

Earl Boxell

Retired Lawyer
Was WW I Pilot

Earl F. Boxell, 92, of Sherwood Forest Manor, died Friday in Darlington House, where he lived since Tuesday.

Born in Marion, Ind., he came to Toledo in 1923, where he joined the law firm now known as Fuller & Henry.

Before attending college in 1916, Mr. Boxell taught school for three years in a one-room schoolhouse near Marion.

Mr. Boxell was active in Maumee politics, serving as city council president from 1955 to 1959, and as a council member for 10 years.

He helped draft the charter which transformed the village into a city and, consequently, served as vice chairman of the Maumee Ohio Charter Commission. He also helped draft that city's payroll-income tax.

Mr. Boxell fought for the Ohio turnpike to be diverted south of Maumee. Although this effort was unsuccessful, Mr. Boxell had a hand in gaining turnpike commission agreement to build the roadway below surface level.

During World War I, Mr. Boxell was an aviator in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, stationed in this country awaiting orders for overseas service. He attended ground school at both Ohio State University and the University of California-Berkeley, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in May, 1918.

He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, where he was also awarded a law degree with distinction. While at the university, he was a member of the Law Review, the Board of Student Editors, and the Order of the Coif, an honors society.

In 1941, he became one of the founding partners who established the law firm now known as Brown, Baker, Schlageter & Craig. He retired from practice in 1974.

Mr. Boxell was past president of the Toledo Bar Association, and a member of the state and national bar associations. He was also a fellow of the American and Ohio bar foundations, as well as a member of the Ann Arbor, Mich., Lawyers' Club. He was also a member of the National Panel of Arbitrators and the American Arbitration Association.

He served as past commander of the Vernon McCune Post of the American Legion, and was past president of Sylvania Country Club, and a member of the Toledo Club. He was also a member of the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, Elks Lodge No. 53, and the Masonic Lodge.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ailee; sons, Earl F. Jr. and Charles K.; daughters, Merle A. Higgins, and Mary Jill Wolf; brother, Kenneth C., and nine grandchildren.

There will be no visitation.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Monday in the church.

The family requests that any contributions be to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.