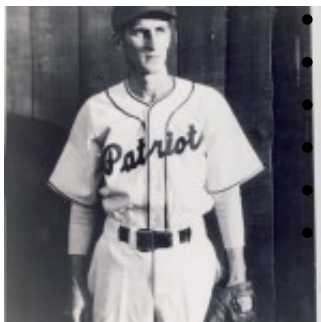


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April 21, 1919 - January 7, 2015

Service Date: January 13, 2015

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BERNARD JOSEPH KEATING "BERNIE"

GREENSBORO – Bernie Keating passed away at the age of 95 at his home in Stokesdale, North Carolina on January 7, 2015.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 12:15 PM Tuesday January 13, 2015 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Interment will be private.

Bernie was a very special person in the eyes of all of his friends and family. We will all miss him terribly. He is predeceased by his wife of 65 years Mary Richmond Keating. He is survived by his daughter Mary Jane (Peter) and his son Rick (Patty) as well as 5 grandchildren, Adam, Jonathan, Christopher, Anna and Kevin, and by 7 wonderful great grandchildren.

Bernie was born in 1919 in Woodbridge New Jersey the son of Mary Elizabeth Weber and James Joseph Keating. His brother James predeceased him. Bernie was known while growing up as an excellent athlete especially in the areas of basketball and baseball. He attended Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania on a baseball, basketball scholarship. Bernie went on to service in the United States army. He did sign a contract with the Boston Red Sox to play baseball but the war intervened and he continued his baseball career in minor league ball. He taught school at Rankin High School and then entered the world of sales for the remainder of his career. In college he was elected the ravens claw, a leadership society and he later belonged both to the Exchange Club and the Elks Club. He took care of his wife for 5 years making it possible for her to be at home after a stroke disabled her. Bernie gave generously to many associations and especially his church. We know he is at peace and will forever be in our hearts.