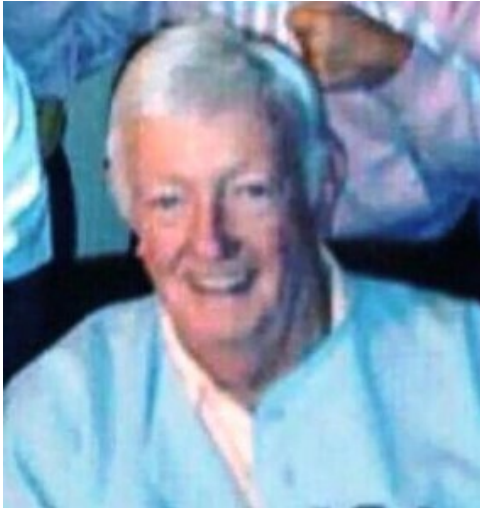


Russell Paul Kemmerer



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Funeral services will be Saturday the 13th from 11:00 -12:00

Visitation will be on Friday December 12 from 5 to 8 pm at Indiana Funeral Care and Crematory, Harry W. Moore Chapel

Russell Kemmerer, former MLB player, completed his final innings in the game of life on Monday, December 8th 2014. He was born in Pittsburgh Pa, on 11/01/1930 to Frederick and Thursa Mae Kemmerer. He was the youngest of 5 children. He signed his 1st Major League contract with the Boston Red Sox at the age of 18. His big league career spanned a total of 11 years pitching for Boston, Washington, Chicago and Houston. Following his retirement from baseball, Russ's passion for his fellow man led him into the ministry, where he pastored several area churches. It was his work with various youth programs, which led Russ to pursue a career in coaching, which gave him an opportunity to not only share his faith with young men but to also teach life lessons that Russ so often found in athletics. His teachings carried him to several areas of the state including Indiana University, Ellettsville, Milan, Heritage Christian, and Lawrence Central where he retired from in 1998. Shortly after that he became a published author when he penned the book entitled "Hey Kid, Just Get It Over The Plate", a book about his major league experiences and humorous stories about the twinkling stars of his era. He is survived by his wife, Susannah Kemmerer, sons Russell (Rita) Kemmerer of Indianapolis, Darrel (Julie) Kemmerer of North Vernon, daughters Cheryl (Doug) Ray of Seymour, and Kim (Bob) Band of Cicero, Brad (Kim) Potter, Brian (Rebekah) and MaKayla Potter, and Renee (Doug Cannon) Potter. He was a beloved grandfather to Matt, Jami, Molly, Adam, Ryan, Tyler, Josh, Leah and Brooke as well as a great grandfather to Malory and Andrew. He was preceded in death by his first wife Elizabeth Kemmerer and a grandson, Robbie Band. There will be a celebration of life to honor his life and memories.

Sue and Family,

Where do I start to with all the memories with this great man. He was my English teacher from 1992-1994 at LC. The first day I walked in my 10th grade year I saw a guy look just Santa Claus. I had him for 3 yrs 10th, 11th, 12th. There was so many things he taught me in his class and also outside there too.

He was a man of GOD. We talked about our faith a lot with each other. I know he is now one of my guardian angles. That he will be protecting and watching after me.

I also got a copy of his book. He personally autographed for me. My dad gave it me as a Christmas gift several yrs ago. It will be something I treasure in my life.

I loved him and also each and every one of you. If you need anything please let me know. Sue knows how to get a hold of me.

Just to sum this up it is our great FATHERS gain but our loss. We will all see each other someday soon when we get up there. He will be standing there ready to pitch to us as we soon enter Pearly Gates of Heaven.

Love,

Brian

- *Brian Lasher*

I remember Coach from when he taught at Milan H.S., he was a very special man, and he turned me onto reading books.

I know there isn't much someone can say to the loved ones to help the hurt, but always remember you will see him again and he will be waiting for you. God Bless Kim Brown, Seymour In.

- *Kim Jordan Brown*