
Robert D. Diers**ROBERT D. DIERS LINCOLN, NE**

Robert D. Diers, 87, of Lincoln passed away on April 27, 2015, after a heroic battle with cancer. He was born in West Point, NE, on March 12, 1928 to Robert C. and Delilah (Petz) Diers. He graduated from West Point High School in 1946, and served the US [Army](#) in the [Korean War](#). Upon returning from service, Bob became a power-hitting, All-American centerfielder for the Nebraska Cornhuskers and earned his BS from UNL in 1952. After graduation he played ball for the Cleveland Indians organization for four years. While with Cleveland's Canadian team, he won the Lord Calvert Trophy and was named that league's Most Valuable Player of 1953. They called him the "Home Run King." When Bob retired his bat and glove he began a long career in the Life and Health Insurance Business. He was a member and Deacon of First Presbyterian Church, also Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, UNL "N" Club, the American Legion, [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#), and the Lincoln Jaycees where he served as Chairman. Bob is survived by: his wife of 40 years, Jean Hornbeck Diers; also his former wife, Norma Zeman; son, Charles; stepdaughter and her husband, Jan (Kelley) and Jon Weinberg, all of Lincoln; stepsons: Ken Kelley (Hutchinson, KS) and his wife, Mary Ann, and Jim Kelley (Edmond, OK); sister, Betty Jacobsen (Wisner, NE); sister-in-law, Liz Diers (Fremont, NE); ten grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and ten nieces and nephews. Memorial Service will be held Friday, May 1, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the **Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home** 6800 South Street, Lincoln. A Memorial has been set up in Bob's name to benefit the Husker Baseball Program. Make checks to the University of Nebraska Foundation please write "Robert Diers Memorial" in the memo line. Mail to Nebraska Athletic Development, One Memorial Stadium, PO Box 880154, Lincoln, NE 68588-0154.

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