



## Donald L. Funk, Sr.

July 27, 1934 - February 22, 2016

Dateline: Alton

Donald L. Funk Sr., 81, passed Monday, February 22, 2016 at his home in Alton. Born July 27, 1934 in Alton, he was the son of Bert and Elizabeth (Nolan) Funk. Mr. Funk graduated from Marquette High School in 1953 and served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and a former member of the Alton Knights of Columbus. He was a huge Notre Dame fan and enjoyed spending time with family and camping at Otter Lake. He retired as supervisor from the Alton Box Board/Jefferson Smurfit after over 40 years of service. On January 4, 1958 he married the former Judith K. Dalton in Alton. She preceded him in death on September 18, 2013. Surviving are five children, Joan Funk of Godfrey, Donald Funk Jr. (Diane Marie Carter) of Godfrey, Trish Simpson (Pat) of Piasa, Michael Funk (Lisa) of Alton, and Renee Besta of Point Reys, CA, 11 grandchildren, John (Helen) Fleming, Michael (April) Fleming, Anne Fleming, Cory (Clancy) Maher, Caitlin Lagemann, Donny Funk III (Amy Wuellner), Sara (JL) Bland, Andrew Simpson (Ellie Tonsor), Nicholas (Meghan) Funk, Zachary (Hillary) Funk, and Skylar Funk. Six great grandchildren, Arianna, Aislyn and Amori Fleming, John Fleming Jr., Lincoln Michael Funk, and Evelyn Grace Funk, with four more on the way. Also surviving are four sisters, Bert Roberts of Godfrey, Shirley Wiedman of Godfrey, Margaret (Ron) Wisnasky of Godfrey, and Joan (Alan) Brown of Ladue, MO, and beloved dog and best friend Sam. Along with his parents and wife he was preceded in death by a daughter Beth Fleming, two brothers, Robert Funk and James (Funk) Nolan, and two sisters, Mary Lady and Patricia Funk. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2016 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 2016 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Marquette High School. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

2801 Greenwood Lane  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4th and Henry Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ Donald L. Funk, Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Donald L. Funk, Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM

JH

“ He was like a second Dad to me.

Jenny Henderson - February 27, 2016 at 04:31 PM

TW

“ Traci Woods lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Funk, Sr.



Traci Woods - February 27, 2016 at 08:31 AM

DH

“ I enjoyed spending many school years with Don. He always had a smile for me. He was a gentleman, s devoted friend and just a great guy. I know his family will miss Him and so will I when I return to Alton for the summer. I send my condolences to all but especially Shirley.

Dana Manns Hielema - February 27, 2016 at 08:01 AM

GP

“ Great Central Lumber - St Peters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald L. Funk, Sr..



Great Central Lumber - St Peters - February 26, 2016 at 08:45 AM

Mara  
Butler

“ I will always remember you coming into my store and asking me if I'm working hard while seeing me run in ten different directions. You always had a smile on your face when you came in. And the stories you would tell about samie always made me laugh. I'm going to miss seeing you every week. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.



Mara Butler - February 25, 2016 at 09:14 PM

RB

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Renee Besta - February 24, 2016 at 09:17 PM

NM

“ So sorry to hear about Don. He was always a lot of fun to be with, and always friendly and smiling. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I would definitely be at the visitation, but we are leaving on Thursday for Florida. So sorry that I cannot make it. Nancy Marlow

Nancy Marlow - February 24, 2016 at 08:45 PM

KS

“ "May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the Palm of His Hand." We will always hold our memories of Uncle Donny close to our hearts. To all of our "Funk" cousins we pray for God's peace and comfort for you during this most difficult time. Mike and Kathy Scoggins.

Kathy Scoggins - February 24, 2016 at 01:04 PM