



Eldon Lee Smith

September 13, 1926 - October 15, 2017

Dateline: Godfrey

Eldon Lee Smith passed away at 5:15 a.m. Sunday, October 15, 2017 at OSF St. Anthony's Health Center in Alton. He was born September 13, 1926 in Alton to Estelle and Mary Ruth Smith. He was a lifelong resident of Alton and graduated from Alton High School in 1945. He was a standout member of the football team and his speed earned him the nickname "Rabbit." He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Franklin Masonic Hall in Alton. For most of his life, he operated gas stations in Upper Alton; first a Shell station on Brown and Washington and later a Conoco station at Brown and Main Streets. He is survived by two daughters, Cindy (Jim) Maple and Jan (Kenny) Campbell, both from Godfrey, four grandchildren, Kim (Lee) Maple-Colley, Jaime (Robbie) Puterbaugh, Chad Campbell and Christopher Campbell all of Alton/Godfrey. His two great-grandchildren are Mallory Sumpter and Brody Puterbaugh. Eldon was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Estelle Smith Jr. and a sister, Phyllis Thurm. Services will be private. Memorials may be made to the 5A's Animal Shelter. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Eldon Lee Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Eldon Lee Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Cindy and Jan and families, so sorry to see where Eldon had passed away. I know it is very hard to lose a loved one, but just try to remember he is in a better place, up there joining all the other relatives, so even though you know longer have him he has gone back to the past loved ones. Losing a loved one is so hard, and takes only time to help. Hope your all able to remember all the good times, because there were many for all of us with him and our whole families. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry and Elaine Meininger*



Elaine Meininger - October 20, 2017 at 10:17 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss
Thinking of all of you*

*Love
Don & Sue Hausman*

Sue Hausman - October 16, 2017 at 07:41 PM