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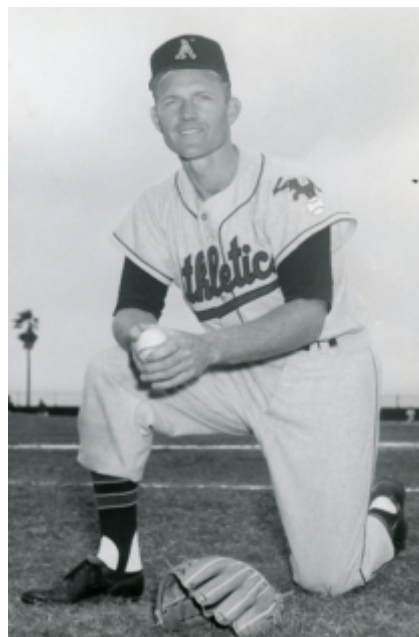
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ROBERT (BOB) GORDON MARTYN

1930 - 2015

Robert (Bob) Gordon Martyn was born August 15, 1930, in Weiser, Idaho, and passed away December 2, 2015, at his home in Pacific City, Oregon. He was 85. When he was 4 years old, his parents moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, to live on the family homestead. During his childhood years, he learned to play sports on school teams, as well as to fish and hunt. He became a member of First Baptist Church in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1948. He chose to attend Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, because it was affiliated with the Baptist Church and his father was an alumni. It didn't take long for Bob to be recognized as an outstanding baseball player while playing outfield on the Linfield team. The athletic director said, "The graceful way he played the outfield reminded me of Joe DiMaggio. He would glide to the ball." Bob was chosen to the Northwest Conference all-star outfield in 1950, '51 and '52, and he helped the Wildcats win conference championships in 1950 and '51. He graduated cum laude with a double major in mathematics and sociology in 1952. While attending Linfield College, he met his wife, Dolores Sorenson. They married in November of 1950 and had three daughters. Bob continued a life-long friendship with his college roommates, Bill Swift and Bob Lunt. He signed a professional baseball contract with the New York Yankees in the summer of 1952. His first professional game was played July 4, 1952, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He batted 5-for-6 during the game while playing for the Boise Yankees. After three impressive years in the minor leagues and serving in the United States Army for



two years, Bob was traded to the Kansas City Athletics in June of 1957. He played for the Athletics as an outfielder until his last game, April 10, 1959. He was traded back to the Yankees and then ended his baseball career in 1960. Overall, he played in 154 major league games, and his batting average was .263. Bob was the first Linfield alumnus to play professional baseball and was inducted into the Linfield Hall of Fame in 2000. He served twice on the Linfield Alumni Board and was president in 1973. Shortly after his baseball career ended, he held positions including employment manager, compensation manager and personnel manager at Tektronix in Beaverton, Oregon. After 23 years at Tektronix, he helped found a human resources consultant service, from which he retired after 13 years.

He married his current wife, Donna Harwood-Martyn on December 9, 1978, who has three daughters, Sue Galt (David), Jeannine Harwood and Cathleen Anderson (Joe). Bob and Donna moved to Pacific City after their retirements. Bob's love of the outdoors was only challenged by his love of baseball. He was very active in his community and was always willing and ready to take anyone fishing.

Bob is survived by his wife, Donna; one sister, Sally Molyneux (Marvin) of Kimberly, Idaho; one brother, Jerry Martyn (Daphne) of Ukiah, California; daughters, Kathryn Martyn Smith (Chuck) of Vancouver, Washington, and Tami Young (Craig) of Post Falls, Idaho; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his oldest daughter, Linda Lee Brown. A celebration of Bob Martyn's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 2016, in Melrose Hall at Linfield College, 900 S.E. Baker St., McMinnville, Oregon. Remembrances may be made in his memory to Linfield College, McMinnville, OR 97128.

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