



Billy James Roark

September 10, 1931 - January 21, 2021

Dateline: Alton

Billy James Roark, 89, died at 12:32 a.m. Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born September 10, 1931 in New Haven, IL, he was the son of James Henry and Mamie E. (Chitwood) Roark. Mr. Roark was a member of the Community Christian Church in Alton and retired as the owner/operator of Alton Beauty Supply. He loved gardening and wood working and volunteering at his church. On January 3, 1981 he married the former Mary Louise Hartman in Roxana. She survives. Also surviving are two sons, Michael L. Roark (Susan) of Godfrey and James W. Roark (Pegeen) of Northport, FL, six grandchildren, Angie Pestka, Craig Roark, Sean Roark, Joshua Roark, Kristin Roark and Colleen Almadovar, and 8 great grandchildren. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ernie Roark and two sisters, Leona Sanders and Flo Evelyn Hall. Services will be private at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Pastor Dave Burger will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Community Christian Church, 2345 Union School Road, Alton, IL 62002. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Avenue
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy James Roark*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Billy James Roark*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I remember Mr. Roark used to deliver beauty supplies to my mother at her shop. He was always smiling and uplifted your day. He was a good guy*



Terry Wooten - March 01, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *Barb and I want to let you know we will be praying for you tomorrow as you and your family mourn the loss of brother Bill. I will surely miss Bill. I know Bill is with Jesus and is enjoying his new home with God. I praise God for Bill's life and friendship! We will miss him as I know you and your family will as well! May God bless you and your family!*

Tod and Barbara Schum

Tod I Schum - January 25, 2021 at 11:45 AM

TI

“ *Tod I. purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Billy James Roark.*



Tod I. - January 25, 2021 at 11:37 AM

CM

“ *Always and forever in our hearts. We love you Bill and we love you Mary!*



Christina Morton - January 25, 2021 at 10:39 AM

LM

“ *Ray & I thought we'd share , we have so many great memories !! We are talking this morning on how to cook a chicken? My Uncle Bill would tell you it takes 3 beers to cook on the grill !! I hope this brought a smile this morning !! My Uncle was a Beautiful Soul !! Praying for comfort for his family . Loving you Always Uncle Bill, Ray & Lisa*

Lisa McDannald - January 23, 2021 at 09:28 AM

KF

“ *Ken & Carol Roark & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy James Roark.*



Ken & Carol Roark & Family - January 22, 2021 at 01:03 PM

MO

“ He was the most caring, loving man. He will be greatly missed. Condolences, prayers and love to Jimmy, Colleen, Joshua and Kristen. RIP Bill as you soar to the heavens. Until we meet again.
Mary Onion-Gregory

Mary Onion-Gregory - January 22, 2021 at 11:26 AM

AC

“ Deepest sympathies to all the family. Mary, if you need anything, please give us a call. Love you.

Ann and Steve Crane

Ann Crane - January 22, 2021 at 10:10 AM

DF

“ Denny & Donna Roark & family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Billy James Roark.



Denny & Donna Roark & family - January 21, 2021 at 06:01 PM