



A.J. Goers

July 1, 1931 - April 14, 2017

Aubrey J. (A.J.) Goers

Godfrey – A.J. Goers, 85, died of leukemia at 5:20 p.m. on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 at Barnes Jewish Hospital with his family by his side.

He was born on July 1, 1931 in Altamont, Illinois. He was the third son of Sam and Elfrieda Goers (nee Milleville). He was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Altamont.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War as a Sonarman, Second Class on the Destroyer Escort USS Spangler. He enjoyed a steady and lively friendship with many of his ship mates until the time of his death.

After his military service he attended and graduated from the University of Illinois with a BS in marketing. He retired from Hallmark Cards, Inc. after 24 years.

An active member of the Lutheran and Episcopal churches during his entire life, he served on the building committees of Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville and Resurrection Lutheran Church in Godfrey as well as Church Councils and Vestries and countless committees.

For 20 years he served as Vice Chairman of the Southwest Illinois Clean Water board.

On May 11, 1963 he married Sue Goers (nee Pinkerton) who survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Julia Stiltner of Savannah, GA and a son, Matthew Goers (Bridget) of Dorsey, IL., 3 grandchildren; Thomas Stiltner of Charleston,

SC, Brooke Stiltner Axtell (Danny) of Rapid City, SD, Sophie Goers of Glen Carbon, and one great granddaughter, Ariel Axtell.

He and his wife enjoyed many years of travel including spending quality time in each of the 50 states. Taking up ballroom dancing at the age of 70, A.J. and Sue danced at least once a week for 15 years in the company of the wonderful dance community of Alton, Godfrey and North St. Louis County. Although he grew up in the Midwest, A.J. was in love with the sea and spent some part of every year enjoying the ocean and its bounty along the Carolina and Florida coasts. He loved hiking in the desert, and in the Illinois woods, fishing and the preparation for it, and hunting. He was a patriot who appreciated his freedoms, and worked to preserve them throughout his life. He had a kind word for everyone he met, and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will be at Gent Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00p.m.

A Memorial Service will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. followed by full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. Father David Boase will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Chapel Missionary Society, Kellsie's Hope Foundation, or Destroyer Escort Historical Museum.

Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ A.J. Goers

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ A.J. Goers

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Aunt Susie, Julie, and Matt, I was so sorry to hear of Uncle AJ's passing. I am blessed to have such wonderful memories of the years of camping trips, cookouts, family get togethers and the time spent helping him at the different Hallmark stores. He was such a spiritual man, full of wisdom and humor. I send lots of love and hugs to you all. I pray you find comfort in the wonderful memories he left with you and I will celebrate his life. Love you all.

Nancy Ebbert - April 19, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ SUE,MATT AND FAMILY, MONICA AND I ARE TRULY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS OF AJ - HE WAS TRULY A VERY SPECIAL PERSON- ALWAYS A SMILE ON HIS FACE AND A KIND WORD TO ALL. JUST KNOW HE IS AT PEACE. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND THE FAMILY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. CONDOLENCES. RICK AND MONICA CRIVELLO AND EMPLOYEES OF BOBS LAWN & GARDEN

Rick Crivello - April 19, 2017 at 07:41 AM



“ Sue and AJ were second parents to me growing up. Matt and I and others would carpool to Zion Lutheran. Sometimes AJ, sometimes Sue, and sometimes Daddy (Fred). I love those wonderful memories. I wouldn't change a thing. I will miss you AJ. Please say hello to mom and dad for me!

Casey Martin (Finck) - April 18, 2017 at 12:35 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of A.J. Goers.



April 17, 2017 at 05:09 PM