



## Hal Raether

October 10, 1932 - September 26, 2020

Raether, Harold "Hal" Age 87, of Spring Park, MN passed away peacefully on September 26th, 2020. Preceded in death by his brother, Marv and wife, Louise. Hal grew up in Lake Mills, WI where he enjoyed sports and became an All-State athlete. Hal attended the U of Wisconsin on scholarship after high school and played both baseball and basketball. After graduating from Wisconsin, Hal signed a professional baseball contract with the Philadelphia A's and made his major league debut in Fenway Park. While playing pro ball, he was drafted and served in the US Army. After his career in baseball and his service in the military, Hal began his teaching/coaching career in the Milwaukee area and married Louise Backer. Hal was a proud father of three children (Heidi, Rick and Pete) and loved watching sports especially when the Green Bay Packers played. In 1976, Hal accepted a job at the Minneapolis Athletic Club as their athletic director and the family moved to Edina, MN. After 20 years with the MAC, Hal retired to spend more time playing golf and enjoying his 10 grandchildren. Hal (and his wife, Louise) created a beautiful legacy of faith, family and friends that will live on in our hearts.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hal was a neighbor of mine in Edina up till a few years ago.

*Hal and I enjoyed discussing sports. Hal spoke about the time as an A's pitcher he faced Ted Williams and did the only smart thing.... Hal walked him. And the time Hal hit a double off Don Newcombe of the Dodgers in a spring training game.*

*But most of all, Hal was a very nice and kind man.*

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