



Ford J. Green

August 6, 1931 - May 10, 2022

Dateline: Alton

Ford J. Green, 90, died at 9:36 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Cedarhurst of Bethalto. Born August 6, 1931 in Alma, Michigan, he was the son of Frieda Clark Green and Ford Joseph Elias and his step-father, Wilfred Theodore Green. He married the former Colleen Winders on October 16, 1951 in Salem, IL. She preceded him in death on April 3, 2018 after 67 years of marriage. Surviving are four children and their spouses: Lisa and Kirk Huber, Ellen and John Sowders, Julia and Chris Jeffreys, and John and Terrah Green, nine grandchildren, Matt and Karin Witt, Kate and Dennis Ellis, Chris Witt and fiancé Erica Allen, Amanda McDonald, Andrew Huber, Nick Schaper, Lexi Green, Michael Green, Logan Sowders, and 7 great grandchildren, Brady McDonald, Abigail McDonald, Patrick Riney, Eva Riney, Ashlyn Witt, Arya Schaper, and Claire Witt. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, John Jack Rowell, Robert Green and William Green and a sister, Yvonne Lee Smeeton. Mr. Green served in the U.S. Air Force as a radio instructor and 15 years in the Army Reserves Signal Corps as a captain. He worked 38 years for Illinois Bell and Ameritech starting by connecting small, independent companies to the long-distance network and retiring as switching manager for the 618 area. Ford enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, traveling, family and food. He and his wife, Colleen, volunteered at many organizations in the Alton/Godfrey area. Together they ran the All God's Children Shall Have Shoes program for many years. They helped start the

Khoury League in Godfrey and were still involved when it was converted to Godfrey Park and Rec. There is a ball field named after him. Both volunteered at Alton Memorial Hospital and Heritage Days for many years. He helped start PeeWee football in Godfrey. Ford received many honors, including ones from The Illinois Association of Park Districts, The Pioneers of America, Emergency Medical Services for Children, and The Jeffersonian Award for Volunteers presented in Washington D.C. The family would like to thank the staff at Cedarhurst in Bethalto and VITAS Hospice for all their loving care. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 13, 2022 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Tim Sandifer will officiate. Burial will be private with full military honors. Memorials are preferred to flowers. All God's Children Shall Have Shoes and Godfrey Park and Rec are suggested. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAY 13. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ford J. Green*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ford J. Green*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Don Keck - May 13, 2022 at 11:03 AM



Oh Ford, the memory of pheasant ,squirrel hunting trips,fishing trips,you and Colleen were my parents,and building the swimming pool,with a wagon

alan witt - January 05, 2024 at 06:32 PM

SV

“ *Ellen and family,
I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing on Tuesday night. I had just talked to you that morning. I didn't know your dad very well, but I definitely enjoyed hearing him sing and hum songs as he made his way around the halls of Cedarhurst, many others there enjoyed it too. Again, my deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time.*

Steve Vogel (CedarHurst Driver)

Steve Vogel - May 12, 2022 at 09:54 PM

KL

“ *I'll never forget the time we spent together.❤️ Eating pizza, watching Gunsmoke, reading the funnies, sitting together on your front porch, laughing at our dogs playing together. I loved hearing the stories you would tell, and I always felt right at home with you. My heart goes out to your family, and everyone who was lucky enough to have you in their lives🌸*

Kat Logan - May 12, 2022 at 05:22 PM

HW

“ *A true friend to all who knew him. One of the finest men I ever worked with. My deepest sympathy to his family.*

Harry Windland

Harry Windland - May 12, 2022 at 09:29 AM

RW

“ I am sorry to hear of Ford's passing. He was my first boss at IL. Bell after I became a manager and he was as fair and good a boss as I ever had. My sincere sympathies go out to the entire family. May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Dick White

Richard White - May 12, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ Very sorry for your loss. Our dad always talked about Ford. His name was Paul Gross and he worked at IL Bell also. Prayers for your family.

Pam Gross Ruyle

Pam Ruyle - May 11, 2022 at 03:26 PM