



## Joseph Paul Puent

February 25, 1938 - June 8, 2021

Dateline: Wood River, IL

Joseph Paul Puent, 83, died at 3:25 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at his home. He was born February 25, 1938, in West Alton, MO the son of the the late Henry and Julia (Chappius) Puent. Joe retired as director of the Alton Parks and Recreation Department after 26 years of service. While with the City of Alton he was instrumental in the construction of Gordon Moore Park and the Alton Street tree program. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed taking care of the flower beds at Rolling Hills Golf Course for many years. Joe loved celebrating Christmas and was a friend to all he met but his greatest pride and joy was his family. On July 21, 2003, in Alton he married Joann (Volk) and she survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Caroline Fischer (David) of Godfrey, five sons, Daniel Puent (Kris) of Eureka, IL, Ron Puent (Lisa) of Washington, IL, Chuck Puent (Kelly) of Peoria, IL, John Puent of Alton and Mike Puent (Erin) of Dunlap, IL, sixteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and three granddaughters that he raised and considered his second family; Elayni Exton, Erin Riffey and Emily Exton. Also surviving are one brother; Robert Puent of Florissant, MO and one sister; Barbara Hawley of Alton, and a brother-in-law, Don Shrader of St. Peters, MO. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Peggy (Cambron) Puent, one son, Jim Puent and four sisters: Betty Steinhoff, Geraldine Shrader, Edna Lohmeyer and Dotty Spahr. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service

at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Gent Funeral Home in Alton.  
Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Deacon James  
Schwartzkopf will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Marquette Principal  
Mike Slaughter Teachers Scholarship Fund. Additional information and online  
guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
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## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Paul Puent*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Joseph Paul Puent*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My little league baseball coach. RIP Coach and give Jim a hug from us all.*

*Jeff Walters*

**Jeff Walters** - June 14, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *5 files added to the album Memories Album*



**John Siampos** - June 13, 2021 at 07:44 PM

PT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Joe putting up Christmas lights and displays in Rock Spring Park. He was quiet, but that funny guy was just under the surface and I loved it when it came out! I really loved working with him and missed him when he retired. Rest in peace.

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**Peggy Tavernier** - June 12, 2021 at 03:48 AM

DP

“ My brothers and I, for many years, would meet someone in the area and hear "Oh, your Joe Puent's son" or "Joe's your Dad?" (my sister, too) and you would sense that you had instantly elevated in status. Instantly respected. That you had just made a new friend. And so, many times, we did just that. We were always proud to here those words and felt a sense of responsibility to live up to them. He approached everyone he met as a friend, or someone who was about to become one. We didn't always listen to him, but we all learned those lessons well. He leaves a great legacy behind, and he loved his family and friends.  
Thanks, Dad!

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**Dan Puent** - June 11, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Puent.



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June 10, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Puent.*



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June 10, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the family! We have been neighbors since they moved into the neighborhood Joe is missed by us Shawn & Pat Hale. He was a wonderful man so kind I will miss talking to him about flower's & so many other things*

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**pat hale** - June 10, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul Puent.*



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June 10, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *Love, Puent Nieces and Nephews purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Paul Puent.*



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**Love, Puent Nieces and Nephews** - June 09, 2021 at 11:26 PM

LT

“ Words can not express how I am feeling how I feel right now. Joe was like a brother to Chuck. We loved him and Peggy as we were raising our young family's and doing things together. Even when we moved to Texas we kept in touch. They are together again and are coaching an Angel team.

Linda Towne - June 09, 2021 at 11:23 PM

MM

To Joe's Family- very sorry to hear about Joe's passing. It had been years since I last talked to him, but there are many good memories from when we worked together at Alton Parks & Recreation in the late 70's. It being my first job out of college, he was my go to for many questions about the Golf, Senior, Youth and Special Interest programs I was running then. Joe always had an answer to my questions/ concerns. A Good Man indeed. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you. I am sorry I will not be able to attend and pay my deepest respects Sat morn. May God be with all of you during this difficult time and give you Strength and Hope to remember the Best times .



Mary Jo Martin - June 10, 2021 at 04:58 PM

LP

“ Love, Barb Hawley, Don Schrader, Bob & Judy Puent purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Joseph Paul Puent.



Love, Barb Hawley, Don Schrader, Bob & Judy Puent - June 09, 2021 at 11:15 PM