



## *Richard "Dick" Stoll*

August 26, 1925 - January 21, 2017

Resided in Hickory, NC

### Obituary

Richard "Dick" Stoll, 91 of Hickory passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Brookdale Assisted Living.

Born on August 28, 1925 in Springfield, OH, he was the son of the late Charlie and Beatrice Booker Stoll. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Nadine Holbrook Stoll; one son, Brian Stoll; two brothers, Lorn and Lowell Stoll; and one sister, Pattie May Pyles.

In his hometown of Springfield, Dick excelled in baseball at Springfield High and was inducted into the Clark County Baseball Hall of Fame. After serving in the United States Army for four years, he came to Hickory in 1945 with the Hickory Rebels, who were a minor league baseball team based in Hickory and associated with the New York Giants through the NC State League. He was the last surviving member of the 1946-1947 Hickory Rebels Baseball Team.

While attending Clevenger College, he met his future wife, Nadine "on the square" of downtown Hickory and thus began a courtship of 69 years.

Dick was very active in the community through his participation in the Hickory Jaycees, President of Viewmont Elementary PTA, and as a faithful and charter member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Dick was an all-around athlete and an avid golfer, enjoying memberships in both Catawba and Lake Hickory Country Clubs. Sports were a very important part of his life.

Dick was totally devoted to his family as a fun-loving father and grandfather. He loved being involved in every aspect of his grandchildren's lives. He also enjoyed nature, beautiful sunsets, astronomy, and just being outdoors. He was young-at-heart throughout his long life and literally became everybody's "grandfather" at

Brookdale. He was a kind man with a huge grin and instantly likeable to all who met him. He will forever be missed.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Stoll of Hickory, NC and Brad Stoll and his wife, Sharon of Boone, NC; daughter-in-law, Kimberly Stoll of Oak Ridge, NC; granddaughters, Leslie Stoll of Hickory, NC, Megan Stoll of Boise, ID, Breanne Butts of Charlotte, NC, Brooke Stoll of Raleigh, NC, Lauren Lea of Wilmington, NC, and Jacqueline Bailey of Hickory, NC; great granddaughters, Bailey Lea and Charlie Lea, both of Wilmington, NC; and a great grandson, Milo Friday of Hickory, NC.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church Chapel with the Reverend Cindy Wechter officiating, followed by military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Catawba Regional Hospice, 3975 Robinson Rd, Newton, NC 28658.