



Bell, Ralph

October 11, 2008

Bell, Ralph "Gus", age 86 of Market Street, Clarington, Ohio, died Saturday, October 11, 2008 at Sistersville General Hospital. .

He was born February 14, 1922 in Clarington, OH, the son of the late David H. and Amelia Muller Bell.

He was an outstanding high school athlete and graduated Clarington High School in 1940; he would later go onto play Minor League baseball with the Cincinnati Reds as a pitcher before joining the US Army and serving in WWII. He owned Bell's Store in Clarington, and was very active in his community having served as mayor, councilman and a former River Local Board Member. He also was active in local sports having coached Little League and Pony League Baseball and a River Local Athletic Booster.

He was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ, Clarington and a member of American Legion Post 760, Hannibal and the DAV of Bellaire. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, David R. Bell a sister, Kathleen Bell and a daughter in law, Denise Knight Bell.

Survivors include his loving wife of 61 years, Geneva Hannan Bell, two sons, Thomas Bell of Powhatan Point, OH and Robert D. (Cynthia) Bell of Willoughby, OH; one daughter, Susan (Steve) Hafer of Proctor; ten grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2-4 & 6-8 pm at Grisell Funeral Home, 125 Clarinda Drive, Clarington, where services will be held Wednesday at 11am with Rev. Cathy Harman officiating.

Interment in Clarington Cemetery, where military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 760.

Memorial contributions may be made to Journey Hospice 314 S. Wells St. Sistersville, WV 26175 or Immanuel UCC, 106 Shepherd Place, Clarington, OH 43915