

Rocky Mount

Donald A. Minnick

(April 14, 1931 - September 02, 2016)

Donald A. Minnick, 85, passed away Friday, September 2, 2016, surrounded by his family, after a brief illness. He was born on April 14, 1931 in Lynchburg, VA to the late Mamie and Henry Minnick. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Dona Minnick. Don was a longtime Franklin county resident, a loving family man, and a fair



and honest local business owner for over 40 years. Don attended Duke University for 2 and ½ years before being drafted to the Korean war. After serving his country for 2 years, Don returned to his professional baseball pitching career of 10 years. “His claim to fame” in the major leagues was walking Ted Williams. Meanwhile, in the minor leagues, his record of 20 wins as a pitcher in Redding, PA still stands today. After retiring from baseball, he and his devoted wife moved to Rocky Mount, VA where he began his trucking career. Don was also an avid sportsman: rooting for the Atlanta Braves and the Washington Redskins and participating in bowling leagues for over 40 years. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 57 years, Helen W. Minnick; daughters, Lubeth Jones (Rob) of Roanoke and Michelle Obenshain (Jon) of Moneta; numerous cousins and two special friends, Charles Dudley and Danny Houston. A memorial service will be held at 3pm on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at Flora Funeral Services in Rocky Mount, VA with Pastor Matt Ricks officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers or food, the family requests that memorials be made to the Franklin County Rescue Squad. Arrangements by Flora Funeral Service and Cremation Center, Rocky Mount.