



Alex Christian Jr.

September 26, 1935 - July 7, 2018

Dateline: Alton

Alex Christian Jr., 82, died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday July 7, 2018 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton, IL, due to complications from Parkinson's disease. Born September 26, 1935 in East St. Louis, IL, he was the son of Alex Christian Sr. and Mary (Richards). Alex served in the Army after graduating from Alton High School in 1954. He was a firefighter for the Alton Fire Department for 31 years retiring as an Assistant Fire Chief in 1988. Alex was an avid athlete and played football and baseball for Alton High School. He also played baseball in the Armed Forces and was part of the 1956 Armed Forces Championship team. Surviving is a former spouse; Rita Ortman of Godfrey, a son; Lance Christian of Alton, a daughter; Marlo (Christian) Meyer and husband Steve of Glen Carbon, and two grandchildren; Lauren and David Meyer. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by a brother; Richard Christian. A prayer service will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by visitation until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday July 11, 2018 Gent Funeral Home in Alton. The Alton Fire Department will pass by the casket in his honor at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 12, 2018 at St Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steve Janoski will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be made to The Backstoppers (www.backstoppers.org) to support families of firemen, policemen and EMTs who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
820 W. Homer Adams Parkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall

BE

“ I’ve struggled with Parkinson’s for years, and medications only brought short-term relief. Out of hope and hesitation, I tried an herbal treatment from NaturePath Herbal Clinic. By the fourth month, my tremors eased, stiffness lessened, and balance improved. It wasn’t overnight, but the progress was real and life-changing. I now sleep better, move more freely, and feel like myself again. If you’re considering natural options, I highly recommend giving them a try. I’m truly grateful I did. www.naturepathherbalclinic.com

Belinda - July 15, 2025 at 06:39 AM

SB

“ My husband was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease 2 years ago, when he was 49. He had a stooped posture, tremors, right arm does not move and also a pulsating feeling in his body. He was placed on Senemet for 8 months and then Sifrol was introduced and replaced the Senemet, during this time span he was also diagnosed with dementia. He started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. Suspecting it was the medication I took him off the Siferol (with the doctor’s knowledge) and started him on PD-5 natural herbal formula we ordered from AKNNI HERBAL CENTRE, his symptoms totally declined over a 3 weeks use of the AKANNI HERBAL Parkinsons disease natural herbal formula. He is now almost 51 and doing very well, the disease is totally reversed! (Visit www.aknniherbscentre.com)

susan baker - April 22, 2025 at 06:12 AM



“ Alex Christian Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Alex Christian Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ I always wondered what happened to Alex. I used to live on College Avenue growing up when I was just a small girl I used to go up and visit with Alex and take him cookies if my mother made them he was always so kind took time to talk to me sometimes play a game of checkers. College Avenue growing up when I was just a small girl are used to go up and visit with Alex and taking cookies if my mother made them he was always so kind took time to talk to me sometimes play game of checkers. Sometimes I would help watch the fire trucks there was a 16 year difference between us of course when you're young girl you think all the firemen are old. Alex always took the time to talk to me to listen He is someone I have always remembered Through all the years I'm so sorry for your loss. I don't know how he was later in life but I know in the early 60s he was a dedicated fireman and a friend

Diana Klaus Howland - July 14, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Alex Christian Jr. .



July 10, 2018 at 10:10 PM