Robert Packer

Packer, Robert Sr.,

Robert J. Packer, Sr., age 82, of Orange, beloved husband of Kathleen (Mintell) Packer, died at Bridgeport Hospital on Sunday, May 3, 2015.

Mr. Packer was born in Bridgeport on September 12, 1932 to the late Joseph and Helen (Knapp) Packer. He had been a Trumbull resident for many years prior to moving to Florida where he and his wife resided for over 25 years. Mr. Packer had worked as an ironworker with Local 15424. He was a graduate of Harding High School where he participated in sports. After high school, he played professional baseball for the Boston Braves and Bridgeport Bees. Mr. Packer was an avid golfer. He also enjoyed NASCAR racing and was a fan of Jeff Gordon.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four loving children, Robert J. Packer, Jr. and his wife, Barbara of Orange, Diane Packer of New Haven, William Packer of Milford and David Packer and his longtime companion, Rhonda, of Oklahoma; one sister, Florence Andras of Easton; six grandchildren, Robert Packer, Ashley Frisenger, Whitney Joy, Chris Packer, Cassandra Packer and William Packer; and three great-grandchildren, RJ and Max Packer and Nathan Frisenger. Friends may call on Wednesday from 4 to 8 pm at the Pistey Funeral Home, 2155 Main Street, Stratford. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2015 at 10:30 am at the Pistey Funeral Home, 2155 Main Street, Stratford. Interment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Trumbull. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to American Heart Association, PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. Please visit www.pisteyfuneralhome.com to leave condolences online.



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