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## Chapter 1 : Hall of Fame slugger Ralph Kiner, long-time Mets broadcaster, dies | MLB | Sporting News

*Feb 06, A. Ralph Kiner, the Pittsburgh Pirates slugger who was one of the most productive home-run hitters of his era and later became an original broadcast voice of the New York Mets, has died. He was*

Kiner, who died with his family at his side at his home in Rancho Mirage, Calif. On behalf of Major League Baseball, I extend my deepest condolences to his five children, his 12 grandchildren, his friends throughout our game and his admirers everywhere. Kiner also hit three home runs in a game four times, tied for seventh-most since He still ranks sixth all time with a home run every He averaged more than RBIs per season and hit. He was a treasured member of the Pittsburgh community during his seven years with the Pirates. Several years later, he joined the broadcast crew of the New York Mets for their expansion season in and became a permanent fixture -- the home TV booth at Shea Stadium was named in his honor. Kiner was known for his malaprops and took them in stride, often laughing about his own comments. He once famously said: He worked a handful of games last season at Citi Field, his 52nd year of calling their games. His knowledge of the game, wit, and charm entertained generations of Mets fans. Our sport and society today lost one of the all-time greats. Younger fans who were born long after Kiner retired also reveled in his folksy tales. In high school, he hit a home run off Satchel Paige during a barnstorming tour. When he got older, Kiner got to play with real Hollywood stars. He also played himself in the film "Angels in the Outfield. He really broke loose the next year, hitting 51 home runs with RBIs while batting. Stuck on poor teams, Kiner never made it to the postseason. He made his mark in All-Star games, homering in three straight. Kiner connected in the showcase at Comiskey Park, but made more noise with another ball he hit in the game. He hit a long drive to the base of the scoreboard in left-center field and Ted Williams broke his left elbow making the catch, causing him to miss two months. He first married tennis star Nancy Chaffee in Following their divorce, he married Barbara George, and following another divorce, he married DiAnn Shugart, who died in The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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## Chapter 2 : Ralph Kiner remembered as baseball slugger turned broadcaster - calendrierdelascience.com

*Ralph McPherran Kiner, American baseball player and broadcaster (born Oct. 27, , Santa Rita, N.M.â€”died Feb. 6, , Rancho Mirage, Calif.), was an exceptional slugger for three underperforming major league baseball teams (the Pittsburgh Pirates [], the Chicago Cubs [], and the Cleveland Indians []) before going on.*

The baseball Hall of Fame slugger died on Feb. He was always gracious and knew I shared his taste for a good Cuban, and so we would sit together, puffing happily, while the camera was off during commercials. And, like me, he loved to tell baseball stories, and he had some lovely ones. I think some of his allure as a broadcaster was the store of good tales that he shared with his audience. I will miss him. He also drew attention because he obviously had a special attraction to and for lovely women, so I knew he had dated a full range of the Hollywood lovelies. But he also was a student of hitting whose skills were heightened by his friendship with his teammate, Hank Greenberg. Ralph was enormously grateful to Hank for what his older teammate taught him. He sang the praises of Hank loudly and often. When I took a lot of heat over the Pete Rose case, Kiner went out of his way to make clear his support for me. He never hesitated to voice opposition to the efforts Rose was making to gain admission to the Hall of Fame. Kiner had no sympathy for Rose, and I was grateful to him for the clarity with which he addressed the issue. He and the iconic Bob Feller were among my closest supporters among the Hall of Fame idols. But above all else, Ralph was a student of the art of hitting, and his devotion to that subject was intense. At dinner one evening at Cooperstown during the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, I was seated at one end of a long table with members of the Hall arrayed along both sides. At the other end of the table, Ralph sat next to Johnny Mize, the superb first baseman for the Cardinals at his prime, though I recall him as a preeminent pinch-hitter for the Yankees at the end of his career. Suddenly Kiner and Mize stood up, and I watched as Mize began to emulate his batting stance while obviously giving Kiner a batting lesson. These were gents well into their 70s at the time, and I was struck by what was obviously taking place. When the dinner ended, I asked Ralph what he and Mize had been doing. He could take that inside pitch and hit it to left field, and I wanted him to show me how to do it. It showed me the depths of their love for their art and the intensity they brought to their profession. To them the subject of hitting was a lifelong passion, and they could never stop studying it. Kiner never formally retired from the Mets broadcast booth, and even last season he returned frequently. He never ran out of ways to explain what was taking place, and he usually was able to relate the action to some funny tale from his store of anecdotes. He could be funny, but he never treated baseball as anything other than a professional endeavor. For Kiner, the game had to be played properly and with respect for both the traditions of the game and the rules. Fun could be had, and humor was present, but the game was about winning. Even when Kiner got his tongue wrapped around his ear as he delivered some inane sentence, one could laugh with him. None of us ever laughed at him. We respected he was just being honest. He never pretended to be more than he was. And for me he was one of a now smaller number of great former ballplayers whose love for the game was always bright and shiny. The cigar is out but the memories linger on. He served as the Commissioner of Baseball from

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## Chapter 3 : New York Mets broadcaster Ralph Kiner will be remembered for kindness

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### Chapter 4 : New York Mets icon Ralph Kiner has died at age 91

*NEW YORK, N.Y. - Ralph Kiner was a smash as a slugger, launching so many home runs over the left-field wall at old Forbes Field that fans nicknamed it his corner. Years later, as one of baseball.*

The baseball Hall of Fame says slugger Ralph Kiner has died. The Hall says Kiner died Thursday, Feb. Kiner hit home runs during a year career cut short by back problems. He debuted with Pittsburgh in and won or tied for the National League lead in homers in each of his first seven seasons. He was popular off the field, too. Kiner called their games for 52 years in all, including a handful of them last season. The six-time All-Star outfielder still ranks sixth all-time with a home run every He averaged more than RBIs per season and hit. When he retired, Kiner was sixth on the career home run list. To generations of TV viewers and radio listeners, his postcareer acclaim was as great as the honors he earned on the field. Talking about a former Gold Glove outfielder, Kiner remarked: The other third is covered by Garry Maddox. Fellow announcers such as Keith Hernandez and Ron Darling always brightened when Kiner was alongside them. Younger fans who were born long after Kiner retired also reveled in his folksy tales. In high school, he hit a home run off Satchel Paige during a barnstorming tour. He really broke loose the next year, hitting 51 home runs with RBIs while batting. Story Continues Stuck on poor teams, Kiner never made it to the postseason. He made his mark in All-Star games, homering in three straight. Kiner connected in the showcase at Comiskey Park, but made more noise with another ball he hit in the game. He hit a long drive to the base of the scoreboard in left-center field and Ted Williams broke his left elbow making the catch, causing him to miss two months. Ralph McPherran Kiner was born on Oct. He was first married to tennis star Nancy Chaffee. Following their divorce he married Barbara George, and following another divorce he married DiAnn Shugart, who died in

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## Chapter 5 : Ralph Kiner - Wikipedia

*Ralph Kiner, the Hall of Fame slugger with the Pittsburgh Pirates who became a New York institution in his second, equally distinguished career as a Mets broadcaster, died Thursday. He was*

Sign up Ralph Kiner remembered as baseball slugger turned broadcaster Ralph Kiner was a prodigious home run hitter with three teams during his major league baseball career. The Hall of Famer then parlayed his knowledge of the game into a successful broadcasting career with the New York Mets. Baseball Hall of Fame quiz, worthy of any candidate Kiner hit home runs during a year career cut short by back problems. He debuted with Pittsburgh in and won or tied for the National League lead in homers in each of his first seven seasons. He was popular off the field, too. Kiner called their games for 52 years in all, including a handful of them last season. The six-time All-Star outfielder still ranks sixth all-time with a home run every He averaged more than RBIs per season and hit. When he retired, Kiner was sixth on the career home run list. To generations of TV viewers and radio listeners, his postcareer acclaim was as great as the honors he earned on the field. Talking about a former Gold Glove outfielder, Kiner remarked: The other third is covered by Garry Maddox. Fellow announcers such as Keith Hernandez and Ron Darling always brightened when Kiner was alongside them. Younger fans who were born long after Kiner retired also reveled in his folksy tales. In high school, he hit a home run off Satchel Paige during a barnstorming tour. He really broke loose the next year, hitting 51 home runs with RBIs while batting. Stuck on poor teams, Kiner never made it to the postseason. He made his mark in All-Star games, homering in three straight. Kiner connected in the showcase at Comiskey Park, but made more noise with another ball he hit in the game. He hit a long drive to the base of the scoreboard in left-center field and Ted Williams broke his left elbow making the catch, causing him to miss two months. Like his stories, he was one of a kind," he said. Get the Monitor Stories you care about delivered to your inbox. Ralph McPherran Kiner was born on Oct. He was first married to tennis star Nancy Chaffee. Following their divorce he married Barbara George, and following another divorce he married DiAnn Shugart, who died in

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## Chapter 6 : RIP Ralph Kiner, a slugger who once dated Liz Taylor | Larry Brown Sports

*Ralph Kiner, the slugging Hall of Fame outfielder who spent more than 50 years as a beloved broadcaster for the New York Mets, died Thursday at his home in Rancho Mirage, Calif.*

Navy pilot during World War II. He finished the season with 23 home runs, but strikeouts. Greenberg gave Kiner hours of instruction, [6] and in , Kiner led the major leagues with 51 home runs while striking out fewer than times. It was the highest total in the major leagues from to , and the highest National League total from to . It made Kiner the first National League player with two 50 plus home run seasons. Kiner also matched his peak of RBIs. From to , Kiner topped 40 home runs and RBIs each season. This also was the last of a record six consecutive seasons in which he led Major League Baseball in home runs, all under the guidance of manager Billy Meyer and Pirate great Honus Wagner. He was selected to participate in the All-Star Game in six straight seasons, to . When Kiner objected, Rickey famously quipped "Son, we could have finished last without you! A back injury forced him to retire at the age of 32, finishing his career with home runs, runs batted in and a. Broadcasting career [ edit ] Kiner throws out a ceremonial first pitch at Citi Field , In , Kiner entered the broadcast booth for the Chicago White Sox. The trio rotated announcing duties. He won a local Emmy Award for his broadcasting work. His traditional home run callâ€œ"It is gone, goodbye," evolving from his original "Going, gone, forget it, goodbye"â€œ"was a signature phrase in baseball. During these visits usually once a week , regular announcers Gary Cohen , Keith Hernandez , and Ron Darling made room for Kiner as he shared stories of old-time baseball, as well as the current state of the game. During his final season , he was the oldest active announcer in Major League Baseball. Kiner was married four times; his first spouse was s tennis star Nancy Chaffee , Kiner was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in . It was in his final year of eligibility his 13th, as no vote was held in and , and it was the closest call possible for any player elected by the BBWAA. Kiner was also the only player voted in that year. On that night, fans were given photos of Kiner. As a present from the Mets, Kiner received a cruise of his choice.

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## Chapter 7 : NY Daily News - We are currently unavailable in your region

*Feb 07, A. Ralph Kiner, who spent 10 seasons hitting towering home runs in the major leagues, then spent most of the rest of his life joyfully calling baseball games on radio and TV, died Thursday at his.*

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*Ralph Kiner, who slugged his way into the baseball Hall of Fame and enjoyed a half-century career as a popular broadcaster, died Thursday. He was*

The Hall of Famer was Kiner spent half a century as a New York Mets announcer, enlivening their broadcasts with shrewd analysis, amiable storytelling, and memorable malapropisms beginning with their woeful first season in His genial presence accompanied all of Mets history, from the verbal high jinks of Casey Stengel and the fielding high jinks of Marv Throneberry to the arrival of fireballer Tom Seaver and the miraculous World Series championship of , from the thrilling Series victory over the Red Sox to the dispiriting Subway Series loss to the Yankees in and the Bernard Madoff-poisoned, injury-riddled ill fortune of recent seasons. Before his career was cut short by a back injury, Mr. Kiner delivered a concentrated display of power exhibited by few other sluggers. Slow afoot and undistinguished as an outfielder, he was nonetheless among the signature stars of the baseball era immediately after World War II, in the same conversation with Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, and Stan Musial. From to , playing for the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Chicago Cubs, and the Cleveland Indians, he totaled home runs, twice hitting more than 50 in a season, and drove in 1, runs, an average of more than a year. During his first seven seasons, all with Pittsburgh, Mr. Kiner led the National League in home runs every year, still a record streak for either league. Twice he tied with Johnny Mize, once with Hank Sauer. From to , he had home run totals of 51, 40, 54, 47, and 42, becoming only the second player, Babe Ruth was the first, to hit at least 40 home runs five consecutive seasons. Kiner never made it to the World Series; the Pirates of his era were perpetually mediocre or worse , and so were the Cubs. In , traded to the American League for his last season, he got closest: For a time, Mr. When he was finally elected to the Hall of Fame, in , his 15th and final year of eligibility, he sneaked in with votes out of a possible , two more than needed for election. His father, a baker, died when Ralph was 4, and he moved with his mother, Beatrice, a nurse, to Alhambra, Calif. He signed with the Pirates after graduating from high school, playing two seasons and part of a third in the minor leagues before training as a US Navy pilot during World War II. He served in the Pacific, assigned to search for Japanese submarines, though he acknowledged he did not see combat or much else. At the start of that year, his second in the big leagues, the Pirates acquired the great slugger Hank Greenberg from the Detroit Tigers, and Greenberg became Mr. Kiner in more tangible ways, as well. For one thing, Greenberg hit behind him in the batting order, making sure he got better pitches to hit, and Mr. What is more, to accommodate Greenberg, the Pirates had modified Forbes Field, moving in the left field fence to bring it in line with other ballparks and installing the bullpens behind it, an area that came to be called Greenberg Gardens for the long balls the new Pirate was expected to plant there. Kiner was the primary beneficiary of the change, hitting 51 home runs. Playing what turned out to be his last season, Greenberg hit The two men were reunited in , when Greenberg, then the general manager of the Indians, acquired Mr. Kiner from the Cubs, a transaction complicated by Mr. Frick, indicated that he would void the contract, and Mr. Kiner and Greenberg, who did not want to pay him so little in the first place, eventually renegotiated it. Kiner, who was among the players who fought owners for an improved pension plan. In Cleveland, his back problems worsened. He played only games for the Indians in and hit a career-low 18 homers, prompting his retirement. For five years afterward he was general manager of the San Diego Padres, then a minor league team, and in he got his first broadcasting job, calling games on the radio for the Chicago White Sox. Email us at tips boston. Get the latest sports alerts sent directly to your phone. Download our free app.

## Chapter 9 : Ralph McPherran Kiner | American baseball player and broadcaster | calendrierdelascience.com

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