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Raymond R. White

March 8, 1937 ~ April 2, 2015 (age 78)



Services

VISITATION

Monday

April 6, 2015

2:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Frank F. Gigler Funeral Home
Lower Burrell, PA

BLESSING SERVICE

Tuesday

April 7, 2015

10:00 AM

St. Margaret Mary Church
Lower Burrell, PA

"I'm 78, but if you unzip me, I'm 18." Raymond Reed "Whizzer" White lived a full and tremendously happy life, surrounded by a loving family and countless friends. He was born in Buffalo, NY on March 8, 1937, to the late Catherine McCain and Raymond White. He was raised by his loving grandparents, Hooker and Etta McCain, in Apollo, PA and had fond memories of his childhood in "Pegtown." Whiz was a highly recruited student athlete – coaches from Clemson to Vanderbilt to Arizona came to Vandergrift High School to convince him to play college football. He always said he would have regretted not taking one of the scholarships were it not for meeting his beloved wife of 56 years, Norma Jean White (Walker), at a dance at Weinels Crossroads in 1958. He was a minor league baseball pitcher and outfielder. He signed with the Washington Senators and played in Olean, NY and Hastings, NE. Ray spent much of his later career working as Dean of Students at Westmoreland Career Technology and coaching high school football. He touched the lives of many young people – he touched the lives of everyone he met. He was also a tennis player, a golfer, a bicyclist, and an amazing storyteller. But, by far, his favorite titles were husband, father, and grandfather. Ray is survived by his wife, Norma Jean, and their six children and thirteen grandchildren: Leslie Ann Boucher (Rickey) and their children, Maggie Ryan and Drake Reed; Jennifer Lee Farinelli (Dan) and their children, Josephine Rae, Katherine Jean, and Daniel Christopher; Kelly Lynn White and her son Rick Raymond (Kira); Coleen Rae Whalen (Frank) and their children Jonathan Francis, Samuel Thomas, Abigail Yuan Li, and Elisabeth Yan Mei; Michael Patrick White (Francine) and their children McKenzie Rae and Michael Reed; and Shannon (Randy) and their son Elijah Reed.

Family and friends will be received from 2 to 8 PM Monday in the FRANK F. GIGLER FUNERAL HOME, 2877 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068, where a blessing service will be held at 10 AM Tuesday with Very Rev. Kenneth G. Zaccagnini, Saint Margaret Mary Church, officiating. Burial is private. Visit us at www.giglerfuneralhome.com