



Name: Irving McNeil Ives

Years: January 24, 1896 – February 24, 1962

Residence: Bainbridge, NY; Norwich, NY

Brief Biography:

Irving McNeil Ives was born on January 24, 1896 in Bainbridge, New York. He went to Hamilton College for two years until he joined the army for World War I. He fought in France, and was honorably discharged at the end of the war, and returned to school.

After college, Irving worked for a trust company for a few years before getting elected to the New York State Assembly in 1930. He worked in the Assembly for sixteen straight years holding a variety of positions, including majority leader, speaker, and minority speaker. In 1946, he was elected to the US Senate, a position he held for two terms. He declined to run for re-election for a third time. In 1954, he attempted to run for New York Governorship but was defeated; he retired after that loss. He died on February 24, 1962 and was buried in his home town. He was 66 years old at the time.

Major Accomplishments:

- World War I veteran.
- Member of the New York State Assembly for sixteen years.
- Senator from New York.

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