



Travis L. Tunis

July 25, 1922 - May 28, 2010

Anderson - Travis L. Tunis, 87, Anderson, died May 28, 2010 at his residence after an extended illness. He was born July 25, 1922 in Kempton, Indiana, and resided in Anderson. He graduated from Kempton High School in 1940 and voted "Most likely to be a Leader". He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1946 in England, France and Germany. A portion of his service was on General Eisenhower's staff. He taught in the Indiana Business College in Marion, Indiana and retired as Senior Executive Vice President of the Anderson Banking Company in 1985. He was responsible for investments for the bank and all customer loans. Many customers called him "The Banker with the Smile".

Previously, he was President of the Citizens Bank, Elwood, Indiana. He held offices in the Indiana Bankers' Association, NABAC, and was Chairman of Retirees of the Anderson Banking Company. Tunis was a member of Central Christian Church where he has served as Chairman of Trustees, Elder, Sunday School Teacher for Adults, Member Chairman and head of the "Lunch Bunch". He has served on the Evangelism and Search Committees. He was a member of the following boards: Junior Achievement, Red Cross, Gas Barns, Rotary Club Past President of the Elwood, Indiana Club, YMCA Treasurer, Harter House Treasurer at it's conception, Anderson Symphony Orchestra Treasurer, Emily Flynn Home for Senior Citizens and Chairman of the Salvation Army for 35 years. He was a Cub Scout leader and a member of the Fellows and Sponsors Club of Anderson University. Mr. Tunis was also a Board Member of Gruenewald Historic House for 15 years and President for four years. He served as Chairman of the Financial and Executive Committees. During his term as President, the Board took over ownership of the House from the City of Anderson, completely remodeled the working kitchen and bathroom, painted the exterior, added a museum with several old American flags one dating back to 1778. While in Elwood, he was responsible for creating the Wendell Willkie Park. In 2002, Mr Tunis was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash by Govenor O'Bannon. Travis was an avid collector of cuff links and collected some 3, 000 plus pairs. He shared his vast knowledge of his collection through various programs. Travis always had time for a smile and a hug for anyone that needed help. He was deeply proud of his children and grandchildren teaching them by example for the joy of giving and being involved. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Jo Freeman Tunis; four children, Gregory L. Tunis

Rebecca, Randall L. Tunis Karen, T. Bradley Tunis Sue and Teresa J. Keller Roger; 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded by his parents, Samuel A. & Ruth Hawkins Tunis. Visitation will be from 4-8:00 PM on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, South Chapel; 200 W. 53rd Street; Anderson and one hour prior to the service at the church. Services will be Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 11:00 AM, at Central Christian Church; 923 Jackson Street; Anderson, with Rev. Rick Vale officiating. Burial will be in Kempton Cemetery-Kempton, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gruenewald Historic House or Central Christian Church. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

CP

“ To Teresa and the Tunis family, I'll always remember your dad with his bubbly personality. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Carol Pavey - June 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Michelle, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Debbie Toney

Debbie Toney - June 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Teresa and family - I am sorry to hear about your dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sherry Tinsley Martinez - May 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Family of Travis L. Tunis Darren and I were saddened to learn of your loss with the passing of Randall's father. It appears that he had a long and rich life, but that doesn't really make it feel any better. Please know that we are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers as you deal with this loss.

Gordon and Darren Paquin - May 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Mrs. Tunis & Family, We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Tunis. We always enjoyed your visits down here and always enjoyed listening to the stories he told. On this Memorial Day weekend we will be thinking of him.

Terry & Judy Rowe - May 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ My sympathies to the family. I was privileged to have worked with Travis Tunis at the Anderson Banking Company. He was a true gentleman. He will be greatly missed and long remembered by all those who knew him.

Fr. Alejandro Paternoster - May 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM