
Gerald L. Bennett**Gerald L. Bennett**

Gerald Bennett, 79, went to be with our Heavenly Father on March 16, 2015. He was born in Spartanburg, SC to Lindsey & Ethel Bennett. Gerald was a left-handed pitcher well-known in his high school years and signed with the Cleveland Indians in 1953. After an elbow injury ended his baseball career, he went to work for Farmbest Dairies, where he met the love of his life, Betty.

He moved his family to Jacksonville with Farmbest, but after 20 years, he decided to take a leap of faith and began his own business. Bennett's Ice Co. served bagged ice to restaurants and stores throughout the Jacksonville area. Gerald was an honest hard-working man and 'perfection' was his goal in all that he did.

He loved to travel. He and Betty enjoyed seeing the US in their motor homes. Gerald loved to cruise his neighborhood on his cart with his dogs looking for good conversation. He was a long-time member of Isle of Faith UMC and a member of the [Elks Lodge](#) at Jacksonville Beach.

He was a dedicated family man and is survived by his wife, Betty, children Kay (Wayne), Patty (David), Donna (Colleen), Gerald (Lori) and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is survived by his brother Butch (Lynda) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Our hearts are broken but find peace in knowing he has been called up to The Big Leagues and is pitching a no-hitter! Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 19, 2015 in Quinn-Shalz Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 20th in the Chapel of Quinn-Shalz Funeral Home. Interment will follow in H. Warren Smith Cemetery.

Flowers are welcome, or donations can be made in his memory to Isle of Faith Columbarium Fund, 1821 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32224.

Please visit our online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home, Jacksonville Beach, FL.

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