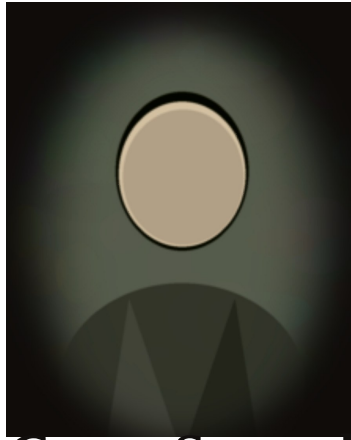




Casey Stengel

July 30, 1890 - September 29, 1975

Glendale, California

Charles Dillon "Casey" Stengel - American baseball outfielder and manager whose mangled eloquence and ruthless roster sense turned the New York Yankees into a mid-century dynasty - died in Glendale, California, on September 29, 1975. He was eighty-five. Born July 30, 1890, in Kansas City, Missouri, he earned the nickname from the KC initials on his hometown jersey, then barnstormed through the dead-ball era as a left-handed hitter with a clown's timing and a competitor's memory.

As a player he won a World Series with the Giants; as a manager he later won ten American League pennants and seven championships with the Yankees between 1949 and 1960, juggling platoons before the word was fashionable and talking past reporters in a syntax fans nicknamed Stengelese. After a bitter Yankees exit he took the expansion Mets and turned losing into a civic comedy without losing the seriousness of the game. He retired to California, still collecting stories the way other men collect box scores.

Glendale Community Hospital closed the long career. He died of cancer, having outlived many of the clubs that once tried to edit him.

Kansas City sandlots taught hustle; Brooklyn, Boston, and the Polo Grounds taught the show. He managed as if every lineup card were a short story with a punch line and a purpose.

He died in Glendale on September 29, 1975. Somewhere a skipper is still waving a fungo and inventing a sentence that somehow makes sense after the third hearing.

Stengel's gift was comic clarity about a hard game - making genius sound like gab. Notice Nearby keeps the death date so September 29 remembers the Missouri kid who managed America into October.

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