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George J. Simon

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George John Simon, 98, died peacefully at Birchaven Heights on January 27, 2017. He was born near Pittsburgh, PA, on December 21, 1918, to Julius and Mary (Szimian) Simon, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were brothers, Frank and Alexander of Warren, OH; and a sister, Rosa, of Hungary. He married Margaret E. Hanna Simon on September 27, 1940, and she passed away in 1995. Son-in-law Larry Binger and close friend Marge Fuhrer are also deceased. He is survived by daughters, Jo Ellen Binger, Findlay, OH; and Jan Hanna-Simon, Tucson, AZ; as well as a granddaughter, Kimberly (Steve) Ruffer, two great grandsons, Jake and Chase, and one great granddaughter, Kate, all of Portland, OR. George graduated from Warren G. Harding High School, Warren, OH, where he majored in athletics. He was the football quarterback, and in baseball he still holds the record for hitting the most home runs in a game. After high school he was selected to attend a Rogers Hornsby-Dizzy Dean baseball camp in Hot Springs, AR. In 1937 he was given a minor league contract by Rogers Hornsby and came to Findlay, to play with the Findlay Brownies in the newly formed Ohio State baseball league. He also had a brief stint with the New York Giants. In 1955 George began working at Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. and was employed there for 27 years. Previous to that he had worked at Garwood Buckeye Ditcher. In the 1950's George, along with five others, was instrumental in organizing the Little League, Pony League, and Colt League baseball level programs in Findlay. During the next 20 years, he managed and coached at all levels of youth baseball, including American Legion teams. In his later years George continued to be active with handball, swimming and golf, and he was an ardent fan of the Cleveland Indians throughout his life. He was inducted

into the Hancock Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 and served as a senior representative on the YMCA Board for several years. He belonged to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, as well as the Knights of Columbus. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 750 Bright Road, Findlay, OH. Visitation will be held before the service from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the church. A private burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery following the service. Kirkpatrick-Behnke Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Patient Services, 1800 N. Blanchard St., Suite 120, Findlay, OH; the Humane Society of Hancock County, 4500 Fostoria Ave., Findlay, OH; or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.kirkpatrickbehnke.com.
