



John James (Jim) Holt

January 10, 1922 - November 9, 2023

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

John James (Jim) Holt, 101, died at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at his residence. He passed at home, surrounded by family, under the care of his granddaughter, Pammy, whom he loved dearly. He was born January 10, 1922 in Aalsey, IL the son of the late John Ambrose Holt and Winifred Virginia (Crabtree) Holt, and stepmother, Myrtle Keyser Holt. John served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was a machinist with Owens Illinois for many years and was a member of Community Congregational United Church of Christ in Godfrey. On January 14, 1943 in Gulfport, Mississippi he married Emma "Kitty" Sharp, and she preceded him in death on October 5, 2013. He loved life in general, but most of all he enjoyed planting and gardening, and fishing trips with his son, Jim. He was an avid reader, and passionate family man. Surviving are one daughter, Janet Thomason (Arthur "Art") of Mesa, AZ, two sons, Larry Holt (Cindy) of Brighton, Bill Holt (Muriel) of Scottsdale, AZ, one daughter in law, Christy Holt of Alton, his grandchildren, Kathy Rood, Debra Thomason (Neil Roach), Jennifer Van Allman, Michael Holt (Beth), Pamela Smith (Steve Watt), Lori Seay, Jason Sumner, Jordy Schuller and Sanne Laboate, numerous great grandchildren, numerous great great grandchildren, one sister, Dorothy Bonnell of Springfield, OH, one brother in law, Joe Vonbehren of Mesa, AZ, and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Jim Holt, one great grandson, Mark Holt and

one great great grandson, Landon Ryan Holmes and two sisters, Virginia Vaughn and Betty Moppins. Visitation will be Friday, November 17, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. until time of funeral service at 12:30 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Irene Gulovsen will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors by VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be made to Community Congregational United Church of Christ in Godfrey. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services

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Tribute Wall

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“ Grandpa Holt was one of the best humans I’ve ever known. He filled us with stories of our family’s history and sustenance from his garden. You always felt welcome and loved in his presence. He set the bar of how to live a full and meaningful life very, very high. I’m proud to be his granddaughter, and hope I can live up to his legacy by following the examples he set.

Kathy Rood - November 16, 2023 at 09:31 PM

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“ Heartfelt sympathy!❤️

Jill Fowler-Trudell



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