## **Edward L. Van Nordheim**

April 15, 1926 - August 14, 2015

Edward L. Van Nordheim, 89, went to be with the Lord on August 14, 2015 after a lengthy illness. He was preceded in death by his parents Bessie and John G. Van Nordheim of Hastings, NE.

Edward was born April 15, 1926 in Hastings, NE. During his years in high school he participated in sports. He especially excelled in baseball, which he later played professionally for the Chicago Cubs. His name appears in the American Legion Hall of Fame in Lincoln, NE.

In 1944 Ed was drafted and proudly served our country during WWII in the South Pacific Theater, where he was awarded the Bronze Star.

After the war, Ed continued playing baseball. He was sent to New York, Tennessee and finally Lumberton, NC, where he met his bride Anne Warwick.

Ed worked for Johnson & Johnson as a pharmaceutical rep. In 1958 he was transferred to the J & J plant in Mexico City, Mexico where he became president and general manager. After 23 years with J & J, Ed retired and moved his family to Wilmington.

During his years of retirement he enjoyed playing golf, fishing and hunting. He was also a member of Cape Fear Presbyterian Church, where he taught Adult Sunday School for 27 years. He also served as an elder and on various committees in the church and for Presbytery. Ed was also a member of the American Legion, Post 10, where he served as Chaplain.

Edward is survived by three children, Sharon Van Nordheim (Alberto), John Van Nordheim (Lydia) and Melanie Austin (Shawn), all of San Antonio, TX. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren, Diego Lopez, Benjamin Lopez, Jessica Lopez, Paola Araux, Christian Van Nordheim, John Van Nordheim, Jr., Lucas Austin, Allie Austin, and 9 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 10:00

11:00 am on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at Cape Fear Presbyterian Church with funeral services beginning at 11:00 am. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1406 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401 or Cape Fear Presbyterian



Born: April 15, 1926 Death: August 14, 2015 Church, 2606 Newkirk Ave., Wilmington, NC 28412.

The family would like to thank Lower Cape Fear Hospice for their dedication, care and compassion.