



## David Lee Chiolero

May 15, 1932 - September 3, 2025

David Lee Chiolero, 93, died at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at Asbury Village surrounded by his loving family. He was born May 15, 1932 in Benld, IL the son of the late Thomas “Kid Irish” and Marcella (Griva) Chiolero. David graduated in 1949 from Marquette High School. He served in the US Army 40th infantry during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Illinois National Guard for two years. On April 17, 1954 in Cottage Hills, he married Martha Stearns, and she preceded him in death on December 7, 2019. David retired in 1988 from Shell Oil Company as a supervisor of operations and maintenance. He enjoyed golf, traveling, spending winters in Destin, FL and especially his trip to Italy. David loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving are four daughters, Susan Schmidt (Tom) of Godfrey, Kathy Abner (Gary) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Leanne Ridolfi (Gene) of Godfrey, Lisa Deall (Bruce) of Alton, one son, Robert Chiolero of Godfrey, eleven grandchildren, Sarah Hess (Charlie), Emily Lacy (Justin), Rachel Benrubi (Isaac), David Abner (Nyssa), Gena Woods (Brad), Matthew Deall (Taylor), Laura Heffington (Tyler), Adam Schmidt (Abby), Megan Deall, Katherine Hoeing (Nick) and Meredith Deall and seventeen great grandchildren, Caroline, Cecilia, Jack, Luke, Charlotte, Connor, Olivia, Isabel, Greta, Collins, Ellie, Alina, Jude, Brody, Josephine, Grace and Blakey and one sister-in-law, Charlotte Long. Besides his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one grandson, Drew Schmidt: a brother, Tom Chiolero, one sister, Irene Mormino, three brother in laws and two sisters in laws, Sam

Mormino, Bob Stearns, Betty Stearns, Shirley Stearns and Charles Long. A memorial mass will be Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steve Janoski will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Drew Schmidt Memorial Scholarship Fund at Marquette Catholic High School, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, BJC Hospice or Asbury Village. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Mass

OCT 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
820 West Homer Adams Pkway  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Kim & Mike Dahlheimer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Lee Chiolero.*



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**Kim & Mike Dahlheimer** - October 06, 2025 at 10:39 AM

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“ *Love—Kay and Mike Masiero purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David Lee Chiolero.*



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**Love—Kay and Mike Masiero** - October 06, 2025 at 08:39 AM

MM

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. I hope your loving memories are a comfort to you all during this difficult time.*

*Allan & Martha Morse*

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**Martha Morse** - September 15, 2025 at 10:02 AM

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“ I was sorry to hear of David's passing. I initially met Dave through my father, Bob Schulz, who played golf with Dave at Rock Springs and Muny golf courses. Whenever I came to Alton (I live in Massachusetts), I was invited to play. What a great guy to play golf with! I also knew Dave's parents when I played little league baseball with his brother, Tom. I remember having to play playing catcher because no one else on the team wanted to catch when Tom was pitching. He through too hard. Tom was a great player and good person. Rest in Peace, Dave, and thanks for the good times on the course! Albert Schulz

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**Albert Schulz** - September 09, 2025 at 11:05 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about your dad. So sorry that I am unable to attend the funeral Mass, but have a prior commitment. Thoughts, Prayers, Hugs and Love to all of you. Nancy Marlow

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**NANCY Ann Marlow** - September 08, 2025 at 09:19 PM