



Howard Eugene Blackwood

January 1, 1932 - June 29, 2025

Dateline: Alton, IL

Howard Eugene Blackwood, 93, died at 6:50 p.m. on Sunday, June 29, 2025 at his residence. He was born January 1, 1932 in East Alton, IL, the son of the late Howard William and Bertha (Dale) Blackwood, and his stepmother, Faye Blackwood. Howard graduated from East Alton Wood River High School and served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Alton VFW Post 1308. He was a truck driver for many years with Shell Oil Company. Gene enjoyed fishing, going to the donut shop with his Thursday morning coffee buddies, and loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals. He loved his wife, kids and grandkids with all of his heart. There was nothing he wouldn't do for his family. On January 18, 1962 in Wood River, IL, he married Victoria Rose Pinta and she survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Lynn Marie (Chris) Klunk of Grafton, Lori Ann (Brian) Quarton of Litchfield, Lisa Renee Blackwood (fiance' Zach Beauchamp) of Springfield. Eleven grandchildren, Cole (Vanessa), Kyli, Logan (Rachel), Victoria (Adam), Alexandria (Michael), Julia (Davon), Caroline (Aaron), Camden, Brennan (Natalie), Andrew (Abby) and Jenna (Brandon). Eleven great grandchildren, LaKaya, Francesca, Logan, Jr., Everett, Wally, Theon, Jaxen, Blayklee, Kainen, Sophie and Ellie. Three sisters, Ann Gerl of Rosewood Heights, Roberta de la Rosa of New Mexico and Ruth Blackwood of Connecticut. He loved his beloved and treasured cats, Coco and Chenelle. Besides his parents and stepmother, he was preceded in death by his son,

Victor Pinta, and two sisters, Nonnie Stewart and Loretta Dippel. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12:00 Noon on Friday, July 11, 2025 at Community Christian Church, 2345 Union School Road, Alton, IL. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery with full military honors by the Alton VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be made to the Alton VFW Post 1380 or Community Christian Church. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Community Christian Church
2345 Union School Rd
Alton, IL 62002-6931
(618) 462-1196

Funeral

JUL 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ Michael Dippel planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Eugene Blackwood.

Michael Dippel - July 29, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Eugene Blackwood.



July 11, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ Sundays will never be the same without seeing his smiling face. I'm going to miss you dear friend . Victoria and family may God hold you close. You're in my prayers



Stacey Woodward - July 10, 2025 at 11:27 PM

CH

“ CHERYL HUFFMAN purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Howard Eugene Blackwood.



CHERYL HUFFMAN - July 10, 2025 at 04:38 PM

KF

“ Kathy Graham and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Howard Eugene Blackwood.



Kathy Graham and family - July 10, 2025 at 09:24 AM

KF

“ Kathy Graham and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Eugene Blackwood.

Kathy Graham and family - July 10, 2025 at 09:24 AM

LF

“ Love, Mike, Beth, Ria & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Howard Eugene Blackwood.



Love, Mike, Beth, Ria & Family - July 08, 2025 at 01:08 PM

AS

“ Anastasia, Bruce and the MFPC staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Howard Eugene Blackwood.



Anastasia, Bruce and the MFPC staff - July 08, 2025 at 09:21 AM

AS

“ Anastasia, Bruce and the MFPC staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Eugene Blackwood.

Anastasia, Bruce and the MFPC staff - July 08, 2025 at 09:21 AM

BH

“ Backs, Beauchamp and Julie Heuser purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Howard Eugene Blackwood.



Backs, Beauchamp and Julie Heuser - July 07, 2025 at 10:31 AM

KZ

“ Kate Justison & Sarah Zimmerman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Howard Eugene Blackwood.



Kate Justison & Sarah Zimmerman - July 02, 2025 at 01:58 PM

KZ

“ Kate Justison & Sarah Zimmerman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Eugene Blackwood.

Kate Justison & Sarah Zimmerman - July 02, 2025 at 01:58 PM

CA

“Lynn, so sorry to hear about the recent passing of your father. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May the love and wonderful memories you shared continue to bring you much comfort. He will be missed.

Cara (Paulda) & Marty Armstead - July 02, 2025 at 12:08 PM