
Ervil Randolph (Randy) Noel(1920 - 2016)

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95, of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2016. Born in Pendleton, Indiana, on June 12, 1920, Randy was a football and baseball letterman at Ball State University, where he still holds the school record since 1941 for the most strikeouts thrown in one game. After the war he resumed his education at Purdue where he continued his football and baseball careers. After graduation he was drafted by the New York Yankees in 1948 and played on their minor league team for one year, before pursuing an engineering career.

Randy was a decorated [WWII](#) veteran, attaining the rank of captain in the Army. He participated in the invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. Many thanks to the Indy Honor Flight organization for providing him the opportunity to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

With a degree from [Purdue University](#)'s School of Electrical Engineering, Randy co-founded Noel-Smyser Engineering Corp. in 1956. The company just celebrated 60 years and employs second- and third-generation family members.

Randy was actively involved with coaching youth football, baseball, and wrestling. He served as President of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis CYO and was honored with the St. John Bosco Award in 1972. He was a longtime, active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and past President of the Serra Club of Indianapolis for priest vocations. He was an avid golfer, playing until last year, and an unwavering Purdue fan, attending games as recently as last month.

Above all, Randy was a loving husband, devoted father, steadfast friend, and faithful, humble servant of God. Randy is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rita (Andrea) Noel; his children Michael (Barbara), Peter (Patty), Jeffrey (Laura), Gregory (Debbie), Joan Kinnaman (Brian), and John (Laura); 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Sherman and Doris, and grandson, Adam.

The funeral service will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, with visitation at Flanner and Buchanan-Washington Park North on Friday, April 15, from 4 - 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CYO or St. Michael's.

The Noel family would like to sincerely thank all the caregivers at the Barrington, Carmel where he and Rita resided for the past year. Please share a memory or condolence of Randy at www.flannerbuchanan.com

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