



Edgar L. Cronin

February 3, 1928 - May 17, 2026

Dateline: Alton

Edgar L. Cronin, 98, died at 5:34 a.m. Sunday, May 17, 2026 at his home in Alton. Born February 3, 1928 in Elsah, IL, he was the son of John Michael and Annette M. (Bechtold) Cronin. Mr. Cronin served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and retired as a clerk for Illinois Terminal Railroad in 1986. He was a lifetime member of the Grafton Masonic Lodge Full Moon 341 and also a member of the American Legion in Alton. On September 25, 1946 he married Virginia McCann. She preceded him in death. He married the former Carla E. Hauskins. She also preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, John James Cronin and Robert M. Cronin and a sister, Catherine Farmer. Private burial will be held at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors. 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

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I want to send my prayers, deepest sympathies and condolences to the families! Ed's brother Bob was married to my cousin June. May God be with you during your time of bereavement! Thinking of you and all my love!



Donna Gent - May 20 at 09:04 AM

WS

Edgar, we will miss you greatly. You were the greatest neighbor a person could have. We will always have warm memories of sitting with you in your backyard enjoying great conversation while having a some beer. Your 98 years were filled with amazing experiences stretching back to your boyhood in Elsay to World War II in the Pacific to piloting your own planes, boats and RVs. Your stories from owning a tavern and a summer place on the Mississippi were quite entertaining. The last couple of years were rough, but now you can rest in peace.
Becky and Wilson Schwager

Wilson F Schwager - May 20 at 10:19 AM

MB

Ed was a kind soul. He touched every person in his own special way. He was easy to talk to and told many stories. You will be greatly missed. We love you with all of our hearts. Heaven has gained another angel. Rest easy and in peace my friend.
MB

Michelle Basham - May 21 at 08:59 AM