PAUL MAXIMUK(1926 - 2016)



90, born October 12, 1926 Cleveland, Ohio passed away peacefully from cancer Wed, Dec. 7, 2016 in Charlottesville, VA surrounded by family. Paul was a 5-sport all-star earning 15 letters at Lincoln High which included several city and state honors prior to accepting a football scholarship at Ohio State Univ. His football career was cut short when he was called to serve his country in the Army at the end of WWII. After his tour of duty in Japan, he returned home to marry his high school sweetheart, LaVerne Gierman and began a professional baseball career in the Cleveland Indians farm system. Paul played minor league baseball from Canada to Cuba but gave up his dream of playing in the majors to meet the challenges of parenthood. He became a member of the Cleveland Fire Dept. in 1950 and served the city of Cleveland for 31 years at the same time working a second job at Universal Drafting Co. to provide for

his family. Paul often commented on how he was most fortunate in winning the heart of his first and only love, had the perfect family and lived life with no regrets. Retirement was spent between their beloved home on the Sandusky Bay in Bay View, Oh and their winter residence in Port Isabel, TX. Paul and LaVerne loved traveling and were proud to claim visiting 49 of the 50 United States. Paul's community involvement included Master Mason Grand Lodge F & A.M. Parkside No 736 61 yrs, Al Sirat Grotto, American Legion 40+yrs, and member United Church of Christ. Paul is predeceased by his parents, Isidor and Zuzana (nee Prusak), 2 brothers, Michael Marko, Alex Marko and 2 sisters, Ann (Marko) Kerik, Olga (Maximuk) Baran. He is survived by his son, Lynn Maximuk (Karen) and daughter, Paula Pagonakis (Greg). Dear Grandfather to Jennifer Csanyi (Tom), Sarah Garcia (Nic), Michael Pagonankis, Daniel Maximuk (Ashley), Jordan Jollon (Laurence) and Brian Maximuk (Jennifer). Great Grandfather to 8. Cremation. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In memory to Paul, contributions may be made to Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Pkwy., Charlottesville, VA 22911

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