



## Alvin Payne Blakley

July 9, 1930 - September 8, 2011

Heaven gained one of baseball's greatest fans on September 8, 2011. He was born July 9, 1930 in Kettle, KY, to the late Ress and Clyde Bell Melton Blakley. Payne worked for GM from 1966-1992 as maintenance personnel. Prior to GM, he worked for Hygrades Meat Packing for 25 years. Payne attended Church of Christ. Visitation will be held Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., with funeral services Monday at 12:00 p.m. As we mourn the loss of our devoted Christian father and grandfather, Payne is survived by his children, Kathy Upchurch, Michael (Wendy) Blakley and Kim (Sonny) Anderson, Pamela (Bill) Myers; seven grandchildren, Matthew, Bradford and Barry (Jenny) Myers, Michael and Meredith Upchurch, and Elijah and Madelynn Blakley. He was preceded in death by his parents; wives, Naomi Louise Blakley and Mildred O. Blakley; and brothers, Hillard and Russell Blakley. The family would like to thank all of Payne's numerous friends who have devoted themselves over the past several years, and his nurse Caren who has cared for him for over two years, and Chaplain Mike Mercer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community East Hospice.