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October 8, 1922 - August 8, 2015

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Milward T. (Mel) Quinn of Roanoke, Va. passed away at his home on Saturday, August 8, 2015.

He was deeply loved by his family who have been blessed with many wonderful lessons from his 92 years. The many beach trips, family celebrations, "Friday nights" with the grandchildren, "Little Alfred" stories written by Mel for his children and grandchildren, and the hilarious family games he organized, are memories that will be forever cherished. As he reminded us often during this last year, "I've had a very blessed life, all by the grace of God. I am content."

Mel was born on October 8, 1922 in Braintree, Massachusetts to William M. and Annie M. Quinn. He graduated from Thayer Academy in Mass. and attended Boston University before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1942 where he served until 1946. In March 1946, he signed with the Boston Red Sox, was sent to the Scranton Red Sox and then optioned to the Roanoke Red Sox for the 1946 season. There he met the love of his life, Betty Porter, whom he would later marry. He played professional baseball for several seasons in this country and in Canada. While living in Richmond, Va., Mel, along with his friend, Mr. Joe Rapisoda, founded the Tuckahoe Little League. In February 2005, he was inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame.

Mel loved the game of golf and enjoyed playing until he was 88 years young. He had a passion for learning and at age 91, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from Virginia Western Community College where he majored in French. During the past few years, he enjoyed weekly bridge games with friends Betty and Harold Sheppard and Sue Owens. He cherished his weekly visits by his dear friend, Larry Michie.

Mel was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Porter Quinn. He is survived by his four children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, whose pictures adorn every room in his home: sons, William M. Quinn II (wife Lisa, children, William M. Quinn III, Elizabeth Quinn Rumppler, and Alexander P. Quinn), Milward T. Quinn, Jr.; James P. Quinn (children, Michael M. Quinn and Margaret Elizabeth P. Quinn); and daughter, Anne Quinn Webb (husband Barry, children Barry C. Webb Jr. and Leslie Webb Eddy); and seven great-grandchildren; Abby, Barry III and Thomas Webb; Ben Jr. and Anne Quinn Eddy; Quinn Rumppler, and William M. Quinn IV. He is also survived by many special nieces and nephews.

The family expresses their thanks and appreciation to Melissa and Sherri for their loving care during Dad's illness, along with Kim, Jordan, and Tina. Thanks also to nurse Lisa Estep of Good Samaritan Hospice for her outstanding and compassionate care.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 pm on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at Oakey's South Chapel. The funeral service will be held at Noon on Friday, August 14, 2015 at Oakey's South Chapel with Pastor James Herron officiating. Interment will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project or the charity of your choice.

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