



## John Richard Hernandez

November 18, 1932 - November 29, 2021

Dateline: Alton

John Richard Hernandez, 89, died at 6:12 p.m. Monday, November 29, 2021 after a short battle with bladder cancer. Born November 18, 1932 in Alton, he was the son of John R. and Verna Mae (Andrus) Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for the Alton Fire Department for 11 years before becoming a musician for many years. He played all over St. Louis including Top of The Tower for eight years, 11 years at the Alton Eagles, Senior Services Plus (SSP) and many other places. He was a member of the VFW Post 1308 and the St. Louis Assembly Knights of Columbus. Surviving are his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his siblings, Mary Harris, Leonard Hernandez (Marie), Robert L. Hernandez (Carolyn), James "Jim" Hernandez, Trina Hurley (Ed), Joseph "Joe" Hernandez (Jill Gauf), Rita Ortman (Terry), Larry Hernandez (Kathy), Christina Hernandez, Judy Simpson (Don), and Anita Lynn (Harold). He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, JT Harris and a sister-in-law, Helene Hernandez. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, December 6, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Father Ben Unachukwu, OMV will officiate. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or The BackStoppers. Per his wishes cremation rites were accorded. The family

would like to express their thanks to the team at OSF St. Anthony's Hospice and to the staff at Jerseyville Nursing and Rehab for his care. The Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Richard Hernandez*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John Richard Hernandez*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Rita and family. Jonny Hernandez was such a light and talent. My whole family, even my grandparents who have been gone now for many years, have shared many evenings enjoying his dance and music. You will be dearly missed. God bless you! With Love, The Schmoeller Family*

**Elizabeth Hisaw (Schmoeller)** - December 03, 2021 at 10:22 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Richard Hernandez.*



December 03, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *Just read of John's passing. Our prayers to the family. I remember when John DJ'ed at the Eagles. Mike and Mary Ann Kelly*

**mike and Mary Ann Kelly** - December 02, 2021 at 10:46 PM

RH

“ John’s family are in our thoughts and prayers. We danced to John’s music at the Eagles for years. God Bless Rosie and Bob Howard

Rosie and Bob Howard - December 02, 2021 at 10:39 PM

SV

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. John always had a story to tell, and he always made time to talk with me.  
Deepest sympathy for your entire family.  
Hugs and kisses  
Shelia M Ventimiglia

Shelia M Ventimiglia - December 01, 2021 at 04:33 PM

TG

“ I had the honor of meeting Mr Hernandez. He was a very nice man. He was in the process of moving from the facility I was at to a different facility. I was helping him to transition as he was not in the best spirits about it. I enjoyed conversations with him. I hope he finds peace.



Tiffany Galbraith - December 01, 2021 at 04:16 PM