



## Richard Bradford Elberfeld

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Richard Bradford Elberfeld of Hamilton, died Saturday, September 11th. He was 86. Born in Pomeroy, Ohio on November 19, 1923 to Alfred Mees Elberfeld and Helen Laughead Elberfeld, he graduated from Pomeroy High School, attended Ohio State University, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta, and graduated from Miami University in 1947. During the war, he was a volunteer ambulance driver in the American Field Service, serving with the British in the China-Burma-India Theater and in Italy and Germany, where he was part of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Following college he entered the family retail business, managing Elberfeld stores in Jackson, Marietta and Hillsboro. He subsequently was employed by Elder-Beerman in Hamilton and Centerville. Prior to his retirement, he was Director of the Butler County CETA office. A longtime subscriber of the Cincinnati Symphony and the Cincinnati Opera, he was a devoted music lover and a voracious reader with a wry sense of humor. An Episcopalian, he served on the vestries of St. Mary's, Hillsboro and Trinity Church, Hamilton. He is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Mildred Walker Elberfeld and four children: Richard Elberfeld, Jr., (Sung Hui) of Erie, Pennsylvania, Robert Elberfeld (Julie) of Richmond, Virginia, David Elberfeld (Amy) of Batavia, and Anne Cole (Allen) of Mt. Healthy. Ten grandchildren, three step grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive, as does his sister Mary Elizabeth Morris of Pomeroy. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Helen Francis Rovere of California. One of the most satisfying things in his life was

to be honored by the United States Holocaust Commission as a Liberator. The family will receive friends at Trinity Episcopal Church at 115 N 6th Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011 from 10:30 AM on Wednesday, September 15th followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM. Burial will be in the churchyard. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Animal Friends Humane Society of Butler County or to Future Through Faith at Trinity Episcopal Church.