Harry Schneider(1934 - 2015)

SCHNEIDER Harry Donald "Don", 81, of Lexington, passed away December 24, 2015. Beloved husband of 61 years to Marilyn Rick Schneider. Don was the co-founder and first president of S & S Tire. Born October 27, 1934, Don was the eldest child and only son of Harry and Marie Heitgers Schneider of Cincinnati, OH. One of the best pitchers in the history of Anderson High School, Don signed to the farm team of the Cincinnati Reds, where he pitched two no-hitters at the age of 17. He was drafted and served two years active duty in the United States Army, based in Fort Knox, Kentucky, followed by several years of service in the Army Reserves. During his active service, Don pitched for the Fort Knox Tankers. Don began his career in the tire industry with Firestone Tire, moving on to become president of the Tires, Batteries, and Accessories division of Ashland Oil, before eventually becoming co-founder of S & S Tire in 1974. His spirit of friendly competition was never more evident than on the golf course, during a game of cards or ping-pong. A true gentleman and lifelong family man, Don was a model of generosity and warmth of spirit, quick-witted, and beloved by everyone who ever met him. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Laura Lee Schneider, Douglas Donald Schneider, Christina Marie (Kevin) Hager, sisters, Joan (Ken) Bottom and Karen (Roy) King, grandchildren, Matthew Donald (Bethany) Schneider, Lauren Elizabeth Hager, Michael Clay Hager, and Grace Anne Hager, great-granddaughter Lilah Rose Hager, and a host of nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday December 29, 2015, 12pm, at The Church of the Holy Spirit (The Newman Center), in Lexington. Burial will follow at The Lexington Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 10am-12pm. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Lexington Area Parkinson's Support Group, 1882 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington, KY 40502. www.clarklegacycenter.com

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