



## *Senator Jim Bunning*

**October 23, 1931 - May 26, 2017**

**Born in Covington, KY**

**Resided in Southgate, KY**

## **Obituary**

Senator Jim Bunning, 85, of Southgate, KY and formerly of Ft. Thomas, KY, passed away on Friday, May 26th at St. Elizabeth Hospice, Edgewood, KY. He was a former Hall of Fame pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates & L.A. Dodgers. Following his baseball career, Senator Bunning began a career as a public servant. He was a former Kentucky State Senator (1979-83), six term United States Congressman (1987-99) and two term United States Senator (1999-2011). Senator Bunning was preceded in death by his parents, Lou and Gladys, his daughter, Laura and brothers, Lou (Jo) & Bob (Grace) Bunning. He is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Mary Bunning (nee. Theis), daughters, Barb (Paul) Bunning-Stevens, Joan (Rick) Blinn, Cathy (Rocky) Sparks, Bridget (Matt Triplett) Bunning & Amy (Terry) Towles, sons, Jim (Donna) Bunning, Jr., Bill (Joy) Bunning, Mark (Susan) Bunning & David (Kay) Bunning, 35 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and many devoted nieces & nephews. Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m., Friday, June 2nd at Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home, 427 S. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas, KY 41075. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 3rd at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, 1140 Madison Ave., Covington, KY 41011 with the burial to follow at St. Stephen Cemetery, 1523 Alexandria Pike, Ft. Thomas, KY. Memorials are suggested to St. Elizabeth Hospice, 483 S. Loop Road, Edgewood, KY 41017 or St. Therese Church, 11 Temple Place, Southgate, KY 41071.