



Bernard C. "Bernie" Wanner

March 22, 1927 - November 22, 2011

Bernard C. "Bernie" Wanner, 84, passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2011. He was born March 22, 1927 in Topeka the son of Bernie and Nellie (Marshall) Wanner. Bernie attended Roosevelt JHS and Topeka High, class of 1945. He married the love of his life Ima Jean Farmer and they have been married for 63 years. He attended the University of Kansas and graduated on 1951 with a B.S. in Architecture, School of Engineering and Architecture. He served in the US Army Intelligence Corp. from 1954-1956. He had a private practice of Architecture and later was Assistant State Architect for the State of Kansas prior to his retirement. Bernie was generous, kind, and a wonderful caretaker to his beloved wife and many animals. He especially loved his cats. Any stray cat was happy to find him. Bernie and Jean were both pilots and loved to fly. They enjoyed taking their annual trips to Oshkosh to the air shows and they volunteered countless hours at the Combat Air Museum. Bernie is survived by his wife, Jean Wanner; adopted daughter, Debbie Maichel; Aunt, Judy Wanner and many friends. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Debra. Graveside service will be 9 a.m. Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery in the Sunset Section. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the CAT Association, Combat Air Museum, or Children Miracle Network, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ Bernard C. "Bernie" Wanner

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“ Bernie was a long time friend and member of the Combat Air Museum. Over the years he and his wife Jean were more than generous to the museum. Our Conference Center bears their name in their honor. Bernie always loved sending clever e-mail's to the museum and it's members. He also would purchase a large number of our Celebrity Pancake Feed tickets for patients at the VA hospital to use. He would drive to the museum weekly to take care of our cat which he named Camie. When the cat passed after many years he buried here and purchased a head stone for the grave. His compasion for others did not go unnoticed. Bernie you will be missed.

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