



## Jonathan Alan Curry

February 7, 1947 - January 21, 2016

Dateline: Alton

Jonathan Alan Curry, 68, died at 6:00 a.m. Thursday, January 21, 2016 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Born February 7, 1947 in Danville, IL he was the son of Ralph D. and Marilyn (Etherton) Curry. Jon lived the majority of his childhood in Hoopeston, IL and went on to attend Sterling High School, Sterling, IL. He earned his B.S. in Education degree from ISU and his M.S. in Education degree from SIUE. He was a member of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Jon was a lifelong Cubs fan and had a great love of reading, mainly history books. He was a teacher/school administrator in the Alton School District for 33 years, retiring in 2002. After retirement he was a substitute teacher through 2010. On August 21, 1971 he married the former Mary Kay Wright in Alton. She survives. Also surviving are three sons, Todd Curry stationed in Long Beach, CA, Samuel Curry (Debra) of Rhode Island, and Joel Curry (Cynthia) of Godfrey, six grandchildren, Abigail, Annaliese, Kathryn, Alannah, Austin and Hannah. Jon was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He will be sadly missed by his Aunt Joyce and Uncles, Michael and David, and numerous cousins. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2016 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Father James Flach will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Vincent

de Paul Society or Senior Services Plus. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

2801 Greenwood Lane  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 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/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
717 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



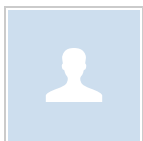
“ I wasn't a student of his but Mr. Curry was one of my favorite teachers! In Ninth grade at East Jr. High I was a “runner” I collected attendance sheets from the classrooms and turned them into the office. Mr Curry's class was always a new experience to the dull drum of the job. He often would tape the sheet to the desk to prolong the time he would have to tell a joke or make a comment to embarrass me before I could get out the door. Later in life I discovered that I blushed a bright shade of rosy red easily..... I'm sure that this was the reaction he seeked. One day he was especially jovial and I quickly picked up the sheet and darted out of the room only to run right straight into the fire extinguisher hanging on the wall right beside the door I landed on the floor a loud bang caused him to come outside. He apologized profusely helping me to the nurses station for ice. The next few weeks the silliness stopped , long enough for my “2” black eyes to heal before the antics began again! I'm certain that this man is missed a great deal! My condolences to his family. I was looking to see which of our most loved teachers were still with us for our 50th Class reunion and found his obituary.

Sally Schneider Dempsey - February 06 at 10:09 AM



“ Jonathan Alan Curry

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Jonathan Alan Curry

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM

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“ *Joel and Family*  
*Sorry for your lost you have my Condolences to your and your family. Avis Selfe and Family*

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**Avis Selfe** - January 25, 2016 at 02:03 PM

CM

“ *Mr. Curry was a great teacher. I remember so many fun times in his class. I learned so much stuff from him. He was the best teacher I ever had. My deepest Condolences to your family at this time. I will pray for healing hearts for you all.*

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**Crystal Manard-Keller** - January 24, 2016 at 10:45 AM

LJ

“ *I worked many years with Jon. He was an outstanding educator and very knowable. However, more importantly he was a man of character who was kind and compassionate. He had a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*  
*Lee Jones*

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**Lee Jones** - January 24, 2016 at 09:45 AM

RM

“ *Mary Kay and Sons, Grandchildren, and Family,*



*I am so sorry for your loss. Jon was a wonderful gentleman and revered teacher, and I regret that I will not be present to express my sympathies. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mary Kay, you have the support of a loving family to endure. We were lucky to know Jon and to experience his sense of humor and thoughtful ways. God bless all of you.*

*John and Rita Markgraf  
St. Charles, Illinois*

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**Rita Markgraf** - January 23, 2016 at 07:15 PM

PJ

“ *I had the privilege of meeting Jon Curry when he would bring Austin to my room at St. Ambrose Church. He and his lovely wife were so dedicated to their grandchildren. We had a few chats about education and I've no doubt he touched many, many student's lives. Austin shared his deep love of their Chicago Cubs! Austin adored his grandfather. My heart is heavy for all of you. May God comfort you in knowing Jon is with Him in heaven waiting and watching over you. Love and prayers. Penny Jestes*

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**Penny Jestes** - January 23, 2016 at 04:29 PM

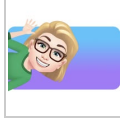
CA

*Really enjoyed having Mr Curry as a teacher. He made learning fun, interesting, and memorable. Loved his sense of humor and the way he was able to get students involved in class discussions. He will truly be missed by all who where privileged to know him. Sending deepest sympathy to his family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Cara (Paulda) Armstead*

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**Cara Armstead** - January 25, 2016 at 09:14 AM



*Joel and family,  
So sorry to hear of your family's loss. It sounds like your Dad was a great guy. Praying that you find comfort in great memories. Janene Mickel*

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**Janene Mickel** - January 25, 2016 at 10:17 AM

AR

*More than a great guy he was an amazing human being he had soul he helped me in school. He was a true inspirator. He was sick when teaching, but that sure didn't stop him from sharing all that he knew and loved and to be with his family, friends, and kids at school. He loved to volunteer at dances. He had an amazing smile. He knew how to work with children with disabilities. Mr. Curry was one remarkable human being, and yes one heck of a guy, Any kid would have loved to have a dad like him, Y? because he made it always fun, and somewhat serious.*

*Angela Rynders*

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**Angela Rynders** - January 25, 2016 at 10:39 AM

JW

*Jon was a really good teacher and coach. He was a fine man and I got to know him through Mary Kay and by umpiring his games when he coached at East Jr. High. Very well respected. He will meet up with his friend, Ralph Lienecke now and they will follow their Cubs from above. RIP Jon.*

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**John Waters** - January 25, 2016 at 08:42 PM

JC

*I am sorry for your loss. I was Jon's principal for 4 years at East Middle School. Jon chaired the committee to take 8th grade students on the Chicago trip for many years. There are many fun memories of those trips. He will be missed many former students and colleagues. John Cunningham*

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**John Cunningham** - January 27, 2016 at 10:29 PM