



L. David Rogers

July 18, 1928 - January 5, 2015

The son of Donald A. Rogers and Marie (Woolery) Rogers, Leon David Rogers was born July 18, 1928 in Bloomington, Indiana, the fifth generation of his family to reside there.

A 1946 graduate of University High School, David was class president and a member of the basketball team. He graduated from Indiana University with an A.B. in 1950 and a Doctor of Laws in 1955, and was a member of the order of the Coif.

During the Korean conflict he served in the U.S. Army as a Psychological Warfare officer and was discharged as a First Lieutenant.

He practiced law with his father in the firm of Rogers & Rogers, and, after his father was elected Judge of Monroe County Superior Court, with the firm of Rogers, Jones and McGlasson until his retirement. He was a past President of the Monroe County Bar Association.

He served in the Indiana State Senate from 1956 to 1972 and was Senate Minority Leader and Democratic Caucus Chairman. During his tenure he was Chairman of the Judicial Study Commission when it

recommended the Constitutional Amendment providing for non-partisan selection and retention of Supreme Court and Appeals Court judges. He served on the Indiana State Tax and Financing Policy Commission as Vice-Chairman. He was appointed a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Matt Welsh.

He served as Chairman of the City of Bloomington Board of Public Works and as a legal council to the City Utilities Service Board. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

Always interested in scouting, he was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. He was a scoutmaster and member of Boy Scouts of America Council's Board of Directors.

He served as a Director of Workingmens Savings and Loan local Board for 29 years and on the Board of Old National Bank. He was a member of the Boards of Woolery Stone Company and Hoosier Outdoor Advertising.

He was a member of First Christian Church where he taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and was a deacon and elder.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his brother, John W. "Jack" Rogers in 1994.

Dave and his wife, Virginia (Hudelson) Rogers were married November 24, 1956 and she survives him. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara (Rogers) Houseworth of Urbana, Illinois, and by three nieces, Ann Massing of Cambridge, England, Susan Herrel of Champaign, Illinois, and Jane Rogers Todd of Louisville, Kentucky,

and a nephew, Michael Rogers of Bloomington. He is also survived by two great-nieces and two great-nephews.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, January 10, 2015, at 11:00AM at the First Christian Church 205 East Kirkwood Avenue where visitation will also be held from 9:00AM until the time of the memorial at 11:00AM.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.