



Robert Lee Engel

March 5, 2008

Robert Lee ENGEL, Age 86, of Hamilton passed away March 5, 2008 at 1:48 a.m. in Vitas Hospice at Ft. Hamilton. He was born June 26, 1921, the oldest of seven children of John A. and Lillian (Erven) Engel. He graduated from the "New" Ross High School in 1940. He received his pilots license at age 14 at Hogan Field in Hamilton, which saved his life and others during WWII. He was very proud of his service to his country. He served in the National Guard which was called to Active Duty in 1940. He was in Special Intelligence and served with the 147th Infantry in the South Pacific and twice flew a bomber back from missions when the pilot and co-pilot were incapacitated, earning him two distinguished flying crosses. He also received a Bronze and Silver Star. He married Bernice M. Schory on December 18, 1944 in Phenix City, Alabama. They were married for 61 years. He worked at Champion Papers, Sears, Fisher Body, Dairy Farmed and the U. S. Postal Service where he retired after 27 years. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary (44 years), American Legion Post #138 (63 years). He is survived by four daughters: Patricia Rouse, Marilyn E. (Gary) Meyers all of Hamilton, Aileen Engel (Michael Zwissler) of Colorado, Janice (Russ) McBride of Oregon; fourteen grandchildren, John (Michelle) Meyers, Aimee (Kevin) Evans, Layne (Glen) Minges, Allen (Gina) Rouse, Andrea (Robert) Niehaus, Anglea (John) Dehner, Kevin (Molly) Niemann, Aaron (Arianne) Niemann, David (Jennifer) Zwissler, Michelle Knittle, Nicole and Christopher Zwissler, Mindy and Robert McBride; nineteen great grandchildren, Zachary and

Branden Minges, Allyson and Luke Evans, Alex and Karly Rouse, Ryan Meyers, Tyler, Trevor and Devon Niemann, John Jr. and Glenn Dehner, Cori, Katie and Eric Knittle, Chelsie Weyrich, Jessica McBride, Abbi and Libby Zwissler; two sisters, Edna Rogers and Joan Potter; a brother Clarence "Skip" Engel and many other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two brothers, Richard and John Engel and a sister, Jean Brown. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 NW Washington Blvd. with Rev. Timothy Landers officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Donations may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church, 212 S. Front St., Hamilton, OH 45011 or a charity of your choice.