Frederick B. Clemence, 86

SMYRNA - Frederick B. Clemence of Smyrna, and formerly of Florida, died Sunday, April 29, 2001, in the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill, Smyrna, after a long illness. He was 86.   
  
Mr. Clemence was born June 2, 1914, in East Providence R.I., and had served in the U.S. Army prior to World War II.   
  
He was an avid athlete, having played pro baseball in the Pittsburgh Pirates' farm system in the 1930s. He organized and coached for the Fox Post American Legion team in Dover and coached the Dover High School baseball team from 1939-1940. He also played ball in York, Pa., Albany, N.Y., and at the Panama Canal in the 1940s. In 1949 he managed a team in Appleton, Wis.   
  
Mr. Clemence later managed pro baseball in the Phillies' farm system and was a scout for the Phillies in the 1970s. In addition, he was a standout umpire for many years.   
  
He served with the Dover Police Department from 1950-1963, retiring with the rank of sergeant. He also worked at the Delaware Correctional Center in the early 1980s.   
  
While residing in Florida, Mr. Clemence won the Big 700 Bowling Tournament in Boca Raton, and numerous bowling titles.   
  
He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary C. Clemence of Smyrna; a son, Fred Clemence Jr. of San Diego; two daughters, Janice Renn and Kaye Cornelius of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a stepson, David S. Hugg of Smyrna; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.   
  
Service will be noon Thursday at Matthews-Bryson Funeral Home, 123 W. Commerce St. in Smyrna, where friends may call two hours prior to service.   
  
Burial will be held in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Camden.   
  
The family suggests that contributions be sent to the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill, 100 Sunnyside Road, Smyrna, DE 19977; or to Delaware Hospice Inc., Kent County Division, 911 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901.



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