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**Richard Mineweaser(1924 - 2016)**

Mineweaser, Richard L., Sr. of Scottsdale, AZ passed away on August 1, 2016 at the age of 91. He was born on December 11, 1924 in Pontiac, MI, the son of Leo and Vera (Stickney) Mineweaser and brother of Robert W. Mineweaser, all deceased. Richard attended St. Michael's Catholic school through the 12th grade where he was a standout athlete in football and baseball and Secretary of his senior class. Richard then went to [Michigan State University](#), graduating in 1948. While at MSU he was a member of ROTC and played football and baseball. Richard was the first Spartan in modern baseball history to earn four varsity letters. He was a lifetime member of the MSU Varsity Club and an active member of the MSU Oakland County Alumni Club. Richard was so proud to be a Spartan and one of their biggest fans. He enjoyed a brief professional baseball career when he signed with the Boston Red Sox, assigned to the Scranton, PA team of the Class A Eastern league. After college he was an avid tennis player. Richard was united in marriage in 1953 to Marjorie M. Adams, who survives. Together they raised five children in Orchard Lake Village, MI. Richard L. Mineweaser, Jr. (Susie), Nancy Mineweaser (Daniel G. Carlson), Susan Kinsler (Walter), Jane Bitner (Jim) and Laura Beard (Scott). Richard was so proud that all of his children graduated from college. He leaves seven grandchildren: Ryan, Brandon and Lindsey Mineweaser, Justin (Shannon) and Bryce Kinsler, James and Teresa Bitner. Richard spent his professional career with Equitable Life where he was a CLU and Million Dollar Round Table member. Richard was a member of the Pontiac Life Underwriters Association where he was a program director, secretary and president of this professional organization. Richard was a past president of the North Pontiac Kiwanis Club and a past member of the Pontiac Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors. For several years he was a member of the planning commission for the city of Orchard Lake Village, MI. Richard was a devout Catholic, attending Our Lady of Refuge in Orchard Lake, MI where he was a member of the Holy Name Society, Men's Club, Eucharistic minister, and a trustee. He was instrumental in helping to develop a local Catholic radio program in Michigan. In Arizona every Saturday evening he and Marjorie attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Scottsdale. Richard was a loving husband, father and friend and will be missed by all. At his request, cremation has taken place. A funeral Mass was held. Final resting place will be at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak, MI.

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