



**Lawrence M. Kolker 1928-2018**

Larry Kolker, a bridge club proprietor and professional player, died May 1<sup>st</sup> in St. Louis at age 90. A life-long St. Louisan, he attended University City High School and Washington University.

For several decades, Mr. Kolker and the late Jake Samuels operated the Dorchester Bridge Club. Patrons could play “rubber bridge” (actually four-deal Chicago style) for varying stakes. He also found time to collect 9,113 master points, making him an Emerald Life Master.

Larry was the last living member of a five player team which entered the 1962 Vanderbilt Cup event in Lexington, KY. In a double elimination format, the “Cinderella” St. Louis team tied the Goren team and the Stayman team. In an enthralling three teams final, St. Louis vanquished their famous opponents.

Larry is survived by his wife Silke and two daughters, Leslie Lane and Tracy Kissing. A son, John, predeceased him.

*Obituary written by Roger Lord.*