

Kenneth James McConnell (April 12, 1926 - December 21, 2006)

Kenneth James McConnell of Decatur passed away at his residence on the morning of December 21, 2006. He was born April 12, 1926 to Richard K. and Evangeline R. (McConnehey) McConnell in Adams County, IN. He married Geraldine Andrews on June 7, 1950.

He is survived by his wife Geraldine McConnell; 1 son James K. McConnell of Decatur, IN; 6 daughters Mrs. Chuck (Susan K.) Garber of New Haven, IN, Mrs. Terry (Nancy L.) Baker of Decatur, IN, Mrs. Timothy (Sarah M. McConnell) Riffle of Greenwood, IN, Mrs. Doug (Martha A.) Doan of Decatur, IN, Mrs. Jeff (Marilyn S.) Hall of Decatur, IN, Mrs. Todd (Mary Beth) Busick of Decatur, IN; 1 sister Kathleen L. Taylor of Belmont, MI; 21 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephew

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Carolyn S. McConnell, 2 of his grandchildren Anne & Michael McConnell, and a brother Richard C. McConnell.

Kenneth McConnell served in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Decatur. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Two Brothers Breakfast Club for many years.

He was the Chairman Emeritus of F. McConnell and Sons, Inc. in New Haven. He worked for F. McConnell and Sons, Inc., a wholesale candy, tobacco, food and grocery distributor since 1941. The business originated in 1914 in downtown Decatur. He was admired by everyone he worked with in his family's business. He was a former member of the board of directors of the Indiana Candy and Tobacco distributor and Vendor Associatio

He was a graduate of Decatur High School and Indiana University. Kenneth was an avid sports fan for Indiana University, Decatur High School and Bellmont High School. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially watching his grandchildren grow.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2006 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2006 at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home and 1 hour prior to services at the Church. Officiating will be Rev. Jeff Taylor and Rev. Fuhrman Miller. Burial immediately following the service at the Decatur Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark's United Methodist Church or the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

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