 Southdowns Drive, after a lingering illness of several days.

His death, however, was unexpected, and his body was found in the living room of his home where he had fallen dead, according to his physician.

Death was believed to have resulted from a heart attack. He had returned to his home from the Bloomington Hospital Thursday.

Mr. Gavit was a native of Saginaw, Mich., but went to Hammond, Ind., at an early age. He attended Hammond schools and was graduated at Wabash College before attending the Chicago Law School where he received his law degree in June, 1920.

Mr. Gavit entered military services for two years and served in both the Army and Navy for 10 months overseas in the Chemical Warfare Service.

In Law Firm.

He started his career as a lawyer in Hammond in 1920, a member of the firm of Ibach, Gavit, Stinson and Gavit and practiced there until 1928, when he went to the University of Oregon Law School as assistant professor of law.

Mr. Gavit came to Indiana University School of Law in the Fall of 1929, as acting professor of law. He was appointed professor of law in 1930, and was named dean of the Law School in June of 1933. He served as dean until 1951.

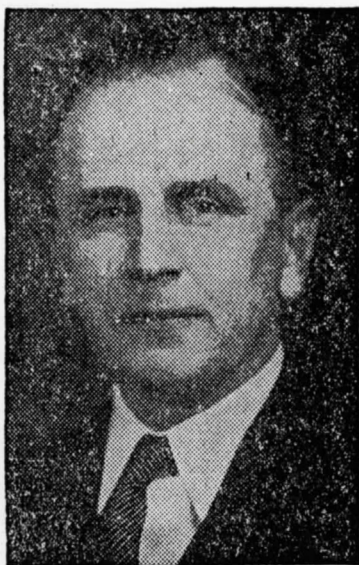
Mr. Gavit had been a member of the I.U. Law School faculty since his retirement as dean.

He was a member of the American Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, State Board of Law Examiners, and Indiana Judicial Council. He was director and secretary of the Principle Press Inc., and was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Phi Delta Phi, Order of the Coif and Phi Beta Kappa.

Headed Commission.

He was chairman of Indiana State Commission Governmental Economy in 1934-35; Secretary-Treasurer of Association of American Law Schools in 1940 and was on leave of absence as general counsel of War Manpower Commission from 1942 to 1943. In

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January, 1946, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of American Association of Law Schools and in 1947 was named president of the Association.

He was author of the following publications:

"The Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution," 1932 and numerous articles in Law Reviews. "Indiana Law Future Interests, Wills and Descent," 1934. "Indiana Cases and Materials on Trial and Appellate Procedure," 1935. "Cases and Materials on an Introduction to Law and the Judicial Process" 1936 and "Schouler on Wills (7th edition)" 1937.

Survivors Listed.

Mr. Gavit was married to Nettle Sue Bledsoe in 1922. She and three children survive, including Mrs. Dean Call, Gary, Albert McQueen Gavit, of Indianapolis and Lt. George B. Gavit, Air Force Base at Spokane, Washington.

The body has been taken to the Greene and Harrell Mortuary where it will remain pending funeral arrangements.