



## Stanley Mack Barkley

December 22, 1929 - November 26, 2005

Stanley Mack Barkley was born December 22, 1929 in Bloomfield Indiana. He graduated from Bloomfield High School and subsequently attended one year at West Point. He furthered his education at Depauw University graduating with an Economics degree in 1952. Upon graduation from Depauw, he received his commission and served as a Second Lieutenant during the Korean conflict stationed in Colorado Springs and a Ft. Harrison in Indianapolis.

In 1954 he married the former Eleanor Thee and returned to his roots in Bloomfield wherein he joined the Bloomfield State Bank. He had been with the bank ever since. He held practically every position known in the banking industry and was recently serving as Chairman of the Board. He guided the bank from one office of 5 million in assets to a multi-faceted operational company of over 350 million in assets with 12 locations in Indiana, Illinois and Nevada. He was a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Wisconsin and a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Harvard. He served as a Regional President for the Indiana Bankers Association and served on its Board of Directors.

He served eight years as a Greene County Councilman. He was a member of the Republican Party and was a delegate to two National Conventions. His philanthropic interests were far and wide. He was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Bloomfield. He was the longest serving Rotarian of the Bloomfield Rotary club and also was a past President of the club. He was

awarded Rotary's highest award, the Paul Harris Fellow honorarium. He was instrumental in establishing a low-income housing facility in Bloomfield in the late 1960's, which was a model of efficiency for the Department of Housing and Urban Development at the time.

He was one of the founding members of the Navy league of Crane and served as its President in 1968. The Navy league was instrumental in lobbying Congress stressing Crane's diverse inporatnce to the military. He was involved in forming the Southern Indiana Development Commission which has helped numerous towns and cities in Southwestern Indiana to receive state and federal funding for infrastructure improvements. He was a member of the Greene County Historical Society which restored several historical edifices including the Covered Bridge in Bloomfield and the Scotland Hotel in Scotland. He was appointed to the State of Indiana Criminal Justice Commission and then was appointed to the State of Indiana Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Pevention Advisory Board by the Governor of Indiana. He was honored the Sagamore of the Wabash award by Governor Bowen. He was fascinated with the efficient use of energy resources. Ever the entrepreneur, he and his partners were pioneers 20 years early in the recycling of rubber as well as coversion of animal waste into fuel. Gasohol is just one of the products that can be traced back to him and his partner's early work. He was a true visionary whose passion was to be involved in making a deal happen. He loved the bank and all who were a part of it.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Leland and Helen Haig Barkley. He is sadly missed and survived by his wife, Eleanor Thee Barkley, three sons, Dr. Craig Barkley, Clearwater, Florida, Bradford Barkley, Indianapolis, Mark Barkley, Bloomington, daughter in law's Sandy and Julie, four grandchildren, one Cousin, Mack Rowe of Madison, Virginia, his mother in law Helen Thee of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and a multitude of others that he affectionally referred to as his extended family.

Visitation at the Bloomfield Baptist Church shall be Friday December 2 from 12-3pm and December 3 from 12-1. Friends may gather for a celebration of

life immediately following at the Bloomfield Baptist Church at 1pm.  
Donations may be made to the Bloomfield Rotary Scholarship Foundation in  
care of any Bloomfield State Bank location.

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“ I will always remember the years that I worked for Stanley Barkley at BSB and the good times I had with the staff and Eleanor. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family

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**Eugenia Chaney** - January 04, 2006 at 02:17 PM

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“ Growing up in Bloomfield 35 years ago, Stanley Barkley was a household name. I was sadden to hear of this local icon passing away. I appreciate this opportunity to express my sympathies to his family.

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**D. Mike Baines** - November 29, 2005 at 09:43 PM