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**Deceased: EARL A. DOTHAGER, 74; PLAYED PRO BASEBALL**

**Date: December 19, 1994**

Earl A. Dothager, a former Cardinals minor league baseball player, died Thursday (Dec. 15, 1994) at St. Luke's Hospital in west St. Louis County after a lengthy illness. He was 74.

Mr. Dothager, of Smithboro, Ill., signed with the Cardinals' farm team in 1939 at Monett, Mo., and played on the team's Springfield, Mo., farm team in 1940 and 1941.

He served in the Army in World War II from 1941 to 1944 and then returned to the Cardinals' team in Houston for a short time.

Mr. Dothager was later traded to the Chicago White Sox team in Shreveport, La., where he played until he hurt his arm and left baseball.

Mr. Dothager returned to Southern Illinois and worked as a construction worker in Granite City until he retired in 1982.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First Christian Church, 1100 Killarney Street, in Greenville. Burial will be at the Noffsinger Cemetery near Smithboro. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the Donald Wiegand Funeral Home, 203 West Oak Street, in Greenville.

Among the survivors are his wife, Dolphaline Dothager of Smithboro; a son, Stan Dothager of Greenville; two daughters, Jeanette Dothager of Troy, Ill., and Lori Garrison of Greenville; a sister, Pauline Hudson of Taylorville, Ill; and five grandchildren.

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