Bellevue Vets Club
In Memoriam

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Jack Klein, vet, active in community

Right after World War II, Jack W. Klein worked at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, giving orders to Chuck Yeager and other test pilots.

Mr. Klein, who died Monday at age 87, won many medals during his service with the Army Air Corps in the war.

Inspired by watching an air show, he enlisted just before the war started, and went to Eastern Kentucky University for officer's training school.

After graduation, he piloted fighter planes over New Guinea, and was shot down twice, once over the ocean, said his daughter, Dorinda Giles of Cold Spring.

He earned a Purple Heart, and left the service in 1946 after reaching the rank of major.

Mr. Klein continued his military associations, however. He was proud of his work with the Bellevue Veterans, and once held the office of president.

He graduated from Bellevue High School, where he lettered in baseball, football, swimming and basketball. Later, he would become chairman of the Bellevue school board. He won re-election to the board as a write-in candidate.

Mr. Klein formerly operated the B&J Bowl bowling alley in Bellevue. Later, he sold land and was a real estate broker.

He was a member of the Henry Barnes Masonic Lodge No. 607 in Dayton and Scottish Rite of Northern Kentucky.

"He had a great sense of humor," said his son, Dale Klein of Edgewood. "He was a lot of fun to be around. His house was filled with grandchildren all the time."

His wife of 63 years, Elizabeth "Bette" Klein, preceded him in death by only a few months.

Other survivors include daughters, Deborah Hanessian of Cincinnati and Diane Wilburn of Independence; a son, David Klein of Key West, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at A.C. Dobbling and Son Funeral Home, Bellevue. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will
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be in Evergreen Cemetery, Southgate. Memorials are suggested to Bellevue Vets, 24 Fairfield Ave., Bellevue, Ky. 41073.