



## Johnnie Edward Soto

November 14, 1949 - November 15, 2023

Dateline: O'Fallon, IL

Johnnie Edward Soto, 74, died at 11:08 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 in Columbia, IL. He was born November 14, 1949 in Alton, IL, the son of the late Edward Collazo and Esther (Moreno) Soto. He retired in 1989 from the United States Air Force as a Staff Sergeant. Surviving are one daughter, Ana Tame (Ernie) of O'Fallon, IL., one son, Edward Collazo Soto (Melissa Prieto) of Somerton, AZ, four grandchildren, Chynna Tame, Alex Tame, Michael Tame and Eduardo "Eddie" Jesse Soto, three sisters, Florence "Flo" Nelson (Ron) of Roxana, IL, Patricia "Patty" Stuart of Mattoon, IL. and Cathy Beiser of Phoenix, AZ. and many loving nieces and nephews. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, David Soto, Jesse Soto and two sisters, Lucy VanHyning and Sophia "Lee" Sheafor. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Alton. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer's Association. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnnie Edward Soto.*



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November 19, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Stephanie, Jeff and Cullen Mueth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnnie Edward Soto.*

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**Stephanie, Jeff and Cullen Mueth** - November 19, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *A genuine loving soul.*

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**Robert Chavez** - November 18, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *I really enjoyed helping Johnnie with his cooking sometimes because the man was a good cook and dancer. I will never forget you Johnnie ! Kristina Wiesen*

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**Kristina Wiesen** - November 18, 2023 at 07:56 AM



“ *New Year's will never be the same. Johnnie, I will never forget you. RIP Defiant Brat.*

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**Tracy Hermanson** - November 17, 2023 at 09:01 PM

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“ *Johnnie has given so much to his friends in recovery. I'm sure he has helped to save many lives. And what a fun presence on the dance floor, he never slowed down. Johnnie was loved and will be missed by many.*

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**Jan Reitz** - November 17, 2023 at 10:35 AM

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“ *To know him was to love him. See you at the big "I" meeting in the sky. What an amazing inspiration to all in thier recovery from addiction. We will dance again my friend.*

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**Kelly A** - November 17, 2023 at 08:03 AM