



## Robert James Kehres

December 19, 1915 - July 11, 2019

Robert James Kehres (103) died peacefully in Magnolia, AR on July 11, 2019. He was a veteran of World War II. Born in Perry Oklahoma on December 19, 1915, he was the son of Walter and Violet (Mouser) Kehres. Bob attended St. Rose of Lima Catholic School and graduated from Oklahoma University with a degree in Petroleum engineering. He joined the U.S. Army (Air Corps) in November 1942 and received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was assigned to the 416th Bomb Group as an Engineering Officer and saw action in the European Theater where he was elevated to the rank of Captain.

It was during wartime that Bob married his loving wife, Dorothy Beene. They were married for 58 years. After serving his country, Bob accepted a job with Berry Petroleum in Southern Arkansas. It was then that he and Dorothy decided to call Magnolia home.

In addition to Bob's love for God and family, he had a special bond with his 416th comrades and always looked forward to their annual reunions held across the country. He was excited about the upcoming October 2019 reunion and without a doubt, will be there in spirit.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and two brothers, Walter and Paul. He is survived by his nephew Walter James Kehres (Phyllis) of Bryantown, Maryland and many great nieces and nephews. Services will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Magnolia, AR on July 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Bob will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the 416th Bomb Group, 52 4th Street, Gainesville, Missouri 65655.

# Cemetery

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## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA, 22211

# Comments

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“ At the end of three weeks of physical therapy in the Griffin House at Wentworth, Bob smiled and said "Well, now that I have overcome Old Age, what shall I do next?"

Gail Robbins

Gail Robbins - 9 minutes ago

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“ Bob Kehres was a Southern Gentleman with a tremendous spirit and love of life. His sense of humor was very sharp, as were his quips and barbs. It was a distinct pleasure to spend several days with Bob each year at the 416th Bomb Group reunions. I first met him in 2006 at Louisville and will never forget the episode there when Bob asked fellow veteran Jack Sittarich, a North Dakota farmer, how artificial insemination of cattle worked. Jack explained in great detail and Bob was in a very animated state of shock. Everyone in the room was in tears laughing. We all looked forward to seeing Bob at these gatherings and there is little doubt that his spirit will reign supreme for years to come. I suspect that he and Jack are having a good time together these days. RIP dear friend.

Wayne G. Sayles - 5 hours ago