
Donald J. VanNest

Donald James Van Nest, age 88, of High Bridge, NJ passed away on Thursday, December 24, 2015 at Independence Manor in Raritan Twp., NJ. The son of the late Albert and Elsie Coukell Van Nest, he was born on October 2, 1927 and was a lifelong resident of High Bridge, NJ. Donald was the loving husband of Ruby B. March Van Nest, celebrating over 59 years of marriage. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Jim Van Nest and his wife Roseann of Hanford, CA; his grandchildren Elizabeth Van Nest of Fresno, CA and Christopher Van Nest of Los Angeles, CA; brother Robert Van Nest of FL; two sisters: Doris Tiger and her husband Ralph of Titusville, NJ; Dorothy Nagie and her husband Albert of Glen Gardner, NJ; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three sisters: Marian Case, Elizabeth 'Betty' Roll and Lois Touroyan. Donald loved baseball and played semi-professionally as a pitcher in the Philadelphia and Cleveland organizations before and after his service in U.S. Army Air Corps (1946 to 1947). For many years, he coached Little League in High Bridge and always enjoyed watching and talking about baseball as an avid Yankee fan. He worked for JCP&L in Flemington, NJ until his retirement in 1987. Memberships include the United Methodist Church in High Bridge, NJ. Calling hours will be Monday, December 28, from 7-9pm. Funeral service will be Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at 11am. All at Naughtright-Scarponi Funeral Home, 66 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery in Clinton, NJ.

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