

Kenneth J. Whitehead

December 10, 1931 - January 12, 2016



Kenneth J. Whitehead, 84, of Belleville, Illinois, born Thursday, December 10, 1931, in St. Louis, MO, died Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Kenneth attended Hancock High School in Lemay, MO., where he lettered in basketball and baseball and is a graduate of Westminster College in Fulton, MO where he studied Economics and played baseball, basketball, tennis and track. While attending college and post-graduation, he played minor league baseball and signed with the New York Giants and the Cleveland Indians.

In 1954, he joined the investment firm, I.M. Simon & Co and later became a partner. In the early seventies, he formed his own investment firm, Weinrich-Zitzmann-Whitehead, Inc. In 1996, Kenneth joined J.E. Wottowa and Associates as an Executive Recruiter where he specialized in the "Gaming Industry."

He was inducted in the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999. He was a past president of the St. Louis Securities Traders Association, and a past president of St. Clair Country Club. He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Belleville, Illinois where he also served as a past athletic director. Ken enjoyed playing golf, coaching his children and grandchildren in various sports.

He was preceded in death by his:

- Parents: Alvin Coleman and Marie nee Wohlstadter, Whitehead
- Brother-in-Law: James P. Flannery III
- Sister-in-Law: Martha, nee McKinley, Flannery

Surviving are his:

- Wife of 56 years: Judy F. nee Flannery, Whitehead of Belleville, IL
- Children
 - Lynn Connors of St. Louis, MO
 - Margaret “Marby” Whitehead of Belleville, IL
 - Kenneth (Kimberly) Whitehead, Jr. of Belleville, IL
 - Kevin (Lisa) Whitehead of Saint Louis, MO
- Son-in-law: John T. Connors of Belleville, IL
- Sister: Carole (Charles) Mateker of Saint Louis, MO
- Grandchildren
 - Carli Connors
 - John Connors, Jr
 - James Connors
 - Lindsey Whitehead
 - Lauren Whitehead
 - Payton Whitehead
 - Riley Whitehead
- Dear nieces, nephews and cousins

Memorials: Memorials may be made to the Blessed Sacrament School Endowment

Visitation: Friends may call from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Friday, January 15, 2016 at Kurrus Funeral Home in Belleville, Illinois.

Funeral: A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12 noon Saturday, January 16, 2016 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Belleville, IL with Father Matthew Elie and Msgr. James Margason officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in, Belleville, Illinois.