



Cletus Hanley

December 13, 2011

Cletus Bernard Hanley, 88 of Charleston passed away Tuesday December 13, 2011. Born July 5, 1923 in Charleston, Mr. Hanley was a son of the late Stephen and Alma Hanley. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Theresa Christina Hanley. During his youth, Mr. Hanley flew with the Army Air Corp Transport Command and ferried planes worldwide during World War II. He received the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal and the American Campaign Medal. Following his active duty service, Mr. Hanley was a member of the WV Air National Guard flying P-51's. He attended and graduated from the University of Louisville, receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence. Mr. Hanley practiced law in Charleston and during his distinguished career, he served as the Deputy Attorney General under John Fox and Chauncey Browning Jr., served as the Workers Compensation Commissioner of the State of WV under two Governors. He also was the Prosecuting Attorney for Kanawha County and served as General Council to the WV State Auditor. In 2007, Mr. Hanley received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, for recognition of his 50 years as a pilot by then Governor Manchin and Senator Rockefeller. He was an avid pilot and enjoyed spending time with friends at Mallory Airport. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law; Steven Chris Hanley and Cathy of St. Albans, grandsons; Patrick Steven Hanley of Champaign, Ill. and Brian Michael Hanley of Chicago, Ill. and good friend Betty Caplan. A memorial service honoring the life of Cletus Bernard

Hanley will be held at 3:00 pm Saturday December 17, 2011 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 405 B Street, St. Albans with The Rev. Gil Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston. Memorial contributions in memory of Cletus Bernard Hanley may be made to the Jericho House, 401 4th Avenue, St. Albans, WV 25177.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cletus Hanley*

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