



## Eugene "Jiggs" Yost

May 26, 1925 - December 6, 2016

Dateline: Alton

Eugene Joseph "Jiggs" Yost, son of William & Venda (Miller) Yost, of Alton went to heaven at the age of 91.

After high school Eugene served as a Marine during WWII in the Pacific including, landing on Iwo Jima after it was captured and occupying Japan.

Eugene was married to Mary "Kit" Emons and is survived by their four children, John (Martha) Yost, Jim (Julie) Yost, Jeanne (Perry) Hill and Karen (Jeff) Fleming and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Eugene will be remembered by all his family and friends as a caring person who loved to listen to all they shared, sometimes responding with his quick wit and always loving unconditionally.

Eugene enjoyed working with his buddies as a lather in the construction

industry. After retiring from that field he was blessed to work alongside his sons at Twin

Rivers Distributing serving in an essential role that he uniquely filled. In his later years he was most happy spending time with his family and throughout his life found special joy in time spent with the little ones.

Jiggs enjoyed music and dancing and played the bass with a group of friends at different venues just after the war. He also enjoyed gardening especially harvesting and delivering his tomatoes to his family. He enjoyed planting in his yard and even added some trees throughout his neighborhood at the streets edge in keeping with the Middletown tradition.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday,

December 11, 2016 at Gent Funeral Home on State St. in Alton with Chaplain Jason

Pierce officiating. A family burial at Upper Alton Cemetery will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308.

Memorials may be made to BJC Hospice, # 1 Professional Way, Suite 180, Alton, IL 62002. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Avenue  
Alton, IL 62002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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## Funeral

DEC 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Eugene "Jiggs" Yost

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Eugene "Jiggs" Yost

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Love, Cathy, Karen, Mary & Joy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eugene "Jiggs" Yost.



Love, Cathy, Karen, Mary & Joy - December 10, 2016 at 10:36 AM

BH

“ As a kid growing up on Royal Street, I looked up to Jiggs as one of my heroes. Indeed, he gave me my nickname, "BoBo", as he gave many others their nicknames. We lived above the Yosts for a while and then moved next door to 911 and then 909 Royal St.

*I used to make a few nickles by returning Mr. Yost's beer bottles and by going to Schuls Grocery for Mrs Yost...they were wonderful people!*

*I still have memories of when Gene (Jiggs) had TB, of when he played the bass, and when we heard of his landing at Iwo Jima. He forms some of my most pleasant childhood memories and I give thanks that he gave me someone to look up to.*

*Bob (BoBo) Henderson  
2203 Bridle Ct  
Phenix City, AL 36867*

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**Bob Henderson** - December 10, 2016 at 08:53 AM

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“ My sister is married to Jiggs' oldest son, John so I have known him for many years. He always had a smile to share and an infectious laugh. I am sorry for your loss but I hope you carry on sharing his love and laughter. Rest in peace...

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**Laura (Van Buren) Nessler** - December 09, 2016 at 07:32 PM

BH

*Though we never knew Jiggs in his younger years, I would love to know more about his service in the Marine Corps. Indeed The Greatest Generation.*

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**Barbara Hatch** - December 18, 2016 at 09:22 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Eugene "Jiggs" Yost.



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December 09, 2016 at 06:46 PM