Our friend and long time partner, Ralph Warren Boyles, Jr., died on September 23, 2011 at the age of 93. He was born on January 27, 1918, the son of the late Ralph W. Boyles, Sr. and Edna Bowmaster Boyles.

Ralph was a graduate of the Harrisburg Academy, Dickinson College and Dickinson School of Law. He was a veteran of WWII and served as a Captain in the Army Air Corps and bomber pilot in the South Pacific. He subsequently served in the Air Force Reserve and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Upon graduating from Dickinson Law School, he joined the law firm of Nauman Smith Shissler & Hall practicing as an associate and partner for over 35 years. His practice was primarily focused on real estate, estate planning, corporate and banking law.

In addition to his law practice, Ralph served for many years on the board of directors of the Penbrook National Bank, and the Suburban East Advisory Board of the Commonwealth National Bank. He was one of three original founders and the lawyer for Public Broadcasting Station, WITF.

Ralph enjoyed the theatre and the arts and was an actor in productions of what was then the Harrisburg Community Theatre and the Allenberry Playhouse. He was also a talented artist, but his life-long passions were his farm near Hummelstown, PA and his horses. He was a member of the Quentin Riding Club for many years.

Ralph may be remembered for his arrivals and departures from Harrisburg on his motorcycle clad in his red coveralls, which he parked inconspicuously behind the Commonwealth National Bank. His quiet sense of humor enlivened many office lunches.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 30 yrs., Beatrice E. Boyles, a daughter Susan S. Benner and son-in-law John E. Benner of Hummelstown, PA., step-daughter Betty Jane Costanzo and husband Anthony of Media, PA. He is also survived by a daughter Amy E. Trevena and his former wife and mother of his three children, Katherine J. Boyles both of Delray Beach, FL. Additionally he leaves behind grandsons Patrick W. Benner, Gilbert C. Trevena and Silas W. Trevena and step-granddaughters Kristine Hunt and Stephanie Tyhuis and great – grandchildren Dylan A. Benner, Chloe D. Benner and Charlie Kunkle. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Warren J. Boyles and brother Mark K. Boyles and numerous friends and associates.

Ralph was the epitome of the gentleman lawyer. He was a trusted colleague and a supportive mentor of young attorneys in the firm.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the passing of Ralph W. Boyles, Jr., his family and the community has lost a wonderful and caring person, and the bar has lost one of its most able practitioners.

And Further Resolved, that the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, in meeting assembled, mourn the death of our esteemed colleague, Ralph W. Boyles, Jr., and tender our sympathy and condolences to his widow and family.

And Further Resolved, that copies of this Memorial Resolution be spread upon the records of the Dauphin County Courts and Dauphin County Bar Association, that the original copy be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary, and that copies be transmitted to his widow and family.

J. Stephen Feinour, Chairman

Spencer G. Nauman, Jr., Member

Craig J. Staudenmaier, Member