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*The Board of Editors dedicates this issue to the memory of the late Associate Law Librarian and Associate Professor of Law, Jurij Fedynskyj.*

In Memoriam—Jurij Fedynskyj  
1912-1979

The diversity of talents, interests and experience Professor Jurij Fedynskyj brought to the faculty of the Indiana University School of Law enriched the curriculum and intellectual life of the school. He will be missed as a scholar, educator and librarian, but above all as an individual whose unflagging energy and good nature evidenced his unique and irrepressible zest for the study of law.

Professor Fedynskyj was born in Mosty Velyki, in the Ukraine, in 1912. He received his first law degree, Magister of Jurisprudence, from Lviv University in 1934, and entered private practice in Lviv (now Lvov) and Stanyslaviv. He began his career in education at Lviv University as well, as an Assistant Professor of Law, in 1939. He remained at Lviv for two years, and then entered the University of Innsbruck, from which he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence, *summa cum laude*, in 1943. Professor Fedynskyj remained at Innsbruck as a Teaching Associate until 1949. During this period he was also a Lecturer at Graz University, and served as legal adviser to the International Refugee Organization. It was also in Innsbruck that he met his wife, Nathalie Moshinsky, now an Associate Professor of Nursing at the Indianapolis campus of Indiana University.

Professor Fedynskyj served the Shevchenko Scientific Society as Secretary General from 1952 to 1959, and became an American citizen in 1955. He studied law librarianship under Miles Price at

Columbia University during this period, and received his M.S.L.S. from Columbia in 1957. Shortly thereafter he accepted a position as Assistant Librarian at Notre Dame University, where he served for two years before coming to the Indiana University School of Law in 1959. In 1965 he received his J.D. from Indiana University; in 1966 he was made Associate Librarian and Assistant Professor; in 1969 he became an Associate Professor.

The diversity and number of professional organizations to which Professor Fedynskyj belonged reveal his wide ranging interests and energy. In addition to his service to the Shevchenko Scientific Society, he was the Secretary of the Self-Reliance Society from 1950 to 1952, Secretary to the International Association of Law Librarians from 1962 to 1965, and President of the Ukrainian Association of American University Professors from 1971 to 1973. Other memberships included the American Association for the Study of Comparative Law, the American Society of International Law, the Forschungsinstitut für den Donauraum; the Polish Society of Arts and Sciences (London), and the Société de Législation Comparée (Paris).

Professor Fedynskyj was an active scholar, with many works in international and comparative law. His book length works include *Rechtstatsachen auf dem Gebiete des Erbrechts im Gerichtsbezirk* and *Polish Law Throughout the Ages*; recent articles include *Legal Documentation and Research*; *State Session Laws in Non-English Languages: A Chapter in American Legal History*; and *Western Legal Treatises in Russian Translations*. He also served as editor of *Novyi Svit*, and *Pravnychy Visnyk*, was a contributor to the *Entsyklopediia Ukrainoznavstva*, and was a member of the Editorial Board of *The American Journal of Comparative Law*. At his death he was involved in two major scholarly projects; a comparative study of the use of witnesses, and a history of the Indiana University School of Law.

Professor Fedynskyj's numerous contributions as a scholar and educator reflect the creative spirit expressed so well in the lines of his favorite poet and Ukrainianian countryman, Taras Shevchenko:

“Let me live, and live in spirit  
Loving all mankind;  
. . .  
Wretched is the fettered captive,  
Dying, and a slave;  
But more wretched he that, living,  
Sleeps, as in a grave,  
Till he falls asleep for ever,  
Leaving not a sign  
That there faded into darkness  
Something once divine.”

— TARAS SHEVCHENKO

FROM DAY TO DAY . . .

