

Harley E. Shotliff, 92, of Bella Vista died Oct. 29, 2011. He was born to Robert C. and Nellie K. Shotliff on April 4, 1919, in Wilmot, Wis.

He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in June of 1940 and completed airplane mechanics and electrical specialist courses prior to entering the Air Corps Cadet Flying Program. He received his Wings on August 1942 and served in the Africa/ European Theatres, participating in the Sicily, Italian and D-Day invasions as a pilot, squadron leader and operations officer. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Following WW2, he was employed by the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control Division, serving the Chicago Center as a controller/supervisor and the Detroit and Kansas City Centers as center manager. He retired on April 29, 1974, moving to Bella Vista.

During his retirement, he served on most of the Property Owners Association Committees and as a POA director for three years. He was a charter member and first president of United Lutheran Church and was a board member of the Central States Synod, Lutheran Church in America for five years. He was on the advisory board of the Bank of Bentonville, a charter lifetime member of the Bella Vista Sportsman's Club, life member of VFW Post 9063 and American Legion Post 341. He was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and one of the founding members of Bella Vista Crime Watch; also a past member of the Men's Golf Association and the Bella Vista Fly Tyers. He was a charter life member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1547, serving primarily as chapter and state service officer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; a son, Harley Robert; and two sisters, Anna Mae Heide and Ruth McDougall.

Survivors include a son, Larry; and one brother, Ronald.

A memorial service for both Helen and Harley will be held at the United Lutheran Church, Bella Vista, at 2 p.m. on Nov. 22, 2011.