



## John D. Erthal

October 24, 1938 - May 29, 2012

Dateline: Godfrey

John D. Erthal, 73, died at 5:22 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at St. Anthony's Hospital, with family by his side, after a short illness. Born October 24, 1938 in Alton, he was the son of Albert and Ruth (Heiens) Erthal. He served in the U.S. Army for three years in France as an M.P. He thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors and was a member of the Alton-Wood River Sportsman's Club and the Eagle's Club. He was also a longtime member of the St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. After 35 years of service, he retired as a Journeyman Machinist from Owens Illinois Machine Manufacturing in Godfrey. On April 1, 1967 in Alton, he married Margaret Dalhaus. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Julie Gorsage and her husband David of Godfrey, and a son, Andy Erthal and his wife Stephanie of Wildwood, MO, four grandchildren, Anne and Charlie Erthal, and Abbie Ruth and Max Gorsage, two brothers, Don Erthal (JoAnn) of Godfrey, and Randy Erthal (Mitzi) of Godfrey, a brother-in-law, Byron Dalhaus (Judy) of Tampa, FL, and a sister-in-law, Libby Newton (Jeff) of Bethalto. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2012 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steve Pohlman will officiate. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be made to the Jr. Trap League at Alton-Wood River Sportsman's Club, St. Ambrose School Endowment Fund, or Masses.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John D. Erthal*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



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**David-Barbara Hayes** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Margaret, Julie, and Andy and grand children. Larry and I are so sorry to hear about John's passing. Sorry we won't be able to make the wake or funeral for we are leaving for Nashville, Tenn. to visit our son, his wife and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you and your family. Thinking of you all, Larry and Judy Thompson*

**Larry and Judy Thompson** - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God take you into His arms.*

**Len Leritz** - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“Marilyn and I are very saddened at the news of John's passing. What a delight he was to have around. He would have us laughing to the point of tears with his stories and antics. Our deepest sympathies to his wife Margaret, my good friend Don, and all the Erthal family. May God rest his soul.

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**Jerry and Marilyn Waters** - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“Margaret,

*Am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know this is a hard time for you. I lost my David in 2010 and my youngest son, Mike, in 2011. My prayers are with you. My email is [bcasey@goecs.org](mailto:bcasey@goecs.org). When things settle down for you a bit, let me know. I would love to talk to you again. Until then, know that my thoughts and love go out to you.*

*Bonnie*

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**Bonnie Woodard Casey** - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“Margaret, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Dr. Rita Brodnax** - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“John had a great sense of humor and was a fun guy to be around. He died way too young, but really liked to enjoy life. We were fortunate that John and Margaret had recently visited us. He will be missed always.

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**Byron and Judy Dalhaus** - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Margaret and kids and grandkids...David and I are so sorry to hear about John. I look forward to seeing you this weekend. We love you.

*Kathy Sands*

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**Kathy and David Sands** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Margaret, Julie, Andy and family: I was shocked to hear of John's passing. He was a great family man, and I'm sure Uncle Albert and Aunt Ruth were there to great him with open arms. I plan on seeing you Saturday for the funeral. God's Blessings on you now and always! Much love. Sue Sandage Chambers

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**Sue Sandage Chambers** - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM