

## **Journal Gazette, The (Fort Wayne, IN) - Sunday, May 11, 2003**

GEORGE H. DOWNING, 68, died Friday, May 9, 2003 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne. Born Aug, 17, 1934 in Indianapolis, he was a 1954 graduate of George Washington High School, Indianapolis, and a 1962 graduate of Indiana College of Mortuary Science, Indianapolis. Along with his wife, Ruth, he owned and operated the Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, for 29 years, semi-retiring in December of 2002. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1959 stationed in Germany. He was a member and past President of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Geneva Lions Club.

Memberships also included Geneva Masonic Lodge 621 F&AM, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Temple, Fort Wayne, Adams County Shrine Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars 6751, Geneva, Indiana Funeral Directors Association and National Funeral Directors Association. Survivors include his wife, Ruth A. Downing, whom he wed Dec. 27, 1957 in Indianapolis; sons, David Downing of Geneva, Frank and his wife, Amy, Downing of Marion; grandsons, Caleb and Joshua Downing, both of Marion; granddaughter, Katie Downing of Berne. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Elwood and Elizabeth (Williams) Downing; three brothers, Donald, Richard and Frank Downing II. Service is 10 a.m. Tuesday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva, with the Revs. John Randall and Keith R. Schreffler officiating. Calling is from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Military graveside rites by V.F.W. of Geneva and American Legion Post of Berne at West Lawn Cemetery, Geneva. Memorials to Geneva Volunteer Fire Dept.