



MANNY GOUVEIA

Manuel “Manny” A Gouveia, 90, passed away on October 2, 2016. Manny was a lifelong resident of Clifton. In 1955, he married Helen Van Dongen, and they enjoyed 44 years together before her passing in 1999. Together they raised three daughters. While attending Clifton High School, Manny was drafted into the Army in WW II. He was a combat veteran who served with the 36th Division, 143rd Regiment, Co. K in Germany. After the war ended, he returned home and attended night school to earn his diploma. Manny was employed as a truck driver and maintenance worker for Howe Richardson Scale Company for over 45 years before his retirement in 1992.

Manny’s lifelong passion was sports. He played semi-pro football for various teams around the Clifton area, raced $\frac{3}{4}$ midget cars and played softball for his company team. He lost his chance to try out for a professional football team when he broke both wrists in a semi-pro game a week before the tryout.

Because of his love of sports, Manny was an avid youth football and baseball coach. He took coaching seriously and made sure the players were well coached and well educated in the art of playing the game. He never forgot one important thing as a coach: the object was to have fun, and he made sure that happened.

Involved with Babe Ruth League, Inc., for 61 years, Manny first served as a manager and league officer with the Clifton Babe Ruth League, then as the Northern New Jersey State Commissioner and as an Assistant Middle Atlantic Regional Commissioner. He received numerous awards from civic groups over the years for his dedication to the youth of Clifton. In 1998, he was elected to the Babe Ruth League International Hall of Fame, and in 2012, to the newly formed Middle Atlantic Babe Ruth League Hall of Fame.

