Charles Lazarus

Represented by daughter Peggy Lazarus

Charles Y. Lazarus was born in Columbus and most recently lived in Gahanna. Lazarus started working as a sales clerk in his family's Columbus store in 1936 after he graduated from Yale University with bachelor's degrees in American history and art history. In 1995 he received an Honorary Degree from Franklin University.

Lazarus married Frances Nathan in 1946 and together they raised three children; Peggy, Wendy and Stuart.

Lazarus became president of his family's department store chain in 1959 and added the titles of chairman and chief executive officer 10 years later. He was named a board member at Federated in 1973. When he retired in 1981, his family's business had 16 stores in Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia.

He also served on numerous boards in the community. As chairman of the Ohio State University Hospitals board, he was instrumental in securing funding for what would become the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital.