

**James Edward Snidow** passed away on Saturday, **May 9, 2009** after a long illness. Jim was born on March 19, 1920 in Princeton, W.Va. and graduated from Princeton High School in 1938. After a year at Roanoke College, he attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and graduated in 1943 with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. Jim enlisted in the Signal Corps Division of the United States Army after graduation and then took a position as an electrical engineer with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, Pa. He returned to West Virginia in 1946 and was an assistant engineer in Gary until he went into business for himself in Princeton. Jim began a neon sign business and later built Snidow and Company into a commercial construction and development business which he operated until his retirement. During his career, Jim built nine area churches and three area banks. He was also co-owner of the Princeton Shopping Center for many years. Jim was a member of the Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, the Princeton Rotary Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the First Community Bank, and worked with the Princeton Area Business Development Corporation in attracting new business. He was a faithful member, trustee, and active deacon for many years in the First Baptist Church of Princeton. Jim was a loving and devoted husband to his wife Gertrude Crute Snidow for sixty-two years. He was an awesome father and is survived by his three children and their families, James Bradford Snidow and Linda Graham Snidow of Warren, N.J.; Jack and Nancy Snidow Magiera of Cary, N.C. and their daughter Ashley Nicole; Dr. John and MaryAnn Murry Snidow of Knoxville, Tenn. and their children John James and Carly Elizabeth Snidow and many additional surviving family members. Funeral services were held Monday, May 11, 2009 at the First Baptist Church, 1116 Mercer Street, Princeton, W.Va. with burial following at Oakwood Park Cemetery in Princeton. Online condolences may be made to [www.seaverfuneralservice.com](http://www.seaverfuneralservice.com). Published in the Bluefield Daily Telegraph from 5/10/2009 - 5/11/2009