



Paul K. Routzahn

Paul K. Routzahn, 84, of 2843 Iowa Avenue, died 1:57 PM Monday, January 8, 2001, at Lincoln Center West, where he had been a resident since December.

He was born on July 10, 1916 in Indianapolis, IN, the son of Ralph I. and Alethia Kamil Routzahn. He attended school in Indianapolis, graduating from Shortridge High School in 1934. Upon graduation, he attended Butler University in Indianapolis; Indianapolis Business College; and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA.

On September 1, 1940, he was married to Kathryn Danner of Madison, Indiana. Mrs. Routzahn survives.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the US Army in the European Theatre, earning the Purple Heart Medal and having obtained the rank of T/Sgt before his honorable discharge in 1946.

For 38 years he was employed as an agent for Amoco Oil (formerly Standard Oil Company of Indiana) until his retirement in 1976. He owned and operated the Standard Addressing Service for 43 years; worked for Indiana Kiwanis International as the Secretary-Treasurer and as the Editor of the Hoosier Kiwanian for seven years.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder and Trustee for several terms and as Clerk of the Session of the Church for one term. He was also a member of the Central States Petroleum Union Local Number 1, where he had formerly served as a steward and secretary of the Bargaining Committee.

Active in the civic community, his involvement spanned almost 60 years, including: 12 year member of Fayette County

Area Plan Commission; 11 year member of Fayette County Board of Zoning Appeals; Fayette County Civil Defense Director for 4 years and Board Secretary for one year; Vice-President and committee chairperson of Fayette County Council on Aging and Aged for 8 years; Fayette County Library Board member since 1980; Area IX Council on Aging and Aged Advisory Board member for 8 years; Historic Connersville, Inc. Board member for 9 years, having served terms as President and Vice-President; member of Connersville Chamber of Commerce, serving as Vice-President for Tourism and Chairperson of Whitewater Tourism Committee; Fayette County Election Board member for 12 years, serving as President 6 years; Fayette County United Fund Director from 1988-1990 and Harrison Township Advisory Board Secretary.

Three organizations were the primary recipients of his civic service and leadership skills for almost 60 years. They included the American Red Cross, where he served as: Board Member of Fayette/Rush Counties Chapter from 1952-1992; Executive Board member from 1952-1992, Chapter Vice Chairman one year, Chapter Chairman for 21 years; Fund Chairman and Disaster Chairman for many years; Indiana State Conference Delegate for 9 years; Treasurer for 7 years; State Conference Director for 19 years; National Fund Vice Chairman and Indiana Fund Chairman for three years; National Credentials Committee for one year; National Nominating Committee for three years; Board of Governors for three years; MOH Territory 7 Field Service Chairman for 3 years; Advisory Board and Financial Development Chairperson for 5 years; and 1988 National Convention Committee Member. In the Boys Scouts of America, he served as Chairman of the Tenonkak District; Chairman of the Camping and Fund Committee; Whitewater Valley Council Vice President Troop 32 committee member and Cub Pack 32 Treasurer and committee member. In Kiwanis International, he was a former member of the Anderson Club, later transferring to the Connersville Club. He served as Club President, Secretary-Elect, Board Member for 12 years; Lt. Governor of the Rose Division; Division committees member; Indiana District Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the Hoosier Kiwanian for 7 years; helped sponsor 3 new clubs and 3 youth Key Clubs; and maintained perfect attendance for 58 years.

His political involvement included: serving as the Fayette County Republican Chairman for 3 years; Tenth District Republican

treasurer for 4 years; Fayette County Republican Election Board member for 12 years; Delegate to the Republican State Convention for 18 years and diplomat for U.S. Senator Richard Lugar.

In recognition of his outstanding service and leadership contributions, he was presented the following: by the Boy Scouts of America: the District Scouter, Bronze Scouter, Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver, Order of the Arrow (Ordeal) and 50 Year Member awards; by the Kiwanis International: Life Member, Service, Legion of Honor, 58 Year Perfect Attendance, 1994 Kiwanian of the Year, New Club Building, and Hixson Fellowship Awards; Connersville and Fayette County Citizen of the Year Award in 1994; Junior Chamber of Commerce Certificate of Appreciation; American Legion's Citation of Appreciation; Oil Industry Information Committee (A.P. I.) Bronze Award; numerous 4-H and Future Farmers of America awards; held the distinction of being named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1961 and a Kentucky Colonel in 1979; and was a Counsel to the Attorney General, State of Indiana in 1984.

Survivors besides his wife Kay, include: three children, sons Steve (Ruth) Routzahn of Connersville, Jeffrey (Vicki) Routzahn of Huntington, IN, and one daughter, Mrs. Steve (Kamii) Breitenbach of Parker, CO; 7 grandchildren: Irish Breitenbach and Craig Breitenbach, both of Denver, CO; Christopher Routzahn of Huntington, IN; David (Bev) Gesell, Gary (Dana) Gesell, Mrs. David (Donna) Jones, all of Connersville, and Ralph (Deo) Gesell of Goshen, KY and 7 great-grandchildren: Kyle Gesell and Randy Gesell of Louisville, KY, Jake Gesell and Joe Gesell of Connersville, Tara Jones, Autumn Jones, both of Indianapolis, and John Derek Jones of Louisville, KY.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one grandson, Martin Gesell, who died February 25, 1998.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Frederick A. Beck at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, January 11, 2001 at 10 AM. Friends may visit at Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4-8 PM and at the church, one hour prior to the service. Burial with military rites conducted by the Fayette County Veterans Council, will be made in Dale Cemetery.