TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1941

GEHRIG, "IRON MAN" OF BASEBALL, DIES
AT THE AGE OF 37

Rare Disease Forced Famous Batter to Retire in 1939—Played 2,130 Games in Row

SET MANY HITTING MARKS

Native of New York, He Became Star of Yankees—Idol of Fans Throughout Nation

Lou Gehrig, former first baseman for the New York Yankees of the American League, was one of the outstanding batsmen baseball has known, died at his home, 2220 West Fifty-third Street, Chicago, Ill., this morning. He was 37 years old and suffered from a disease known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which is commonly called Lou Gehrig's disease.

Gehrig was born in New York City August 6, 1903. He was a shortstop at Columbia University and was signed by the Yankees in 1923. His first big league game was May 4, 1925, against the Boston Red Sox. He became the regular third baseman in 1926 and played that position until 1930, when he was forced to retire through illness.

Gehrig was an outstanding hitter for the Yankees, setting many records. He hit .381 in 1931, and .374 in 1932. He also hit .363 in 1933. He was a member of the Yankees' World Series-winning team in 1928 and 1932.

In 1939, Gehrig was forced to retire due to the effects of the disease. He was able to play in only 35 games that year, hitting .246. He was honored by the Yankees with a special retirement ceremony on June 2, 1939.

Gehrig is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and their two sons, William and Lee.

Member of Faro Board

Until his retirement, Gehrig was a member of the Faro Board of the New York Yankees. He was a popular figure on and off the field, and was known for his personality and his charitable work.

Gehrig's death was mourned by fans throughout the nation. He was a beloved figure in baseball, and his presence will be missed by many.

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