
RUSS NIXON(1935 - 2016)

RUSS NIXON Russ Nixon, 81, a former Major League Baseball player, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, in Las Vegas. A baseball veteran for 56 years, Russ was a major-league player for 12 seasons and a scout, coach and manager for 44 more at virtually every level of the sport. Russ was born Feb. 19, 1935, in Cleves, Ohio, along with his twin brother, Roy. It was his grandfather's love of baseball that started him on the path to professional baseball. Russ graduated from Western Hills High School in Cincinnati and signed with the Cleveland Indians shortly thereafter in 1953. He played 12 seasons as a catcher in the

American League with the Indians, Red Sox and Twins. His coaching and managing career began in Cincinnati Red's farm system in 1970 and was the third base coach for the "Big Red Machine" in the 1976 World Series. He managed the Cincinnati Reds in 1982 and 1983 and later managed the Atlanta Braves from 1988 to 1990. He spent the remainder of his career doing what he loved, developing young players with the San Diego Padres, Houston Astros and the Texas Rangers organizations. He retired from baseball in 2009. He has the distinction of being active in Major League Baseball for 56 consecutive years in various roles. Russ married Glenda (nee Carder) July 1, 1954 and they were married 62 years. Russ is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Lindsey Nixon. Russ is survived by his wife Glenda; daughters, Rebel Dahlberg (Mark), Misty Steinhauer (Mark) and Samantha Linares (Mike); son, Chris Nixon (Gloria); grandchildren, Chantal, Abby, Kaylin, Culver, Clare, Ava and Lana; four great-grandchildren; identical twin brother, Roy Nixon (Arlene); nieces, Lori, Julie and Vicky; nephews, Kirk and Keith; and many other relatives. Services will be private.
