

Russell Witte Jr.

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WITTE

Russell B. Jr., was called away December 2, 2016 at the age of 99, he would have celebrated his 100th birthday on December 13. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 50 years, Ruth (McKissick), and after her death, Virginia (Kempf) Wiseman and his two sisters, Maryl (Dik) Fletcher and Jane (Bill) Hendrickson. Proud father of Alice (Bruce) Williamson, Glencoe, IL; Ray (Debra) Witte, Cincinnati; Nancy (Mike) Witte-Meredith, Granby, CT; and Jim (Marylinne) Witte, Cincinnati. Loving grandfather of Jessica Williamson, Chicago, John Williamson, Grand Rapids, MI, Olivia (Anthony) Mastriani, Cincinnati, Sean Witte-Meredith, Burlington, VT, Evan (Julia) Witte, Naperville, IL, and Jen (Benjamin) Naecker, Palo Alto, CA. Russ graduated from Western Hills High School and the University of Cincinnati. He was a patriot and proudly served in the USAAF from 1939 to 1946. As a B-25 pilot, he flew 55 combat missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Following his overseas service he was a test pilot at Eglin Field, FL. After [WWII](#) he joined his father, Russell Sr., and brother-in-law Richard Fletcher, in the family business; "R B Witte & Son Construction". Russ was an avid golfer and a champion Master Swimmer. He set many national records in Breaststroke and Backstroke events. He also had swum on a medley relay which set an international record. He was a long time member of the Cheviot Westwood Kiwanis Club served on the board of Gamble-Nippert YMCA, on numerous committees at Westwood Cheviot Church of Christ, and is a member of the Hornet Group, a veterans association. Russ enjoyed spending winter months at his condo on Siesta Key. Our family would like to express gratitude to the staff at Twin Towers, his home for the past 20 years, for their care throughout his time there and to Hospice of Cincinnati for their care for the past several weeks. A private family service will be held followed by interment in Spring Grove Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at Twin Towers at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Twin Towers or the [Alzheimer's Association](#) of Greater Cincinnati Chapter, in memory of Ruth Witte or the [charity of your choice](#). Bolton & Lunsford Funeral Home serving the family.

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