



## John H. Godar

April 20, 1930 - October 17, 2021

Dateline: Alton

John H. Godar, 91, died at 2:45 a.m. Sunday, October 17, 2021 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born April 20, 1930 in Calhoun County, he was the son of John Edward and Anna Marie (Ewen) Godar. He graduated from Marquette Catholic High School, class of 1948. Mr. Godar served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. In 1984 he was inducted into the Illinois Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Alton VFW Post 1308, and the American Legion. He retired from the Illinois Department of Transportation after 35 years of service. On July 21, 1951 he married the former Blenna M. Nowlan at St. Patrick's Church in Alton. She preceded him in death on May 17, 2021. Surviving is a son; Gary Godar (Beth) of East Alton, a daughter; Blenna Hendricks (David) of Jerseyville, eight grandchildren; Angie Mignery, Christopher Godar, Matthew Long, Nathan Long, Michael Godar, Steven Godar, Jennifer Neal and Zach Godar, and several great grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother; Neil Godar and three sisters; Betty Spahr, Kathy Schneider, and Jannie Molloy. Along with his wife, he was preceded in death by a son; Terry Godar, three sisters; Mary Ellen Yaeger, Joyce Zerr and Carol Cannella and an infant brother, Kenneth. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 22, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey

with full military honors. Memorials may be made to Marquette Catholic High School. 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

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass

OCT **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4th and Henry Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ *John H. Godar*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John H. Godar*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *to john,and the godar family,my prayers are with you all god bless ya's terry d dixon*

**terry dean dixon** - October 24, 2021 at 08:22 AM



“ *Few people have a profound influence in one's life, but for me, John Godar impacted my life in a positive way. He taught me the how to play baseball the right way at a very young age and the importance of being a team player. May you Rest In Peace. Jim Baiter*

**Jim Baiter** - October 21, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Always enjoyed coaching John's grandsons at Marquette. We had some great times after games celebrating together.*

*Rest In Peace*

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**Ron Twichell** - October 20, 2021 at 12:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John H. Godar.*



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October 18, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *My family has known John and Blenna forever. They were such kind people!! We have many great memories!! Prayers to the family. We are so sorry... They are together again!! Much love!!!* ❤️ 😊



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**Jill Fowler-Trudell** - October 18, 2021 at 06:17 PM