
Robert W. Butler

Butler age 78, of Green Valley, AZ, formerly of Cleveland, OH, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2017 following a courageous battle against idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Born in Chicago, IL to Eugene and Dorothea Butler, Robert moved to Rocky River, OH and graduated from Rocky River High School in 1956. He attended Purdue University on a football scholarship, but ultimately pursued his dream of becoming a professional baseball player with the Cleveland Indians organization from 1958-1959. Following his short baseball career, Robert served in the United States Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, and earned his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University in 1962. Robert became a successful salesman with several companies in the food service industry, and retired from SS Kemp in 2008 following more than 30 years of employment. Robert is survived by his brother Richard, son Brett, daughter Lisa (Eric), cherished grandchildren Jonathan, Claire and Sarah Garber, former spouse Sue Burkhart Butler, and dear friend and caregiver Patricia Greco. He also leaves many lifelong friends and extended family to treasure his memory. Private burial at Rose Hill Cemetery, Mason, OH, and memorial celebration will be held at the family's convenience. Donations in Robert's memory may be made to: Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611 or online at pulmonaryfibrosis.org.

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