



## Robert D. Wulff

February 18, 2015

Robert D. Wulff, 90, of Cape Girardeau, formerly of Jackson passed away Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. He was born November 15, 1924 in Rosebud, Missouri to Benjamin V. and Mollie Reed Wulff. He and Norma Elualee (Lee) King were married Nov. 2, 1967. He moved to Gordonville, Missouri in 1938 when his father became the minister of Zion United Methodist Church, but Robert soon started working at Shade's cafe so that he could live in Jackson to attend and later graduate from Jackson High School. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 but was later transferred to the Air Force where he became a fighter pilot. He flew a P-40 Warhawk and a P-51 Mustang during World War II. After the war, Robert started working at Absogood Packing before buying the company's chicken hatchery business in 1947. He then operated Wulff's Hatchery at the intersection of Highways 61 and 25 in Jackson until 1975. He then worked at Blue Cross and Blue Shield until his retirement in 1989. Robert loved golf and in 1962 he, along with four other gentlemen, founded Kimbeland Country Club in Jackson with Robert overseeing the construction of the greens. Kimbeland became the first 18-hole golf course in Cape Girardeau County and was considered to be the best golf course between St. Louis and Memphis. Robert was a member of New McKendree United Methodist Church in Jackson and a member of the Altenthal-Joerns Post 158 American Legion. Survivors include his wife, a sister Mildred Brase and her husband Herbert of Nixa, Missouri, two children,

Robert Wulff and son-in-law Jim Eimers both of Santa Rosa, California and Patricia Puls of Naples, Florida; grandchildren Shannon Puls and his wife Bess, and Drew Puls and his wife Sarah; and eight great-grandchildren, Miles, Gage, Megan, Addison, Cole, Ethan, Braeden, and Blake. Also surviving is one step-son John Payne (Pam Vincent) of Topeka, Kansas; three step grandchildren; Sarah, Scott, Andy; six step great grandchildren, Henley, Lashley, Katherine, Anna, Stella, and Drew Faith. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Bettie Wilson; a brother Lewis, two sisters, Laura Roberts and Maurine Astolfi, and a son-in-law, Van Puls. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until service time Sunday, February 22, 2015 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson, formerly Cracraft-Miller Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Jimmie Corbin officiating. Burial will be in Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times*

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**gary wilke** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Susan Hope Bennett** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM