



## Louis G. Payor, Sr.

February 6, 1921 - November 16, 2014

**Louis George Payor, Sr., passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 16 at his home in Winter Park, Florida at the age of 93. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Lou played professional baseball for the St. Louis Cardinal organization and maintained a lifelong love of the sport. He married Henrietta Ferszt of Detroit in 1942 in a memorable ceremony at home plate during a game at Copeland Park. At the outbreak of WWII, Lou joined the Army Air Corp and trained as a fighter pilot. He was stationed at Xian, China and flew P51 Mustangs. During one mission he was forced to crash land behind Japanese lines and was aided by the Chinese resistance to return to his base.**

**After the war, Lou and Henrietta moved to Miami, Florida where he became an airplane mechanic for Eastern Airlines before retiring in 1981. During this time, he became a baseball umpire and worked many major league spring training and college games in south Florida. Additionally he joined the US Air Force Reserve as a pilot of C119 Flying Boxcar and C124 Globemaster aircraft before retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1981 Lou and Henrietta moved to Winter Park where Lou often served as umpire for his grandchildren's Little League games and enjoyed**

**playing bridge with friends. He participated in many senior athletic competitions including Polk Senior Games and Golden Age Games in Sanford winning multiple medals which hung proudly in his home.**

**Lou was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Henrietta, Sisters; Anne, Goldie, and Brother Charles. He is survived by four Sons; Dr. Louis Payor, Jr. (Adrienne) of Winter Park, Glenn Payor (Sherry) of New Smyrna Beach, Ross Payor of Las Vegas, Nevada and Mark Payor of Winter Park. Grandchildren; Louis, Jason, Margaux, Katherine, Michael, Stephen, Eve, Austin and Lucas. Great Grandchildren; Christian, Ilyana and Harlow. A Sister Jeanne Kanyo of Detroit, Michigan also survives him.**

**Lou always maintained a sense of humor, was full of one-liners and never complained about how he felt. He enjoyed listening to Big Band music and was doing so when he peacefully passed away, at home, as was his wish.**

**A memorial service to celebrate Lou's life will be held at Carey Hand Cox-Parker Funeral Home, 1350 W. Fairbanks Avenue, Winter Park, on Friday, November 28th, 2014 at 11:00 AM**

Obituary Provided By:



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