



## James "Jim" Stites

April 13, 1928 - February 7, 2018

Dateline: Godfrey

James A. "Jim" Stites, 89, died at 4:19 a.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born April 13, 1928 in Alton, he was the son of Frank James and Margaret Nellie (Flamm) Stites. Mr. Stites served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He graduated from Shurtleff College in Alton and also attended Washington University in St. Louis, MO. In 1991 he retired as a senior metallurgist for Wagner Electric Corporation in St. Louis after 35 years of service. He married the former Jane A. Byers on December 6, 1951 in Alton. They celebrated 66 years of marriage. Along with his wife Jane, he is survived by a daughter, Reverend Laura Renault of Hubbard, IA, two sons, Dave Stites (Beth) of Waterloo, and Roger Stites, three grandchildren, Ryan and Jordan Stites and Simone Renault. A private burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. 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)

# Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Stites*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *James "Jim" Stites*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Growing up we all have a good friend whose parents are like our second set of parents - well Dave was that friend and Jim & Jane were those parents! Jim would watch us playing basketball on the driveway, go play golf with us at Munny or just sit and give us bits of wisdom as we wasted our time playing Atari in the Stites living room - but he was always there! He expected much of his kids and he expected much of their friends too - he wanted all of us to grow up to be responsible, productive members of society because he loved his country so much. After I commissioned in the Army through ROTC he quit calling me Jeff and just referred to me as Lieutenant - I could tell he was proud of me for my decision to serve and I will always remember that. Jim was a man's man, a true American, a great father and a great "second father" - Rest In Peace Mr. Stites!*

Jeff Maynard - February 11, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Stites.*



February 10, 2018 at 04:51 PM

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“ A great guy who always had a story to share and a laugh that was contagious. My condolences to the family and friends of Jim.

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**Dan Wickenhauser** - February 10, 2018 at 03:34 PM

KG

“ I worked and traveled with Jim for 23 years, as the casting buyer at Wagner I had the opportunity to get to know Jim well. He was a great traveling with to casting suppliers for evaluation of the casting and iron they were made from. He called me several times, and emailed me frequently. I will miss his voice, and as, I believe Jim was a great conversationalist, as most of those that work with Jim, were aware. I will miss his "what's going on" conversations and emails.

*Ken Grothoff*

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**Ken Grothoff** - February 10, 2018 at 10:12 AM

BM

“ We always looked forward to Jim's appointments at the shop! He was such a character. He was always sharing stories and tidbits of knowledge with whomever was in the shop. We will miss him! Sending thoughts and prayers to all of you!

*Barber Bob and Linda Mossman*

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**Bob Mossman** - February 09, 2018 at 11:31 AM

TC

“ So sorry for your loss Laura.



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**Terri and Don Cloninger** - February 09, 2018 at 09:12 AM