



## Elmer B. Wessel

July 2, 1926 - October 24, 2011

Elmer B. Wessel, 85, Topeka, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011. Elmer was born July 2, 1926 near Centralia KS, the son of Barney and Rose Osterhaus Wessel. He served in the US Army during WWII in the South Pacific. He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1945 where he flew the B-17, B-29, Ke 97, C-124, or in his words, "anything that had wings". Elmer retired from the Air Force in April of 1971. He married Edith Fuller on Nov. 27, 1951 and she died Sept. 4, 1980. They had two children, Phil and Virginia Ann (Ginny). Elmer married Bernice Deters Kohake Jan. 3, 1994. She survives Other survivors include his children Phil Wessel (Barbara) and Virginia Hardy (Jerry, deceased), four grandchildren, Kelly and Cory Wessel and Harrison and Courtney Hardy; step-children, Nancy Popek (Tom), Beverly Kohake, Dr. Cecil Kohake (Nancy) Dr. George Kohake; six step-grandchildren; brothers, Bernie and Paul; and a sister, Rosie Morris. Elmer was preceded in death by four brothers and five sisters. Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. Inurnment with military honors will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church or Midland Hospice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer B. Wessel*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Bernice and family,  
I was so sorry to hear of Elmer's passing. He was one of the nicest  
and funniest men I have ever known. The stories you both told of  
your travels were great and will be precious memories for you. God  
bless you.*

*Joan Reiter*

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