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## Richard H. Callison

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ROANOKE, VA - Richard H. Callison, formerly of Roanoke, VA, passed away peacefully January 16, 2016, in Jacksonville, FL. Richard, 90, was born on June 12, 1925, in Dayton, VA. Richard was a star athlete at William Fleming High School in both baseball and football. He later played professional baseball with the Philadelphia Athletics. Richard was for many years the Divisional Sales Manager for Josten's, Inc. Collegiate Sports Division. Before that he was in sales with A. G. Spaulding Sporting Goods company. He was infamous for being good golfing buddies with Sam Snead. Richard had lived for many years in Johnson City, TN, before moving to Florida several years ago. Richard is survived by his sister, Kathryn Callison Denny and husband, Steve of Roanoke; daughters, Judith A. Callison and Jane Callison Sexton, both of Roanoke; and son, S. Michael Callison and wife, Vikki of Charleston, SC; six grandchildren, Corie Robbins, Clarke Walker, Gina Gray, Ross Sexton, Richard Callison, Amanda Neikirk; and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; his parents, Glenn W. and Gale Ferguson Callison; sisters, Martha Callison, Ruth Callison Huband and Nancy Callison Lipscomb; and one son, Douglas Callison.



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