

## Henry Penning Beiser

August 20, 1931 - April 8, 2018

Dateline: Alton

Henry Penning Beiser, 86, died at 9:10 p.m. Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Eunice Smith Nursing Home in Alton. Born August 20, 1931 in Alton, he was the son of David and Margaret (Penning) Beiser. Mr. Beiser graduated from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, class of 1953 and served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton and the Alton Knight of Columbus since 1953. He retired in 1990 as a counselor/teacher from the Granite School District after 32 years of service. On May 18, 1957 he married the former Suzanne Chappell in Alton. She survives. Also surviving are three sons, Mark Beiser of Peoria, IL, Christopher Beiser (Mary) of Alton, and Steven Beiser of Alton, seven grandchildren, Benjamin Beiser, Nicholas Beiser, Andrew Beiser, Ashley Righter (Zachary), Elizabeth Beiser, Megan Beiser, and Brian Beiser, and one great grandchild, Willow Beiser. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, David and Joseph Beiser. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until memorial mass at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2018 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Private burial will follow for the immediate family. Memorials may be made to a charity of choice. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
525 E. 4th st  
alton, IL 62002

## Memorial Service

APR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4th and Henry Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ Henry Penning Beiser

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Henry Penning Beiser

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ I was sorry to hear of your loss. My most sincere condolences to his wife and all his family. I was moved to share a memory of Mr. Beiser. I went to Granite City North - it was my junior year. I worked in the counselors' office. Mr. Beiser was not my own counselor but he was always there with a great listening ear. I know this personally. That was the year my mom's cancer came back. The year I went home sometimes everyday to check on mom or make her lunch. I had great teachers who were very supportive but none more than Mr. Beiser. That year impacted my whole life. Mr. Beiser always had time to listen and offer a word of support or comfort. He kept me focused after my mom passed away that same year and he pushed me to keep my grades up and push through school. He was instrumental in me graduating in the top 5% of my class. I have thought of him often over the years and did go back and visit him after graduation. I joined the Navy and would visit when I was home. He truly was a wonderful man! I was just lucky to have known him.

Judy Carroll Stroehmer

judith m carroll stroehmer - April 15, 2018 at 06:38 PM

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“ I've known Penny my whole life. It was always a pleasure to be in his presence, a friend to all with a great sense of humor. He and my departed dad, Don Wendle, were the best of friends to the very end; they are together again.


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**Tony Wendle** - April 13, 2018 at 05:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henry Penning Beiser.



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April 13, 2018 at 05:03 PM

 Frank Beiser

“ He was a great guy and a great cousin. We are glad that we had some time with him last year and that we, and our grandson, were able to take one of Penning's famous tours of Alton.

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**Frank Beiser** - April 12, 2018 at 04:27 PM

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“ Feeling the loss, very sad.  
Angela and Vic

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**vic willoughby** - April 11, 2018 at 12:33 PM

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“ My best friend, Penny and I go back thru St. Pat's , Marquette High, and were roommates at St. Ambrose. There will never be another one like Penny. Our families share great memories. Our Ambrosian buddies will bow their head, as it will be on the internet "The Passing Of A "Bee". God Bless u Susie, Mark, Chris, and Steve. I'm sending a offering to Marquette High in Pennys name. May God take good care of a really great guy. Love u all George Ohley

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**george ohley** - April 11, 2018 at 12:19 PM