



## Chester Paul Klier

December 23, 1922 - February 27, 2014

Klier, Chester P "Klier the Flier" on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 at the age of 91 after a short illness, preceded in death by his parents Paul and Helenbelle (Remlinger) Klier, his loving wife of 66 years, Violet Klier. Beloved father and father-in-law of Ronald (Marilee) and Dennis Klier; loving grandfather of Ronald (Katie), Paul (Michaelenne) Klier, and Kristin Klier; great grandfather of Ethan, Brennan and Anthony Klier.

Chester was born in St Paul MN in 1922, and joined the Army Air Corps when WW II broke out, being assigned to the 386th Bomb Group as a flight engineer and top turret gunner in a B-26 bomber and was based in England. He flew 66 missions (almost 3 tours), shot down a German fighter, and was awarded the Purple Heart, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, Eleven Air Medals, a European Theater of Operations Medal with 2 battle stars, and a Unit Citation.

After the war he began a long career as a design engineer, working on our manned Apollo moon rocket, and various fighter jets and defense projects, retiring from McDonnell Douglas. He became the unit historian for the 386th Bomb Group, remained an active pilot for decades, and built two home built aircraft with the Experimental Aircraft Association. His passion was flying and aviation in general and he remained active in writing the history of his bomb group until his recent death.

Procession from Hutchens Mortuary & Cremation Center, 675 Graham Rd.,  
Florissant, 8:45 AM Friday, March 7th to St. Rose Phillipine Duchesne  
Catholic Church, 2650 Parker Rd for 9:30 AM Mass. Interment with honors at  
National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, MO. Visitation 4-9 PM Thursday.  
Online guestbook at [www.hutchensmortuary.com](http://www.hutchensmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheridan  
Jefferson Barracks, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Hutchens Mortuary and Cremation Center  
675 Graham Rd.  
Florissant, MO 63031  
(314) 831-3100  
info@hutchensmortuary.com  
<http://www.hutchensmortuary.com>

## Mass

MAR 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Church  
2650 Parker Road  
Florissant, MO 63033

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Never met Chester. But as the nephew of a member of the 386th, I corresponded with him about the death of my uncle. I nothing but the deepest admiration for his heroism, and for his devotion to the memories of those many other heroes with whom he served. RIP, Chester.*

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**Roy H. Andes** - March 21, 2014 at 09:53 PM

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“ *YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES FOR YOUR LOSS, AND WE WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT WE WERE SO IMPRESSED WITH THE MEMORIAL YOU SET UP FOR YOUR LOVED ONE. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR WONDERFUL MEMORIES WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY AND STRANGERS. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.  
HAROLD & MAGGIE RAMO*

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**MAGGIE RAMO** - March 07, 2014 at 08:09 AM



Richard Otten

“ *Richard Otten lit a candle in memory of Chester Paul Klier*



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**Richard Otten** - March 06, 2014 at 08:46 PM



Richard Otten

*Ron, So sorry to hear about your father. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Richard Otten** - March 06, 2014 at 08:47 PM

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“ *Chet was beloved and admired by his wife's family.*

*Louise, Annie, Tim , Ted, JR, Cookie Elena*

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**Anne Zarrella McCarthy** - March 03, 2014 at 12:01 PM