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**Pete Leonetti Sr.(1928 - 2016)**



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Des Moines

On Christmas Day 1928, Pete was born to Mary (Randa) and Joe Leonetti, and completed the cycle of life on Christmas Day 2016 at the age of 88.

A lifelong south sider, Pete excelled in many sports, most notably baseball. As a fifth grader he pitched on the eighth grade team at St. Anthony's, and went on to be the ace of the staff at Dowling High School with his brother Frank catching his games.

Upon Graduation in 1946 Pete signed with the New York Yankees, and also played in the Chicago Cubs minor league system until injury ended his career in 1949.

He was later inducted into the Dowling Sports Hall of Fame, and the Des Moines Fast pitch Hall of Fame.

Pete Married the love of his life, Colleen Thacker in 1950, and raised seven children. He worked at Acri Wholesale, and ran his home improvement company, displaying at the Iowa State Fair for 47 years.

Pete is survived by his brother Frank of Sarasota Fla. and sister Theresa (Ernie) Ferin of Des Moines. Children: Pam, Pete Jr, Tom, Terri (Jerry) and Frank (Diane), 17 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren, and many cousins and friends.

He was proceeded in death by his wife Colleen, and children Patti and Tony, and grandson Joe Sanders.

A memorial service will be held at Brooks Southtown Chapel-Sunset memorial Gardens 7601 Fleur Drive on Saturday December 31st at 10:00 A.M. with the family available from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.

Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Family.

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