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**Richard A. Caplette**

Richard Caplette, age 80, passed away on December 27th, 2014 at Baystate Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He was a longtime resident of Springfield and was the son of Raymond and Bessie (Stanley) Caplette. He attended city schools and was a starting pitcher for Technical High School Varsity baseball team. He was drafted as a pitcher for the Florida International Baseball League and later pitched for the St. Louis Browns, now known as the Baltimore Orioles. Some years later, he transitioned his positive can do attitude to his work with Northeast Utilities where he retired. He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church and coached Little League Baseball. During retirement, he became an active golfer, playing at St. Annes Country Club for the Gotcha League. Richard is survived by his loving wife Janet, two sons Richard Caplette Jr. of Arizona, and Harry Savoit and his wife Carolyn of Springfield, as well as a daughter Denise Fischer of Virginia. He also leaves his two sisters June Moynihan and Gayle Smith, as well as three brothers Donald (Irene), Robert (Linda), and Raymond Jr. "Rocky" (Nancy) Caplette, along with two grandchildren and several nephews and nieces. The family wishes to acknowledge the compassionate care provided to Richard by Baystate VNA and the Jewish Nursing Home. Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 pm, Thursday, January 1st at Sampsons Chapel of the Acres, 21 Tinkham Road, Springfield, MA. His funeral service will be held January 2nd at 10 am from Sampsons Chapel of the Acres followed by a Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church at 11am. Burial will be at St. Michaels Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Richard Caplettes memory to WestMass ElderCare, 4 Valley Mill Rd., Holyoke, MA.01040

**Funeral Home****Sampson Chapel Of The Acres**

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