

Wilbur F. Bowers, former businessman and banker

HACKETTSTOWN — Wilbur F. Bowers, a third-generation retailer and former banker, died yesterday

at Hackettstown Community Hospital after a brief illness. He was 92.

He was born in Hackettstown and was a lifelong resident.

Mr. Bowers was a third-generation owner and operator of M.B. Bowers and Son Inc., Hackettstown, a farm machinery, equipment and hardware dealership. He served as president from 1925-65.

He held various positions with the former People's National Bank in Hackettstown, including director from 1945-55; chairman of the board from 1955-64; and president from 1964-68. He became director emeritus of the United Jersey Bank Northwest when it merged with People's in 1970.

He was a member and trustee of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Hackettstown; a member of Independence Lodge Masonic 42, Hackettstown; a member of the Hackettstown Kiwanis Club since 1945; president of the board of trustees of the Union Cemetery Association, Hackettstown; and a former president and council member of the Hackettstown Common Council.

Mr. Bowers and his wife, Dorothea, who died in March, donated to Hackettstown the Rea Mansion, which now serves as community and senior citizens centers.

Surviving are two daughters, Ruth Hawkins, Vero Beach, Fla., and Roberta Good, Hackettstown; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St.

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Wilbur F. Bowers
Date of Death
December 9, 1986