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AMELETO JACK DELBELLO

Obituary



AMELETO "JACK" DEL BELLO passed away peacefully in the

presence of his loved ones at Holmes Regional Hospital on Friday, August 23. Jack was born December 9, 1927 in Philadelphia, Pa, the son of Dominico and Asunta Del Bello. He grew up in South Philadelphia with his brother Carmen, and sisters Lucy and Norma. He graduated from Southern Philadelphia High School in 1946, where he was a solid student and football star. He played in the nationally publicized inter- city championship at Franklin Field between Southern and West Catholic in 1945 in front of 57,000 fans. In 1987, he was inducted into Southern's football Hall of Fame. As a result of his exploits on the football field and in the classroom, he was awarded a scholarship at Holy Cross College, where he played for one year before being discovered by the University of Miami, where he finished his college playing career as both a Quarterback and Defensive Back. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, and

later went on to obtain his Master's Degree. While at the University of Miami, he was introduced to his beloved wife of 62 years Elizabeth "Betty" Murray on a "blind" date. Says Betty: "I never dated anyone else after that." They were married on January 2, 1951, the day after he played in the Orange Bowl Classic of 1951. He suffered a separated shoulder during that game, and was hospitalized afterward, but snuck out of the hospital the next morning in order to make it to the altar on time. Drafted into the Army immediately after graduation, Jack played Quarterback for two years at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC. During this time, Jack and Betty's first child Donald was born. After completing his military service at Fort Jackson, he was picked up by the Philadelphia Eagles, and looked forward to playing in his home town again, but was traded to the Baltimore colts where he played for one year. With second child David on the way, Jack and Betty decided to accept teaching positions in North Miami in order to better support their growing family. Jack began his teaching career at North Miami Senior High School in 1954, where he coached football and taught Physical and Driver Education until he retired on June 20, 1986. In 1955 daughter Deborah was born, and in 1959 son Dean was born. He was inducted into the NMHS coaching Hall of Fame in 2009, and elected "Teacher of the Year" in 1986. Jack coached and mentored generations of NMHS students and athletes, many of whom have stayed in contact with him to this day. After retirement, Jack and Betty moved to Sebastian, FL., spending their summers at their cabin in Marshal NC, and their winters in Sebastian. Jack will be remembered by all who knew him as a man of strong spirit

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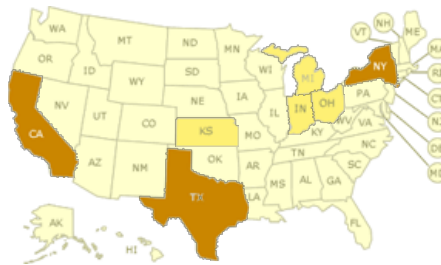
writers in Sebastian. Jack will be remembered by all who knew him as a man of strong spiritual conviction, unwavering integrity, a selfless concern for the welfare of others, and most of all, a total dedication and lifelong commitment to his family. He is survived by his loving wife Betty, his children Donald, David, Deborah, and Dean, his Grandchildren Brad, Amo, BJ, Isa, the twins Dex and Deana, and his Great Grandchildren Jacob, Dylan, Tyler, Logan, Bella, Jaidyn, Luke, and Mia. Services will begin in Sebastian on Wednesday, Aug. 28, with a Wake Service from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Seawinds Funeral Home. On Thursday, Aug. 29, the Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Sebastian Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m., to be immediately followed by a reception lunch at St. Sebastian's Le Sage Hall.

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