

Jack Collum, 82

Jack Collum, 82, of Grinnell, died on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, at the Mayflower Health Care Center.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 3, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Nick Adam, pastor of the church, officiating. Music will be provided by Marilyn Kriegel, organist, and St. Mary's Choir. Casket Bearers will be Tom Collum, Bill Collum, Chris Collum, Caleb Brown, Joey Gallagher and Nathan Brown. Interment will be at the Rock Creek Cemetery near Grinnell.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at noon on Wednesday, and the Collum family will be present at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday.

John Dean "Jackie" Collum was born on June 21, 1927, in Victor, to John Edward and Sophia Louise Lohman Collum. He was raised in Newburg and graduated from Newburg High School. During his high school career, he played in the Iowa State Baseball Tournament.

During World War II, he served with the United States Army in the Pacific Theatre and was stationed in the Philippines. Following the war, he returned home and was married to Betty Belles on Feb. 28, 1948.

From 1948 to 1963, he played major league baseball as a pitcher with the Cardinals, Cubs, Dodgers, Indians and the Twins. He was invited to the 1954 All Star game and was later inducted into the Iowa Baseball Hall of Fame. Following his baseball career, he worked in the automotive business in Grinnell, and was owner of Pioneer Oil in Grinnell prior to his death.

Jack was a member of the Major League Baseball Alumni Association and the Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Collum of Grinnell; three sons, Tom Collum and Bill Collum, both of Grinnell, and Chris Collum of Cedar Rapids; three daughters, Kathy Locey and Terry Brown, both of Grinnell, and Debbie Gallagher of Lake Mary, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ambrose Collum of Grinnell, and Larry Collum of Newton; and one sister, Patricia Kester of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Bruce Collum.



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