



Gary Paul Runion

October 2, 1951 - May 21, 2017

Dateline: Godfrey

Gary Paul Runion, 65, died at 3:13 a.m. Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born October 2, 1951 in Wood River, he was the son of Benjamin "Austin" and Lucy K. (Fast) Runion. Mr. Runion served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from the Quality Assurance Department of the U.S. Army in 2007 after 30 years of service. He loved fishing and bowling and was an avid solitaire player. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandkids. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Barbara Martin Runion. Also surviving are two sons, Michael Godar and his fiancé Robin Lynn of Bethalto, and Steven Godar (Tracy) of Bethalto, five grandchildren, Emma, Ryan, Dane, Kayla and Zoey, two sisters, Sherry Blackard of East Alton and Connie Bell of Alton, many nieces and nephews as well as special friends, Candy and Wayne Mark. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 6:00 p.m. followed by full military honors by the VFW Post 1308, Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Pastor Jim Johnston will officiate. Memorials may be made to the COPD Foundation, the American Lung Association or the Alton VFW Post 1308. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
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Alton, IL 62002
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Memorial Service

MAY **25**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gary Paul Runion*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Gary Paul Runion*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories of them, and The Almighty God's promise in The Bible to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, and to "swallow up death forever." (Isaiah 25:8)*

Greene Family - May 31, 2017 at 07:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Paul Runion.*



May 24, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Paul Runion.*



May 23, 2017 at 11:30 PM



“ *We have many great memories of our little buddy. One of our favorites is the night the Chip and Dip dancers performed with Lucy and Melba watching. Although he will be missed, we are glad his suffering has ended. Prayers to his family.* 🙏🙏🙏

jerry and millie koudelka - May 23, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ *I enjoyed working with Gary in St. Louis and Huntsville. Socially he was a fun guy to talk to with some great stories, and professionally, man did he know his Huey. Always had good advice when you'd ask for his opinion on the best way to tackle a problem. Just tried to look him up 2 weeks ago to chat because it had been a while, but couldn't reach him.*

Thanks for the memories and the smiles they bring, Gary.

Mark Hillgartner - May 23, 2017 at 12:13 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Paul Runion.*



May 22, 2017 at 07:36 PM

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“ *Candy and Wayne purchased the Fairest of All
for the family of Gary Paul Runion.*



Candy and Wayne - May 22, 2017 at 05:40 PM