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John Richard Doutt

John Richard Doutt, 74, Independence, died Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003, at the Independence Regional Health Center.

Mr. Doutt was born Dec. 27, 1928, in Independence, and lived most of his life in the area. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.



He had worked as a janitor for the Little Blue Valley Sewer District for 10 years, retiring in 1993. He formerly had worked for the Vendo Corp., for 15 years. He played professional baseball in the Philadelphia Phillies and the Cincinnati Reds organizations. He coached in several different leagues including American Legion, Zenas Smith, Ban Johnson and Kiwanis for more than 23 years.

John was preceded in death by his son, Johnny Jr.; his parents, Bill and Opal Doutt; a brother, Sam Doutt; and a sister, Ruth Ingertson.

His survivors include his wife of 48 years, Emily R. Doutt of the home; three daughters, Debbie and husband Bobby Myles; Joni Countryman; and Tina and husband Tim Elder, all of Independence; three brothers, William "Buzz" Doutt Jr., Holden, Mo., James and Donnie Doutt of Independence; four sisters, Helen Nichols, Mary Ellen Bloomquist and Vera Doutt, all of Independence, and Joanne Horn of Lone Jack, Mo.; five grandchildren, Crissy Doutt, Donnie Countryman, Joey Myles, Matt Moon and Heather Myles; one great-grandson, Zachery Smith.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at the Speaks Suburban Chapel. Burial will be in Mound Grove Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday at the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Diabetes Association.