



## Harry C. Fessler

April 26, 1924 - August 4, 2019

Dateline: Godfrey

Harry C. Fessler, 95, died at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, August 4, 2019 at the United Methodist Village in Godfrey. Born April 26, 1924 in Alton, he was the son of Harry Albert and Rachel (Tolle) Fessler. On March 27, 1954 he married the former Jo Ann Keasler who preceded him in death on March 2, 1999. Two younger sisters, Alice and Gertrude also preceded him in death. Harry graduated from Alton High School in 1942, where he ran track. He was a WWII Veteran being drafted in the Army/Air Force soon after graduation. He was a Sgt serving with the #557 Air Service Group in the South Pacific. In 2012 he enjoyed going on the Honor Flight to Washington DC with his two sons. Harry retired from Amoco (Standard Oil) in 1981 with 36 years of service. Harry enjoyed being captain on the Eagles Bowling Team that won the state championship in 1966 in De Kalb, IL. He enjoyed baseball and softball which he played until he was 42 years old. He took up golf at age 76, and played on the senior league at Rolling Hills. He was an active member of the Alton Moose and a Life Member of the VFW. He was a 60-year-old member of Elm Street Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon. Harry was residing at the United Methodist Village. Surviving are two sons and one daughter, Alan K. Fessler (Debbie), Wayne Matthew Fessler (Ann) and Elizabeth A. Fessler Dietrich. He was blessed with 8 grandchildren, Meaghan McIntyre (Matt), Grant Fessler, Kyle Fessler, Kevin Fessler, Bryan Dietrich,

Sarah Dietrich, Kaitlyn Fessler, and Kallie Fessler, and 6 great grandchildren and a special friend Jo Ann Phelps. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at Gent Funeral Home where funeral services will be at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 8, 2019. Reverend George Humbert will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Honor Flight or the VFW Post 1308. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfunerahome.com](http://www.gentfunerahome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral

AUG 8. 9:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Harry C. Fessler*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Harry C. Fessler*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I was fortunate to get to know Harry over the past 2 years while hosting our UMV Veterans Coffee Hour each month. Harry was considered the godfather of our group as he had so many stories to tell!! What a treasure he was to all of us. Friend, veteran, patriot. My deepest sympathies are extended to Harry's family and friends. RIP my friend.*

*Wayne Loehring  
Heartland Hospice*

**Wayne Loehring** - August 22, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Thinking of you all .  
Greg and Cathy Lister*

**Greg Lister** - August 07, 2019 at 12:03 PM

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“ *Richard and Anna purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Harry C. Fessler.*



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**Richard and Anna** - August 07, 2019 at 11:52 AM

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“ *Alan, Matt and Liz;  
My apologies that I could not get back to Alton to help celebrate the life of your father and our Uncle Harry. Time and distance were too much to conquer.  
My wife and I tell everyone of Uncle Harry's WWII pictures he shared with us of his time in the South Pacific. One of the greatest generation, we were blessed to have him in our lives.  
A big hug to the Fessler family, friends and loved ones. I'm going to bbq pork steaks and hoist a beer tomorrow in his honor.  
Peace & Cheers*



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**the Keaslers** - August 06, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harry C. Fessler.*



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August 05, 2019 at 08:30 PM

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“ *Liz and Family, so sorry to hear of Harry's passing, he held on for a good long life, and sad he has slipped away, but life in Heaven is a far better place then in a sick or disabled body. We feel the pain because we loved them and miss them, but the journey they are on now is a good one. Ill do my best to come to the Funeral, and Let Jeff know, May he rest in peace, God Bless all of you.*



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**Don Lanier** - August 05, 2019 at 06:55 PM