



## *Leo J. Groeschen*

**July 21, 1928 - July 5, 2015**

**Resided in Fort Wright, KY**

### **Obituary**

Leo John Groeschen, 86, of Fort Wright, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2015 at St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Edgewood, KY. He was a machinist for Murdock Inc. in Cincinnati and an Army veteran during the Korean War. He was a star pitcher for the first Newport Catholic High School baseball team, pitching the school to its first state title in 1946. He pitched 2 years for Xavier University before signing a minor league contract with the Boston Red Sox. He pitched one year for the Kinston Eagles in North Carolina before his career was cut short by the Korean War. Mr. Groeschen is in four Halls of Fames: LaRosa's, Newport Catholic High School, Northern Kentucky Sports and the Northern Kentucky High School Athletic Directors. He was preceded in death by sisters Ann Kilmer and Mary Lee Sheets. Mr. Groeschen is survived by his wife Eleanor Dunn Groeschen; daughters Linda (Rick) Jager of Edgewood, KY and Susan (Chet) Brandon of Zionsville, IN; son Tom (Lynda) Groeschen of Cincinnati, OH; grandsons Ben & Brett Jager, Josh Brandon, Sean and Brian Groeschen; granddaughter Mia Groeschen; sisters Janet Mentrup of Erlanger, KY and Joan Kirst of Fort Thomas, KY. Visitation will be Wednesday, July 8, from 4 PM to 7 PM at Dobbling, Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home, Bellevue. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 AM Thursday, July 9, at the Holy Spirit Parish, Newport, KY. Burial will take place in the St. Stephen Cemetery, Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Memorials are suggested to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, 712 6th Avenue Dayton, KY, 41074 or Charity of Choice. Online condolences can be given at [www.dmefuneral.com](http://www.dmefuneral.com).