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**LeRoy Winter**

LeRoy Winter was a wonderful man who enjoyed a great life. Born and raised on a farm near Orland CA, Lee became accustomed to hard work at an early age. He joined the Air Force in 1943 to help defend our country at war. He was soon flying bombing missions and during a raid over Italy, his plane was shot down; he was captured and taken to a prison camp from which he escaped. He remained in the Air Force as a reserve and retired as a Major. After the war, he pursued his dream of a baseball career and was a catcher/outfielder for seven years ending in AAA ball with the Solons. He then joined the Sacramento County Sheriff's Dept and retired after 21 years of service. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, and camping. He was always in good humor, ready to share a story with everyone. He was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Dorothy, and all of his siblings: Lydia, Elsie, Katie, Edna, Albert, August, Howard and Alvin. He married and is survived by Kathleen Cremins, a widow with four children: Denis Francis (Mary), Jerry Patrick (Leanne), Anne Weinstein (Dan), and Timothy Thomas (Shannon), and many grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They were married for seventeen years. He is also survived by daughters Helen Koen and Billie Johnson, and his grandchildren Sean Koen, Tami, Doug (Courtney), Chris and Scott (Kimberly) Johnson, seven great grandchildren, one great, great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews. Lee will be terribly missed by all his family and many friends. All are invited to attend his Memorial Mass on August 2, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony Church, 660 Florin Road, Sacramento. Lunch and sharing of memories will follow in the Parish Center.

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