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Val Nolan: A Celebration of Life
Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington
Moot Court Room
October 3, 2008
1:30 p.m.

Welcome
Lauren Robel
Dean and Val Nolan Professor of Law
Indiana Law

Video Presentation
Val Nolan: A Renaissance Man

"Reflections of Val"
Jim Hengeveld, Professor
Department of Biology, Indiana University

Elizabeth C. Raff, Professor
Department of Biology, Indiana University

Ken Yasukawa, Professor and Chair
Department of Biology, Beloit College

Dan Cristol, Professor of Biology
The College of William & Mary

Robert Kassing, Bose McKinney & Evans
Indianapolis, Indiana

Jeff Stake, Robert A. Lucas Chair of Law
Indiana Law

Douglas Boshkoff
Robert H. McKinney Professor Emeritus of Law
Indiana Law

Patrick Baude
Ralph F. Fuchs Professor Emeritus of Law and Public Service
Indiana Law

Jenny Nolan
Granddaughter

A reception in the Law Library will immediately follow the ceremony.

"He was one of just a few people who had a significant impact on my life. He had a sense of humor. He once asked me a question in class to which I answered 'yes.' He replied that he was looking for a shorter answer."
-Michael (Mickey) S. Maurer, JD’67

[Brochure text and quotes courtesy of Ken Yasukawa]
Val Nolan, Jr.,emeritus professor of law and biology, died on 27 March 2008 at the age of 87. Val will always be remembered for his warm humanity and sense of humor. He was a supportive colleague, a wonderful scientist, an inspirational teacher, and a valued friend.

“No other teacher in my life impacted my ability to think critically nearly as much as Professor Nolan, for which I am forever in his debt. He cared deeply about the students and the school, befriended and benefited so many of us, and will be greatly missed.”

-Robert Kassing, JD’64
Partner, Bose McKinney & Evans

In his father’s legal footsteps, Val entered the IU School of Law in 1946. Val served as Editor of the Indiana Law Journal and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif, and Phi Delta Phi. As a member of the Law faculty, he was a mentor and model for countless law students, and he served as Acting Dean of the Law School in 1976 and again in 1980. While serving as a member of the Law faculty, Val also actively pursued his passionate interest in ornithology, which was inspired by his high-school teacher. In 1957, he was appointed as a research scholar in the Department of Zoology, which later became the Department of Biology.

“We students experienced a variety of emotions, from awe at his knowledge and ability, to wonder at his talent for getting us to see the natural world through the eyes of a scientist, to a bit of fear as we tore down the road while watching for birds...As I think now about Val, it is clear that he was the most important person in my professional development. I owe him everything.”

-Ken Yasukawa
Professor and Chair
Department of Biology, Beloit College