

Robert T. Kenney (1942-2011)

Founding Chairman of American Savings Foundation



We are deeply saddened by the passing of our founding chairman, Robert T. Kenney, who died January 30, 2011 after a year-long battle with cancer.

As chairman, president and CEO of American Savings Bank, Bob led the creation of the American Savings Foundation in 1995. Bob believed that the bank should not only serve its customers well, but also help make the entire community a better place to live and work. Bob was born and raised in Waterbury where he excelled in school and in sports. He studied accounting and was employed for over two decades at Center Bank in Waterbury where he worked his way up the ranks. He joined American Savings Bank in 1991 where he became Chairman, President and CEO.

Bob structured the American Savings Foundation as an independent nonprofit that would remain headquartered in New Britain and always invest in the people and nonprofit organizations that make the community strong. From the start, Bob placed an emphasis on funding education, including providing college scholarships based primarily on need. The Foundation also has a focus on funding programs that help children, youth, and families.

Bob's vision of helping others will always underscore everything we do.

Bob will be profoundly missed by his many friends and colleagues at the American Savings Foundation. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife of 46 years, Helen Kenney, their sons Rob and Mark, their four grandchildren, and to all those who loved and will miss him.