



John "Jack" Vogelsang

October 14, 1928 - August 14, 2015

Dateline: Godfrey

John D. (Jack) Vogelsang 86, passed away suddenly at his home on the afternoon of August 14, 2015. Jack was doing what he always loved the most, working in his yard. Jack lived a highly satisfying and productive life as a son, brother, husband, father and grandfather, friend, and neighbor. Jack was born in Brentwood , Missouri, Oct 14, 1928 during the Great Depression and attended St. Mary Magdalene Church and grade school. He moved to Alton when he was in 9th grade and attended Alton High School. He enlisted in the United States Navy during WWII and was stationed in the Pacific. He was part of the "Greatest Generation" who felt the need to come to the aid of his country at this time. He brought back many life experiences from the Navy that helped him develop a great work ethic and a dedication to his community and country. On completion of his time in the service he returned to Alton and met and married Mildred Perica on December 30, 1950, at St. Mary's, forming a bond that lasted for close to 65 years. Jack started his family in the early 1950's. Family was the most important to him. Jack enjoyed the outdoors very much, and loved animals and spent many hours working in his yard. He volunteered time helping groups beautify the area, planting trees, flowers and shrubs. He was an avid St Louis Cardinal fan and enjoyed fishing and

spending his winters after retirement on the Gulf Coast of Florida. He enjoyed traveling to visit his children and grandchildren throughout the country and participating in their activities. He worked as a chief operator at Standard Oil Company/BP Amoco where he retired in 1992. He was a life-long member of St. Ambrose Church, and VFW Post 1308. Jack was preceded in death by his parents Ervin (Scottie) Vogelsang Sr. and step-mother Dorothy Vogelsang, mother Lucille Clark, a twin brother Ervin (Chick) Vogelsang Jr. and brother-in-law, Pete Perica Jr. (Delores). He is survived by his wife of 64 years Mildred nee Perica, Vogelsang, sister-in-law Rosalie Vogelsang, brothers-in-law Paul Perica (Patricia) of Godfrey, IL Ray Perica (Sue) of Lakeland, FL, and Ken Perica (Ellen) of Cincinnati, Ohio, daughters, Dr. Judy Vogelsang, Kansas City, Missouri, Dr. Pam Vogelsang Hampel and her husband Dr. Jeff Hampel of Prairie Village, Kansas, Linda Benson and her husband Ken Benson of Naples Florida, three grandchildren Stephanie, Lauren, and Christopher Hampel of Prairie Village, Kansas. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews throughout the country. Dad, Poppy, we will miss you, your extraordinary Fourth of July barbecue, and all the love and care you gave to all of us through the years! Heaven just gained a master gardener and griller! Visitation will be held at Gent Funeral Home, 2409 State Street, Alton, Illinois on Monday August 17, 2015 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be held at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 820 West Homer M. Adams Parkway, Godfrey, IL 62035 on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. The family suggests memorials to VFW Ritual Team, Five A's Humane Society and St. Ambrose School or masses. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Vogelsang*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John "Jack" Vogelsang*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Please accept our sincere condolences at the loss of your father. May you find comfort in the fond memories of your time together. We appreciate the kind of man he must have been to serve his country and then to raise such a fine family.*

Kansas City VA Primary Care - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *RIP Jack: It was always good to visit with you at the VFW, and to talk about our days in the Navy. I will miss seeing out there.*

Bob Handling - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jack was a good friend Our condolences to his family. He will be missed*

Clarence Farris - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a good friend and drinking buddy*

Jake Allen & Mary Cunningham - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ *Judy: Sorry too hear about your Father. I wish I could be There.*

Kenny Yarnevich - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *I will miss Jack a lot..I always enjoyed him coming into the VFW and telling us all everything he did. He was always happy and very polite. He made you look forward to the next time you saw him. condolences to his family. He was a wonderful man.*

Susan Parrish - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you*

Rita France - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *One of the nicest men I've ever met. Enjoyed seeing him come in with a smile everyday at the VFW. I will miss Jack and his saying "I always have a good day".
My sympathy to his family whom he was extremely proud of.*

Becky Gottlob Willmore - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *I always loved spending time with Jack and will miss him at every future family gathering. His contribution to the Greatest Generation gives me great pride. I wouldn't be surprised if the Cards keep on rolling and win another title with a little extra help this year.*

Dan Perica - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to you on the loss of your Dad!!! After reading the beautiful tribute to him in his obituary you know all your hearts are heavy. The men like him are to be admired and we must all aspire to be like them. Light up Heaven as you did Earth, Mr. Vogelsang. Fond memories of all of you at good ole Summers Port.*

Jane Edelen Bracht - August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM