



## James "Eddie" Ballhurst

November 22, 1943 - January 13, 2020

GODFREY- James "Eddie" E. Ballhurst, 76, of Godfrey, IL, passed away on Monday, January 13, 2020 at Evelyn's House Hospice Center in Creve Coeur, MO.

Eddie was born November 22, 1943, in Alton, Illinois, the son of Edward and Marguerite (Massey) Ballhurst. He married Judith E. Koehne on June 10, 1966.

He served in the U.S. Marines. After Marines he went to work at Olin Corporation and then went to work at the Alton Telegraph as a printer. He enjoyed having his home filled with his children and grandchildren. He took great pride in his grandchildren and his most precious memories were spent vacationing with his grandchildren and watching them grow up. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing guitar, gardening, bowling, dancing, fishing, golfing and rabbit hunting. He was quite a handyman and he loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Judith Ballhurst of Godfrey, two sons and a daughter, James Ballhurst Jr. of Godfrey, Kathleen Zirkelbach and her husband Brian of Godfrey, Robert Ballhurst and his wife, Melissa of Blue Springs, MO., three granddaughters, Kaitlyn Zirkelbach, Stevie Zirkelbach and Kristen Ballhurst.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Stephen Ballhurst.

Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday January 16, 2020 at Gent

Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday January 17, 2020 at St Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey with Father Frank Kuczera, OMI to officiate. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery with Military Rites from the Alton VFW. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
820 West Homer Adams Parkway  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Tribute Wall



“ James "Eddie" Ballhurst

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ James "Eddie" Ballhurst

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Eddie" Ballhurst.



January 15, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Eddie" Ballhurst.



January 15, 2020 at 12:12 PM