Charles A. Chappell Jr.

Charles A. Chappell Jr., 89 a lifetime resident of Syracuse and retired Chairman of the Board of C.E. Chappell and Son’s Department Store died Thursday at St. Joseph’s Hospital. He was responsible for replacing the apostrophe in the Chappell’s logo with a red heart. He believed the entire Chappell’s family, over 800 strong, represented the heart of what the company stood for.

Mr. Chappell graduated from Syracuse University in 1949 with a degree in Business Administration. Following college, he served an internship at Hess Department Stores in Allentown, Pennsylvania before joining his father, Charles A. Chappell Sr., in the family business.

He was proud to serve Syracuse University in various capacities, including the Alumni Board, CNY Alumni Board, School of Social Work, and College for Human Development, Retail Committee.

Mr. Chappell served on many boards of social service agencies, including Consolidated Industries, Housing Visions Unlimited, Near Eastside Adventures and numerous United Way Boards and Committees.

He was a member of University United Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and the Onondaga Historical Association. He served in the Army Air Force in World War II with the 499th AAF BU.

Surviving is his wife, Rosemary; a daughter, Lara (Michael); three sons, John (Christine), Charles III (Mary), and Thomas; 12 grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren, several nieces and nephews and other loving family members.

Mr. Chappell, a great lover of nature, loved his summers at Ramona Beach on Lake Ontario, watching birds, identifying wildflowers, and relaxing on the porch enjoying the sunsets.

Calling hours will be 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 21 at University United Methodist Church, 1085 E. Genesee St., Syracuse.

Services will at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 22 at University United Methodist Church, Rev. Craig French officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to University United Methodist Church or the local CNY SPCA. Share condolences at www.fairchildmeech.com