



Dexter Atwood Sholar

April 2, 1928 - August 30, 2024

Dexter Atwood Sholar, 96, of Godfrey, Illinois passed away on August 30, 2024 with his family by his side.

He was born on April 2, 1928 in Dover, Tennessee, the son of Emit Henry and Rutha Belle (Chadwick) Sholar. He graduated from Rittman High School in Rittman, Ohio. After graduation in 1946 Dexter joined the United States Army Air Corps which became the United States Air Force serving until 1954.

Dexter was trained as a radio operator/repairman and became proficient in the use of Morse Code. While stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines Dexter participated in the historic non-stop airborne circumnavigation of the Earth by Lucky Lady II, a B-50A bomber with Dexter communicating via Morse Code in the coordination of the mid-air refueling between two planes. He served in Morocco and also received the WWII Victory medal. Dexter's final tour in the Air Force was as an instructor in the radio school at Scott Air Force Base.

He married Norma Lee Schelle on December 23, 1950 at Scott Air Force Base. In 1954 Dexter went to work for Illinois Bell Telephone and spent his entire career working for various spin offs of AT&T retiring in 1990. In 1974 Dexter and Norma became the owners of Fast Eddie's Fried Chicken in Alton until Norma's retirement in 1998.

Dexter was an excellent billiards player and avid coin collector. He also raised and raced homing pigeons and enjoyed his beagles.

Norma preceded him in death on March 2, 2013 after 62 years of marriage.

He is survived by his children Michael "Elwood" Sholar, Richard "Hawk" Sholar, John (Shannon) Sholar, Katherine "Kat" (Mike) Brunaugh, Sandra "Sam" Rynders, and Rhonda (Paul) Elmendorf.

Grandchildren: Michael Sholar Jr., Matthew Sholar, Megan Sholar, Amy (John Schleeper) Sholar, Edward "Eddie" (Betsy Allen) Sholar Jr., Maggie (Phil Adams) Sholar, Katherine (Chris) Wilson, Danielle (Mick) McCahill, Richard Sholar Jr., John (Lauri) Sholar, Jr. , Andrew (Randi) Sholar, Judson (Barbara) Corby, Trae Corby, Jason (Nikki) Brunaugh, Jenna (Brad) Kaczmariski, C. Joseph (Erin) Rynders, Frances (Chris) Wilson, Lewis Rynders, Dylan Elmendorf, Maxwell (Emma) Elmendorf, and Dexter Elmendorf.

Great grandchildren: Sadie (Kaz Johnson) Lupercio, Joseph (Kinley) Lupercio, Abigail (Carter) Austin, Sarah Sholar, Charlie Sholar, Grace (Dylan) Moody, Emma Wilson, Trenton Wilson, Alison Wilson, Maizy McCahill, Nikhil Sholar, Vivian Sholar, Henry August Sholar, Bennett Sholar, Adelynn Sholar, Royce Sholar, Kolton Corby, Charlotte Corby, Sydney Brunaugh, A.J Brunaugh, Izabell Brunaugh, J.J. Kazmarski, Mason Wilson, Lockelan Farlow, and Charlotte Rynders.

Great-great grandchildren are Kaz Johnson Jr., Lucy Lupercio, Sunny Austin, and Malakai Moody.

Dexter is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and extended family including Peg Schelle, Jim Westbrook, Gary Herron, Michelle Sholar, Sarah Woodman, Brenda Smith, Tina Cottingham, Christi Boss, Chris Rynders, and Jim Corby.

In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by two infant children, a son Edward "Fast Eddie" Sholar Sr., and a great-great granddaughter Lorelai Grace Moody; siblings Maggie (Monroe) Anderson, Teriece (J.B.) Shirley, Henry L. (Geneva) Sholar, Jud (Mildred) Sholar, and Franklin Sholar; in-laws Arthur Thomas Schelle, Barbara and Leon Little, Nancy Westbrook, and Linda Herron.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a prayer service with Father Don Roberts at Gent Funeral

Home in Alton. Burial will follow at Valhalla Cemetery in Godfrey.

The family wishes to express their gratitude for the exceptional care and compassion provided by the staff of St. Anthony's Hospital and Jerseyville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Memorial donations may be made to the VFW, St. Mary's Catholic Church, or the charity of one's choice. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Friends and family may visit our website at www.gentfuneralhome.com to view service information or to leave condolences to the family.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

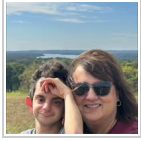
Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Prayer Service

SEP 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ My heart sank when I read that Dexter had moved on. Seeing him in the dental office for the last 30 something years had always put a smile on my face, even though I was supposed to be one of the ones that kept his smiling! He was always so spirited and always had a great story; even the last year or so when one could tell that he wasn't at his peak, it never seemed to squelch his personality. My grandpa, too, had a love of racing pigeons and purple martins; and spending time with Dex always felt like spending time with my grandpa; kind, sweet, gentle, and full of it! And what a legacy he and Norma has left! I'm so happy that you have such a large family to share your happy memories with and to have many stories to reminisce and tell! Prayers of peace and comfort for you all. 💜

Laura Large - September 07, 2024 at 09:24 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to all the family, I will always remember him as Sexy Dex... as I would call him from The Pub Room when he would come down for lunch, from Illinois Bell. He was the most sweetest man I've ever met. Mind you back in the 80's, Prayers of comfort to all 🙏💔

Audrey Fillback Lawrence - September 05, 2024 at 12:37 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Sholar family. Dex was such a kind, gentle, and thoughtful individual. He was so down to earth. Truly enjoyed the afternoons or evenings we shared with him and our family at Riverbend Billiards. He was so knowledgeable and could talk to anyone...even made the kids feel welcome. He will be missed.

Cara (Paulda) & Marty Armstead - September 05, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dexter Atwood Sholar.*



September 04, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ *Scot and Brandon Roper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dexter Atwood Sholar.*

Scot and Brandon Roper - September 04, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ *Thinking of all of you. I held Dexter and Norma close they were a pleasure to care for.if Norma and I got a little long winded in our conversations Dexter would come in to speed us up! Good People. Mary Ann Corona-Schmieg*

Mary Ann Schmieg - September 03, 2024 at 05:40 PM



“ *John and Jess Yard purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Dexter Atwood Sholar.*



John and Jess Yard - September 03, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dexter Atwood Sholar.*



September 03, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ *Peggy Wilbur planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dexter Atwood Sholar.*

Peggy Wilbur - September 03, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ *The Rynders and Wilson Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dexter Atwood Sholar.*



The Rynders and Wilson Families - September 02, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ *My Sincere Condolences to the Family , Thoughts and Prayers 🙏*

Don Hofgren - September 01, 2024 at 04:37 PM