

An attorney who served the then Town of Austin for nearly 25 years as its legal counsel, Ralph E. Randall, 65, died at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville on Sunday, January 27.

Born in Indianapolis to Iola Crawford Randall and the late Paul Randall, he was a 1969 Indiana University graduate majoring in history and minoring in political science. That year, he was accepted at the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis, from which he graduated in 1974. He also taught elementary school for Indianapolis Public Schools while attending law school.

He married the former Martha "Marty" Rash in 1970. In 1974, he began serving as Chief Deputy Prosecutor under the late Robert Railing, then County Prosecutor. He went into private law practice with the late Alfred "Red" Hays in 1978 and had continued in the practice of law since that time, serving as Austin Town Attorney until the community became a city, as legal counsel for the Scott County Regional Sewer District for over 30 years, and as attorney for the Austin Redevelopment Commission.

He had served his community by being active in the many projects of the Austin Lions Club, including creation of Manaugh Memorial Park. Randall served several terms as president for both the Scottsburg and Austin Lions. He was also a deacon for many years at the First Baptist Church of Austin and taught an adult Sunday School class as well as during vacation Bible schools. He was a member of the Scott County Historical Society and Preservation Alliance Inc. and a supporter of and legal counsel for the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum.

Professionally, he was a member of the American Bar Association and the Indiana Bar Association. He had also served on the board of directors of Legal Services of Indiana in the 1970s and 1980s, leaving after serving as its president for two terms.

Survivors include his wife, Marty; a son, Ryan Paul Randall and wife Andrea of Carmel; two daughters, Megan Randall of Cleves, Ohio, and Meredith Randall of Indianapolis; his mother, Iola Randall of Zionsville; two sisters, Gloria and husband Dr. John Barbour of Carmel and Rita Smith of Lebanon; and several nieces and nephews and their children.

He was an organ donor. Cremation has been selected by the family.

Calling at the First Baptist Church of Austin will be observed from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 2, followed by a memorial service.

Memorial gifts may be arranged through the staff of the Buchanan Funeral Home in Austin to benefit the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum.