



Maurice Biggs

October 27, 1921 - August 16, 2020

Maurice Biggs, 98, of Bloomington passed away on August 16 surrounded by his loving family.

Born October 27, 1921 in Sebree, Kentucky, Maurice was the eldest of three children born to Dr. Paul and Bessie (Hunt) Biggs. He graduated from Evansville Bosse High School.

After brief attendance at Evansville College with a major in chemistry and membership in the Indiana National Guard, Maurice was assigned a year of military training in 1941 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. After war was declared by the United States on December 7, 1941, he continued training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he received commission of Second Lieutenant in 1942.

From there he was assigned service at Camp Adair, Oregon to help form the 70th Infantry Division. During leave back in Evansville, he became engaged to Miss Jean Bock.

Shortly afterward he was assigned to overseas duty in Europe to General Patton's 3rd Army, 177th Field Artillery Battalion. During combat he was promoted to Captain.

At the end of hostilities in 1945, he returned to Evansville and married Jean Bock on June 14th 1946. They moved to Bloomington in order for her to attend IU where he attained a PhD with a major in Geology and Geophysics. He also began a career in the Indiana Geological Survey where he was appointed head of the Geophysics Section and later Assistant State Geologist. He retired in 1987.

He is survived by his four children, Janie Witham (Doug), Don Biggs (Trish), David Biggs (Sandy), and Judy Estridge (Paul). He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, Kyle, Sam (Lydia), and Carly Witham, Charlie Biggs, Casey Konstanski (Caleb), Nick, Holly, and Whitney Biggs (Rob), Mary Ellen McIntyre (Coleman), Elyse Harvey (Scott), and Josh Estridge, and three great grandchildren, Cash and Amos McIntyre, and Graham Konstanski.

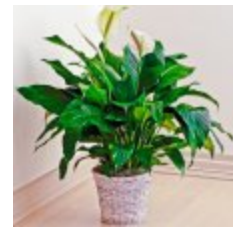
He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Donald Biggs, and his wife Jean.

A private family service will be held. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Maurice Biggs.*



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“ *I was Maurice and Jean's piano tuner, and first met them 32 years ago, and after servicing their Steinway Grand piano, they kindly served me lunch, and I have returned every year since then, July 27, 2020 for the last time, I will miss these kind people.*

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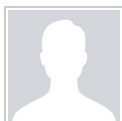


I was hired as a Glacial Geologist by Maurice Biggs and John B Patton in late 1970. Maurice and I became friends late in my career. My greatest joy in our relationship was when he shared his conversion to Christianity with me.

During WWII his command fought is some of the most intense engagements with the Germans. Over the years that I knew him, Maurice became ever kinder. I shall miss him.

John Hill

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Maurice Biggs was a great man!

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My husband, Nelson Shaffer, and I worked with Maurice for several years at the Indiana Geological Survey where I started work in 1979. Nelson worked as a geologist (he started in 1976) and I served as Mineral Statistician after the retirement of Marybeth Fox. We always liked and respected him as the Assistant State Geologist. He was a very good man and he surprised me by attending my retirement celebration in 2017. That meant a lot to me and Nelson.

Kathy and Nelson Shaffer - August 21, 2020 at 06:20 PM