



John J. Gainer

January 25, 1914 - December 6, 2012

Dateline: Godfrey

John J. "Jack" Gainer, 98, died December 6, 2012 at Eunice Smith Home in Alton. Jack was born January 25, 1914 in Wood River, IL and was the son of Frank and Anna (Blustein) Gainer. He married Frances L. Ripley on October 12, 1940. She passed away on April 7, 1999. He was a graduate of The University of Notre Dame in 1935 and Washington University Law School in 1938. He was a Senior Vice President and Member of the Board of Directors of First National Bank and Trust prior to his retirement in 1986. Jack was a member of the Greatest Generation having served in the U.S. Army's 88th Infantry Division during WWII in Italy. He is survived by three daughters, Frances Gainer, Martha Rende, both of Godfrey, Sarah (Michael) Collins of St. Louis, MO; a son, John (Dixie) Gainer, Jr. of Staunton, VA; six grandchildren: Michael Jr., Courtney, Kevin, Molly and Patrick Collins; Sarah Bulte of St. Louis; four great grandchildren: Colleen Willow Watt and Beckett Bulte, Michael III and Audrey Collins. All services will be private. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *John J. Gainer*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John J. Gainer*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *To Frances and Family,*

I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. He had the respect and admiration of everyone he met.

I will always remember him for the intelligent, caring person he was. My deepest sympathy for your family.

Wanda Jockisch - December 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Martha and family,*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this sad time. We will hold you close to our hearts..... May warm memories bring you comfort and God's love hold you in the palm of His hand.

Sincerely,

Bill & Joanne Bostedo

Joanne Bostedo - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ To the Gainer Family: It was a pleasure to get to know your father over the past couple of years. He was truly a remarkable man even in his twilight years. I wish I could have known him in the decades before. You are in the thoughts and prayers of my family.

Harold Lutz - December 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ It was an honor to have known him. All-around great gentleman

m - December 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Martha, Sarah, Frances, and John,

I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. I have so many nice memories of your family, living just down the street from you. I know how much you will miss your dad.

Sincerely,

Denise

Denise Amschler - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to a friend or relative of John J. Gainer.

December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Ever since leaving Eunice Smith at the end of June, I have never stopped thinking about my favorite resident, Mr. Gainer. He always put a smile on my face, even if I was having a bad day. I will always remember him for that as well. To Frances and the rest of family, I know how much he will be missed, but always think of those happy and loving memories that you all shared over the years, and he will bring a smile to your face again too. My thoughts are with all of you.

Sincerely,

Mauri Overath, RN

Mauri Overath - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To the Gainer family: I'm so sorry to hear about your father. I have fond memories of your parents, they were such fine people. Thoughts are with your family.

JILL STIRITZ - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM