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Whalen, Jerry R. 1926-2018

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LITTLETON, Colo. Jerry Robert Whalen, born on April 4, 1926, in St Joseph, passed away on February 6, 2018, at his home in Littleton, at the age of 91.

Jerry was born to John Raymond Whalen Sr. and Icea Bumphrey and attended Christian Brothers high school in St Joseph. He enlisted in the Navy on May 13th, 1943, trained as a Navy gunner and served as a Seaman First Class, before receiving an honorable discharge on the 29 of April 1946.

Upon return from the war, Jerry embarked on a career as a professional baseball player, playing for six seasons in the minor leagues, while earning a degree in business at the University of Missouri, in 1950. He then worked for over 25 years for the Rocky Mountain Bank Note Company directing sales activities in the region.

Jerry married Ruth A. Whalen, of Burlington, Iowa, in Littleton, November 16, 1968, at St. Marys Catholic Church and was a longtime member of the parish.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; sisters, JoAnn Wood of St. Joseph, Jeanne OToole, of Pocasset, Massachusetts; and brother, Jack Whalen of St. Joseph.

Survivors include: son, Charles (Susanne), Stockholm, Sweden; brother, Jim; and three grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial: 10 a.m. Friday, St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Parish Rosary: 6 p.m. Thursday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

The family will gather with friends 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

Online guest book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com. As published in the St. Joseph News-Press.

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