



## John E. "Jack" Beard

January 8, 1929 - October 22, 2023

Dateline: Godfrey

John E. "Jack" Beard, 94, died at 1:36 p.m. Sunday, October 22, 2023 at OSF St. Anthony's Health Care Center in Alton. He was born January 8, 1929 in Alton to Ora and Emma F. (Hawkins) Beard. He married Mary Ann Gerbig at the Godfrey Methodist Church on July 2, 1949 by the Reverend Brookman. He retired from Conagra in 1995. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Sharon Beard of Godfrey and Patti Christian of Alton, two sons, Robert Beard of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Dennis Beard of Godfrey, six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Sanders. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12:00 noon Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Sonny Renken will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Avenue  
Alton, IL 62002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
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## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sharon Beard lit a candle in memory of John E. "Jack" Beard



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**Sharon Beard** - October 26, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ I love and miss you very much daddy.

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**Sharon Beard** - October 24, 2023 at 09:12 PM



“ I remember Uncle Jack as a handsome young bachelor when he began dating my Aunt Mary. My first actual memory of him was a winter time road trip with the two of them from Alton to my home in Rochester Minnesota. He jauntily drove is already classic deuce coup with no heat but lots of love and laughter. And I think a litter of kittens. was in the back with me too. I suppose I was their defacto cheperone at age 5.

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**Kathy McKinney Bloomer** - October 24, 2023 at 01:44 PM