**MILTON M. TICCO, STAR IN TWO SPORTS**

Milton M. Ticco, 79, of Greenville, S.C., a college basketball All-American and a former Kenmore resident, died Saturday (Jan. 26, 2002) in Oakmont East Nursing Center, Greenville, after a two-year illness.   
  
Born in Jenkins, Ky., he was a 1943 graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he played first base and catcher on the varsity baseball team and forward on the varsity basketball team. The leading scorer on the 1942-43 Wildcats basketball team under fabled coach Adolph Rupp, he was most valuable player in the Southeast Conference Tournament.   
  
After serving in the Army as part of the occupation forces in Germany after World War II, he played professional basketball in the winter and professional baseball in the summer from 1946 to 1952, when he broke his wrist in a baseball game.   
  
He played for the Sheboygan, Wis.; Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and Springfield, Mass., teams in the former American Basketball League. He played baseball for Brooklyn Dodgers and Cincinnati Reds farm teams in the International and Carolina leagues, playing briefly in the majors. He also played winter baseball in Cuba.   
  
Ticco worked for a shipping company in Philadelphia until 1965, when he moved to the Buffalo area. He worked in operations and sales for Tzetzo Brothers, a tobacco and candy wholesaler, until retiring in 1993. He moved to South Carolina six year ago.   
  
An avid golfer, Ticco was a member of the board of trustees of Transit Valley Country Club, where he and his partner won the invitational tournament in 1983.   
  
He and his wife, the former Ramona Ford, were married in 1951.   
  
In addition to his wife, survivors include two sons, Michael and James, both of the Town of Tonawanda; two sisters, Martha Tzetzo of Williamsville and Andigoni Steffa of Philadelphia; and four grandchildren.   
  
A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Greenville. A memorial service in the Buffalo area will be arranged.

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