



## Obituary

**Born:** Sunday, June 16, 1929

**Died:** Tuesday, January 10, 2017

JAMES R. PETTIT

James R. Pettit, 87, of Quincy, died at 3:00 a.m. Tuesday (January 10, 2017) in his home.

Born June 16, 1929 in St. Louis, Missouri, James was the son of Arthur and Nelle Sweeny Pettit. He married Barbara J. Bellis on January 20, 1960 in Quincy. She survives

A 1948 graduate of Beaumont High School in St. Louis, Jim was a standout player for his high school baseball team that won the St. Louis City Championship which also included Earl Weaver, who later was the manager of the Baltimore Orioles for many years. Jim signed a professional baseball contract with the New York Yankees and played Class B minor league baseball with the Quincy Gems and with teams in Greenville, N.C., Wilmington N.C., Mooresville N.C. and Sanford N.C.. During his career, Jim played with Tom Gott, Jim Finigan and Roy Sievers, who later played with the St. Louis Browns. Following his retirement from baseball, Jim was employed for 33 years with Meinhardt Cartage Company as an over the road truck driver and then for R & W Service System until his retirement in 1986.

Jim was an avid sportsman and enjoyed golfing, bowling and shooting pool. He loved spending time with his family and especially enjoyed their many trips to Florida.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; a son, David Pettit (Lisa) of Rockford, IL; a daughter, Pamela Shepard (James) of Bloomington, IL; four grandchildren, Michael Shepard of Bloomington, IL, Courtney Forehand (Matt) of Alhambra, CA, and Carley Pettit and Casey Pettit both of Rockford, IL; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Mr. Pettit was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Carl Dale Pettit and Gerald Pettit.

Mr. Pettit gifted his body to medical science. No services will be held.

Memorials may be made to the Blessing Foundation for Hospice or the Parkinson's Foundation in care of Zehender Robinson Stormer Cookson Funeral Home, 1435 State Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

The family would like to thank Joanne Obert and Molly Schulte for their wonderful love, care and support for Jim during his illness.

## Service Summary

**No services to be held**

Location: - *Not available* -