

DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF

JOSEPH A. KLEIN - DECEMBER 28, 2011

My dear friend of over 37 years, and partner for over 24 years, Joseph Allan Klein, died on December 28, 2011, at the age of 73 years. He was born on March 9, 1938, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Joe was the very proud father of Adam, a fellow member of this Bar Association; Amanda, his PhD college professor daughter at East Carolina University; father-in-law of Adam's wife Dale, Clerk of Courts of Dauphin County, and grandfather of four...Addison and Sawyer, Adam and Dale's sons, and Maisy and Jude, Amanda and her husband Zack's daughter and son. But the very person of whom Joe was always most proud and to whom he was most devoted, and she to him, is Sally, his loving wife of over 40 years, who also served this County as Register of Wills and later, as a three term County Commissioner.

Joseph Allan Klein was educated in the public schools of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Dickinson College, and graduate of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania. He was admitted to the Bar of the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania in 1963; served as an Assistant Attorney General with the Department of Transportation from 1965 through 1966; was an Assistant District Attorney here in Dauphin County under then District Attorney Leroy Zimmerman from 1968 through 1971, and practiced law in Harrisburg continuously thereafter until Christmas Eve, 2011. He served in many public capacities over the years including Member of the Joint State Government Committee on Eminent Domain, Solicitor to the Broad Street Market, Civil Service Hearing Officer in Susquehanna Township, and Solicitor to the Dauphin County Controller.

Joe, as a result of having lost his mother long before she could enjoy old age, and his having interrupted his law school attendance by coming home following her passing to help to care for his father, well-understood how fleeting life can be and the meaning of the following words, taken from our prayerbook "Gates of Repentance":

Birth is a beginning  
And death a destination.  
And life is a journey:  
From childhood to maturity  
And youth to age;  
From innocence to awareness  
And ignorance to knowing;  
From foolishness to discretion  
And then, perhaps, to wisdom;  
From weakness to strength  
Or strength to weakness -  
And, often, back again;  
From health to sickness  
And back, we pray, to health again;  
From offense to forgiveness,  
From loneliness to love,  
From joy to gratitude,  
From pain to compassion,  
And grief to understanding -  
From fear to faith;

From defeat to defeat to defeat -  
Until, looking backward or ahead,  
We see that victory lies  
Not at some high place along the way,  
But in having made the journey, stage by stage,  
    A sacred pilgrimage.  
Birth is a beginning  
And death a destination.  
And life a journey,  
A sacred pilgrimage -  
    To life everlasting.

Joe was always thought to be, and indeed was, a brilliant, thorough, skillful, imaginative lawyer who fought zealously for the rights and interests of his clients. As has been communicated to me by so many of you, and by friends and lawyers from outside of the area, by written notes or calls expressing condolence, is that virtually every one remarked that they had learned something from Joe about representing a client, a trial technique, or some other matter of skill useful in their practice. I have no question in my mind that I, too, learned so very much from our long association, not only as lawyers practicing together, but as well, as friends, celebrating our families, children, grandchildren, and so many of their life-cycle events.

These comments and the widespread impact that Joe had on so many, including me, are crystalized in the lyrics to the song "For Good", from the Broadway hit musical "Wicked", and I quote them here:

I've heard it said  
That people come into our lives for a reason  
Bringing something we must learn  
And we are led  
To those who help us most to grow  
If we let them  
And we help them in return  
Well, I don't know if I believe that's true  
But I know I'm who I am today  
Because I knew you...

Like a comet pulled from orbit  
As it passes a sun  
Like a stream that meets a boulder  
Halfway through the wood  
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?  
But because I knew you  
I have been changed for good.

It well may be  
That we will never meet again  
In this lifetime  
So let me say before we part  
So much of me  
Is made of what I learned from you  
You'll be with me  
Like a handprint on my heart  
And now whatever way our stories end  
I know you have re-written mine  
By being my friend...

Like a ship blown from its mooring  
By a wind off the sea  
Like a seed dropped by a skybird  
In a distant wood  
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?  
But because I knew you...

Because I KNEW YOU

I have been changed for good.

And just to clear the air  
I ask forgiveness  
For the things I've done you blame me for  
But then, I guess we know  
There's blame to share.

And none of it seems to matter anymore.

Like a comet pulled from orbit  
As it passes a sun  
Like a stream that meets a boulder  
Halfway through the wood

Like a ship blown from its mooring  
By a wind off the sea  
Like a seed dropped by a bird in the wood.

Who can say if I've been  
Changed for the better ?  
I DO BELIEVE I have been  
Changed for the better

And because I knew YOU

Because I KNEW YOU

BECAUSE I KNEW YOU...JOE KLEIN

I have been changed for good...

As most know, Joe loved politics, the political arena, assisting in campaigns, and commenting on and about the politicians...good or bad, "R" or "D"....Joe always called it the way he saw it, and if he liked what he saw he had no problem picking up the phone and calling either the victor or the loser to tell them his thoughts...these interests, golf in earlier years, his wife, his children, and more recently his grandchildren, put the twinkles in his eyes and made him the happiest.

In closing, and remembering Joseph Allan Klein as we may, I recall him now with reverence:

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember him.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember him.

In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember him.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember him.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember him.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember him.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember him.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember him.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember him.

So long as we shall live, he too shall live, for he is now a part of us, as we remember him.

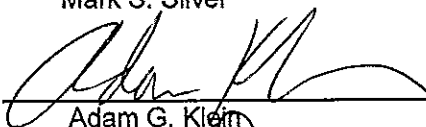
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that We, the members of the Dauphin County Bar Association, extend our sympathy to the family of Joseph A. Klein, his wife Sally, his children Adam and Amanda and their spouses, and to his grandchildren; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Memorial Resolution be entered upon the records of the Dauphin County Courts and the Dauphin County Bar Association, that the original be filed in the Office of the Prothonotary, and that copies be transmitted to his widow and family.

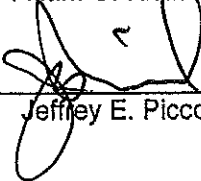
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, by the Memorial Committee on the death of Joseph A. Klein, this 8th day of February, 2012.



Mark S. Silver



Adam G. Klein



Jeffrey E. Piccola