



John Orphal

December 31, 1969 - February 11, 2015

Obituary of John Orphal John was welcomed into God's arms on February 11, 2015. John had just celebrated his 97th birthday in November and lived a wonderful and exciting life for 76 years with his loving wife, Helen. He was born in Wapakoneta, Ohio to Earl and Florence Orphal and went to Blume High School where he met and fell in love with Helen. He was a talented athlete and became a professional baseball player. His career for 10 years as a ball player took them all over the United States achieving a brief stay in the major leagues with the Cincinnati Reds before his contract was purchased by the New York Yankees where he was a Triple A player and became a lifelong fan of the Yankee organization. During that time his two children were born, son, Dennis Orphal (Viki-deceased) of Pleasanton, California and daughter, Linda Brown (Denny) of Ft. Myers, Florida. Also during this time he played guard for the National Cash Register basketball team. This was before founding of the NBA when professional basketball teams were sponsored by corporations such as NCR, Goodyear, Firestone, etc. He moved to St. Marys, Ohio, after his baseball career and worked for 23 years as a supervisor at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. He retired to Ocala, Florida in 1976 where he enjoyed many exciting hours on the golf course perfecting his game. He is survived by his wife, two children and four grandchildren, Jeff and Kathy Brown, Jonathan and David Orphal and 6 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his two sisters, Glenna McCormick and Doris Weber both of Wapakoneta, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents and two

brothers, Jim and Bob. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Helen, at 36
Barkley Circle, Ft. Myers, Florida 33907

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Helen, I was so glad to here from you but deeply saddened to hear the news of John's passing. I hope God's grace will shine upon you and your whole family especially now and for always. Love you and miss you, Polly Shaffer Ocala Fl.

Polly Shaffer - March 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ You will always be in our memories. I hope you are having fun in heaven playing baseball and golf!

Jeff Brown - February 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Kathy Brown - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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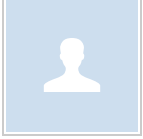
“ Miss you and will always love you!!

Kathy Brown - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Linda Brown - February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Orphal*

February 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM