



John Dale Stobbs

November 28, 1932 - November 23, 2016

John Dale Stobbs, 83, died at 9:40 a.m. in his home on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born November 28, 1932 in Alton the son of the late John and Myrtle (Uphoff) Stobbs.

He married Mary (DeCicco) on November 28, 1959 in Washington, DC and she survives.

Also surviving are seven children; Tracey Stobbs Riordan of Ballwin, Missouri, Monica Jude Stobbs of Charleston, South Carolina, Elizabeth Dunn Stobbs of Chicago, John Dale Stobbs II (Rosario) of Godfrey, Mary Jennifer Margarida of Edwardsville, Stephen Stobbs (Katie) of Godfrey and Kathryn Santellano (Don) of St. Charles, Missouri, Fifteen grandchildren, and one sister; Janice Brown of St. Louis, Missouri. He was preceded in death by one son in law; Gerard Riordan and one grandson; Stephen "Danny" Stobbs.

Mr. Stobbs was a graduate of St. Mary's Grade School in Alton and Marquette High School in Alton where he was class president. During his junior year at Marquette, Mr. Stobbs was elected to be the national president of Junior Achievement, and during his senior year traveled throughout the country in that capacity. He received a scholarship to St. Louis University and received

his undergraduate and law degrees from there in 1956 with honors. During law school he served on the Law Journal and was a member of the Order of the Coif.

After graduation from Law School Mr. Stobbs enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in the Judge Advocate General Corps until his retirement as a full colonel in 1989. After obtaining the rank of major, he attended and completed studies at the prestigious Air War College in Huntsville, Alabama.

After receiving his LLM degree from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. in 1958, Mr. Stobbs worked for the Department of Justice where his first case reached the United States Supreme Court. After working for several years as a trial attorney with the Justice Department, Mr. Stobbs returned home to Alton where he began practicing law.

Mr. Stobbs practiced law in Alton for over 50 years and was a partner in the Stobbs and Sinclair Law Firm in Alton. He served as a special Assistant State's Attorney under Raleigh Griffith in the early 1970's where he was specially appointed to prosecute corruption cases. He had a perfect 14-0 record in the cases that proceeded to trial. His memberships included the American Legion, treasurer of the Madison County Bar Association, member of the Illinois & Missouri State Bar Associations, Seventh & Eighth Circuit Federal Courts of Appeal, the United States Supreme Court, Renaissance Society Member of Marquette High School, vice-president of Illinois Appellate Lawyer's Association, and the American Trial Lawyer's Association.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a true friend and ferocious advocate for his clients. He will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by all.

Visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2016 at Gent

Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey, with Father Michael Marchlewski, SJ and Father Richard Buhler, SJ officiating. Interment will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey with full Military Honors by the U.S. Air Force. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude's Hospital. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

2801 Greenwood Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
820 W. Homer Adams Parkway
Godfrey, IL 62035

Burial

NOV **29** (CT)

St. Patrick's Cemetery
2801 Greenwood Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall



“ *John Dale Stobbs*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John Dale Stobbs*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *John And Rosario, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I lost my Dad in 2011 and I cherish the memories I have of him more than I can say. I still miss him but the memories are precious and with time these will be his greatest gift to you, I know he must have been so proud of you, for the families that you and Rosario helped bring together. I know that without the two of you, I would not have beautiful daughter, Brea'Ana .*

God Bless you and your family and may you find comfort in God's love.

Shirlene South

Shirlene South - December 02, 2016 at 10:42 AM

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“ Dear John and Steve
I didn't have the honor try any cases opposite your Dad. I was fortunate to be a Judge on one his cases. Just like Judge Maddox, I found him to a great man who was passionate about his clients cases. He was always kind to me and had a hardly laugh.

He will be missed.

May God bless you and keep you.

Duane Bailey

Duane Bailey - November 28, 2016 at 10:47 PM

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“ Always knew Dale as a dignified individual and consummate professional. An honest man. Lovely wife Mary and family, our condolences.....Kevin and Carol Downing

kevin downing - November 28, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Dale Stobbs.



November 27, 2016 at 09:08 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Dale Stobbs.*



November 27, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family!*

Bud Leone - November 27, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ *Tracey & Monica I never knew your dad but I know that children are a reflection of the man and the two of you are top shelf. That is the best way to honor his memory. Thinking of you in your time of sorrow. God Bless!*

Kelly Clark - November 27, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ *Dear John and Steve,
I tried my first contested divorce against your father in 1975. He whipped me handily. I could blame it on the facts, but would rather say he taught me some valuable lessons. During the years that followed, your father was always pleasant and respectful and at all times well prepared and a vigorous advocate.
Please accept my condolences for your loss and extend them to your mother, siblings, grandchildren and other family.
Retired Judge Lola Maddox*

Lola Maddox - November 27, 2016 at 12:14 PM



“ Dale was a great and honorable man, I am privileged to have met him. My deepest sympathies to the family in your time of grief!



Elizabeth Baum - November 27, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Dale Stobbs.



November 26, 2016 at 11:21 AM



“ Please accept my sympathy for the loss of John Stobbs. Wishing the family peace and comfort in their time of sorrow.
Charlene Johnson



Charlene Johnson - November 25, 2016 at 04:57 PM