GARY LEE BUSER, SR. 1941—2016

Gary Lee Buser, Sr., passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at his residence in Barnegat, New Jersey, at the age of 75. Born in Mount Holly, Buser was a resident of Beverly, Burlington, Willingboro, and Springfield, Virginia, before moving to Barnegat.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Buser served between the Korean and Vietnam wards. After his discharge from service, he began a civilian career with the Navy/U.S. Department of Defense that lasted more than 30 years. He was a Test Program Manager, specializing in Air Craft Carriers. After his retirement, he then worked for Northrup Grumman for a time, and then later as an independent contract for the Navy until 2014.

In addition to his love of country, Gary was an avid baseball fan who spent many hours coaching in Willingboro and surrounding areas. He started the Willingboro Babe Ruth Baseball League in the 1960s, and was a co-founder of the Babe Ruth Bambino (10~12) League, (now Cal Ripken) in the 1980s. He also was very active in the Willingboro PAL, and served as a state and Assistant Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioner for Babe Ruth Baseball.

He was also active in various other community organizations such as Cub Scouts and St. Paul's PTA. He was honored to be a recipient of the Willingboro Jaycees Distinguished Citizen Award for his many hours spent volunteering and coaching the youth of Willingboro. Gary also enjoyed watching sports, and enjoyed rooting for the Philadelphia sports teams, particularly the Phillies. The only thing greater than his love of country and sports, was Gary's love for his family. He most enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and attending as many of his grandchildren's sporting events as he possibly could. He was an extraordinary man and he was deeply loved by everyone who had the blessing of having him in their lives.

