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MEMORIAL SERVICE  
Val Nolan, Jr., 82 
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A memorial service for Val Nolan, Jr., will be held on Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at the Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington. The service will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. His memory will be honored at the inaugural Indiana Law Alumni Summit. Numerous colleagues, friends and family members are scheduled to speak at the service. All are welcome.

Nolan, emeritus professor of law and biology, died on March 27, 2008.

After graduating from IU in 1941, Nolan became a Deputy U.S. Marshal. He went on to join the Secret Service, where he protected President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He later joined the U.S. Navy, serving under President Roosevelt's son, James.

Nolan entered the IU School of Law in 1946, where he served as Editor of the Indiana Law Journal, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif, and Phi Delta Phi.

After earning his law degree in 1949, Nolan joined the Indiana Law faculty, where he taught until his retirement in 1985.

During that span, he served as Acting Dean in 1976 and again in 1980 as the Law School searched for a permanent replacement.

While teaching law, Nolan pursued his interest in ornithology. He was appointed as a research scholar in the Department of Zoology in 1957, and taught a course there for a professor on sabbatical. Nolan studied Prairie Warblers in the wild for more than 20 years, which led to the publication of "Ecology and Behavior of the Prairie Warbler Dendroica Discolor," which has been called the most comprehensive study of a single bird species ever published.

Friday's memorial service is open to the public.