

JAMES DAY BRIGGS JR., 89, of Geneva, passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at Adams County Hospital, Decatur.

He was Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Bank of Geneva.

Born July 3, 1921, in Geneva, he was the son of the late James D. and Mary E. (Hoskinson) Briggs.

A 1938 graduate of Geneva High School, he entered Indiana University where he earned a B.S. degree in Business in 1942. He attended Harvard Business School where he received his MBA in 1943.

During World War II, he served in the Army's Supply Corps in France and attained the rank of Captain.

In 1946, he began full-time employment with the Bank of Geneva where he worked until his death. He was the past president of the bank and chairman of the board of directors. At the time of his death, he was president of Limberlost Bancshares, Inc., and director of the Adams County Community Foundation, Limberlost Conservation and Golf Club of the Limberlost. He was also a member of the 40-year club of the Indiana Bankers Association. In 1990, he was presented with the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award by Governor Frank O'Bannon. He also received the Limberlost Heritage Award from the Geneva Chamber of Commerce in 1987 and the Laddie Award from the Indiana State Museum in 1989. An avid arborist and horticulturist, he was a member of First United Methodist Church, Geneva where he was a member of the choir for 75 years and taught Sunday school.

He is survived by his wife, Sara Lou (Sink); four sons, John P. (Penny) Briggs, Richard (Carolyn) Briggs, Andrew (Rhonda) Briggs, and Christopher Briggs; two granddaughters, Leslie Briggs Snider and Emily Briggs; grandson, Kevin (deceased); and step-grandson, Steele Solid. He was also preceded in death by his brother, William A. Briggs.

A private funeral will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011.

A public graveside service is 3 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2011, at Riverside Cemetery. The family requests memorial contributions to Adams County Foundation adamscountyfoundation.org or First United Methodist Church, Geneva. Arrangements by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva.

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