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**Delbert Blondin**

Blondin, Delbert 3/28/1939 - 5/18/2015 Phoenix, Arizona On May 18, 2015, one of Saginaw's finest athletes died. He was the son of Frank and Nita Blondin and was born March 28, 1939. Delbert Blondin excelled in baseball, basketball and football from his start at Emerson Elementary, where he hit a home run and broke a window, to Central Jr. and finally, Saginaw High from which he graduated in 1957. He once hit a baseball from the field at Hoyt Park into the cemetery across the road. He was captain of all three sports all three years of high school, never playing JV. Deb signed with the Boston Red Sox in 1960 and after he was released from his contract there was offered positions with the Cleveland Indians and the Detroit Tigers. He came home instead and eventually served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Deb was a Detroit and Phoenix police officer and later served as an investigator for the Maricopa County Prosecutor's Office. He leaves his wife Jeanie and son Michael in Phoenix; daughter Debra and son Matthew in N. Carolina; step-children Kim and Ron as well as 7 grandchildren and 4 step-grandchildren; his brother John (Mary Ellen) Grosse Pointe; and in Saginaw, sisters Pam Blondin (Dr. Harold Lenhart) and Kathy Blondin-Stone (Bill Stone). He was predeceased by his son Marc, his step-son Daniel, his brother James and sister Nita Katherine (Tootsie) Blondin and his parents. Funeral services will be held in Phoenix on Saturday, May 23. It is true our family chain is broken, but as God calls us back one by one, the chain will link again.

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