



JAMES O. WALLING
NOVEMBER 24, 1931 TO APRIL 17, 2016

On April 17, 2016, James Otis Walling safely slid across the home plate into the arms of Jesus.

He and his beloved wife of 64 years, June, had four daughters, one son, 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Three of Jim's greatest passions in life were children, baseball and church. He was blessed to be able to coach youth baseball and serve in many volunteer positions, including State Commissioner, for the Montana Babe Ruth Association for 41 years. He served as Montana State Commissioner from 1976 until his retirement in 2010. For his extreme dedication to the Babe Ruth League program, he was inducted into the Babe Ruth League International Hall of Fame in 2010.

Jim loved all sports and was an avid Griz and Lady Griz basketball and football fan. He and June enjoyed going to every game they could make it to. Jim was a member of the Lolo Community Church and loved his men's Bible studies.

Jim was an avid bowler and passed on his skills to his grandchildren. He enjoyed spending time with his family, particularly his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. There was no doubt that if grandpa didn't have a piece of candy in his shirt pocket, he would make up for it later. He was well known for his dry sense of humor and corny jokes.

