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Hall-of-Fame Writer and MLB Historian Jerome Holtzman Dies at 82

Jerome Holtzman Museum Library and Research Center will honor his legacy

Chicago, IL – It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Hall-of-Fame baseball writer and MLB historian, Jerome Holtzman.

Jerome Holtzman began his career with the *Chicago Daily Times*, the predecessor to the *Chicago Sun-Times*, in 1943. In the early sixties, Holtzman invented the save category for relief pitchers, deriving a formula that evolved into the official statistic in 1966. He became the national baseball writer for the *Chicago Tribune* in 1981 and remained there until his retirement in 1999. It was then that he was named the official historian for Major League Baseball by Commissioner Bud Selig.

Recognized nationally as “The Dean” of baseball writers, Holtzman wrote several baseball books including his most renowned publication, “No Cheering in the Press Box.”

In November 2007, the Chicago Baseball Museum acquired Jerome Holtzman’s personal research papers and baseball collection. Jerome Holtzman’s legacy will be preserved in the Chicago Baseball Museum’s Jerome Holtzman Museum Library and Research Center. It will be the only repository solely related to the indispensable role Chicago played in the development of baseball, specifically Jerome Holtzman’s contributions.

“Jerome Holtzman was the embodiment of Chicago baseball. He was a researcher, writer, columnist, historian, and most importantly a fan,” said Chicago Baseball Museum President Dr. David Fletcher. “I will miss his stories, his wisdom and his encouragement. Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife, Marilyn, to his children and grandchildren. He will truly be missed.”

The Chicago Baseball Museum (www.chicagobaseballmuseum.org) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that will collect, preserve, document, research, and interpret artifacts and events that are associated with the legacy, evolution and contemporary life of Chicago baseball.

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