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**Deceased: Howard Florence, Waynesville Realtor**

**Date: February 14, 1996**

72, whose diverse life spanned military service, professional sports and real estate, died Monday. He was 72.

He founded and owned Tom Florence Realty in Waynesville, Ohio, and was a director of the Waynesville National Bank and Lebanon Citizens National Bank.

He played minor league baseball in the Cincinnati Reds organization and during World War II served as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He went on to teach in the Waynesville schools and coached basketball at Waynesville High in the 1950s.

He leaves his wife, Rita; sons, Brian of Granger, Ind., Eric of Waynesville, Mark of Lebanon, and Jeffrey of Loveland; and six grandchildren.

Services: 11 a.m. Thursday at Waynesville United Methodist Church.

Visitation: 6 to 8:30 p.m. today at Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home, Waynesville.

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