



Robert Edwin Butler

May 20, 1919 - June 28, 2014

Robert Edwin Butler, 95, died June 28, 2014. Mr. Butler was born May 20, 1919 to Abram G. and Bessie (Hollenbeck) Butler. He graduated in 1937 from Bellevue High School. He became head miller at the Bluebird Flour Mill in 1939, and was named Michigan's youngest miller by the American Millers Association. In February 1941, he enlisted in the 119th Field Artillery in Charlotte, one of the earliest National Guard units called into active duty. He spent a year in the Aleutian area, returned to the United States to attend Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, where he earned a commission in field artillery. He later served with the 517th Field Artillery on Luzon P. I. He was relieved of active duty in February of 1946. With his brother, Charles, they owned and operated the Bellevue Milling Company, retiring in 1978. Bob married Helen Everett on December 24, 1947. They wintered in Leesburg, Florida for 25 years. He is survived by his daughter, Arlene L. (Butler) Endsley of Bellevue; daughter-in-law Susan (Martens) Butler of Nashville; five grandchildren Lisa Flower of Nashville, Jeff Butler of Nashville Emily Mater of Nashville, Jamie Endsley of Bellevue, and Joel Butler of Nashville; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen in 2008. Respecting his wishes, cremation has taken place. There will be a small family service at the farm at a later date. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to the Bellevue Historical Society or the Bellevue Scholarship Fund. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences

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