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Naples, FL

James William DePalo passed away at his Naples home on March 29th.

He was born in White Plains, NY to Agnes and Dominick DePalo on August 12, 1932. He was educated in White Plains schools and attended Hackley Prep in Tarrytown, NY.

He served in the U.S. Army, and in 1955 at the age of 23, signed his first professional baseball contract with the New York Yankees.

After his baseball career ended, Jimmy opened a restaurant in New York, DePalo's Dugout, with his brother Bob. They owned and operated The Dugout for 23 years.

He moved to Naples in 1996 and served as president of the Golden Gate American Little League, teaching young players the game he loved. He was a scratch golfer and enjoyed playing frequently to maintain his competitive edge.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and his children; Cynthia (Glenn) Frisbie, Lianna Carpenito, Jamie DePalo, James DePalo, Jr., and Jeanna Wood. Also surviving are seven grandchildren; Chelsea, Jake and Shannon Frisbie, Joseph and Jason DeAngelo, Michael and Breanne Maliniak and six great grandchildren.

He leaves two sisters, Catherine Meyers and Anne Zambrano and two brothers, Richard and John DePalo.

Mr. DePalo was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and William DePalo.

Visitation will be on Friday, April 7th, from 7pm to 9 pm at the Fuller Funeral Home in Naples and Mass of Christian Burial at St. William Catholic Church on Saturday, April 8th at 11:30 am.



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