

Andrés Ayón, glory of Cuban sports, dies at 84

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Havana, October 25 (RHC)-- Former baseball player Andres Ayon Brown, the glory of Cuban sports and the only baseball player from the island who is a member of Mexico's Baseball Hall of Fame, died Sunday in Havana of a heart attack. At the time of his death, at the age of 84, Ayón was in a hospital in the Cuban capital, suffering from the after-effects of a cerebral infarction he suffered more than a year ago.

In addition to being the only Cuban inducted into Mexico's Baseball Hall of Fame, the former pitcher was also one of the last survivors of the mythical Havana Sugar Kings.

The main authorities of INDER and the Cuban Olympic Committee expressed their condolences for such an unfortunate loss.

Journalistic sources indicate that Andres had 367 career victories in the professional leagues of Cuba, the United States, Mexico and Nicaragua.

In Cuba, Ayón played with the Marianao and Almendares teams, was crowned champion in two Caribbean series, while in Mexico he won several titles and leaderships, celebrated three MVP awards, gave two zero-hit zero-run games, one of them perfect, and had 169 wins against 98 setbacks, the sixth best historical average in the league.

In addition, in Cuba he stood out as manager of the Industriales team in three seasons (1982-1985) and until the moment when his health weakened, at the beginning of 2020, he collaborated in baseball development projects on the island, according to the digital newspaper Jit.

Ayón will be buried this Monday at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Colon Necropolis.

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