



## Joseph Russell Pullen

March 21, 1928 - November 28, 2014

Joseph Russell "Russ" Pullen, 86, passed away at 5pm on November 28th. He was a loving and devoted son, husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, and friend.

Joseph was born March 21, 1928 in Alton, IL. He was the son of Wilbur and Mildred (Legate) Pullen.

He graduated from Alton High School in January 1946 and enlisted in the Navy, serving on Guam. He served as Seaman 1st Class Radioman Electronics Technicians Mate until the end of 1948.

After returning from Guam, Joseph worked for ABC Baking, Standard Oil, and finally Owens Illinois Glass and Machine Shop, where he retired in 1991 after 42 years as a machinist and heat treater of steel. He was well liked and highly regarded as an expert at his craft.

In 1949, after a tornado leveled many homes on the outskirts of his home town of Bunker Hill, IL, Joseph and his friend, Marvin Brenker, headed for the damaged area and were able to save the lives of six people who were trapped in their homes.

Joseph married Janice (Glenn) Pullen on February 17, 1961 at Elm Street Presbyterian Church by the Rev. William Kimbrough. They remained happily wed for 53 years.

Joseph loved playing golf, being active in his church, and spending time with his family, his friends, and his dogs. For many years, he and Janice enjoyed camping all over the U.S. and Canada with their son, Tom, and later with their

grandchildren. Joseph was a talented carpenter and handyman. He also loved music and sang often in his deep bass voice. Many church services and special occasions were marked by his gift of singing.

Joseph was a life member of VFW Post 1308 and a member of Piasa Masonic Lodge in Alton. He was a 3rd degree Mason and a member and supporter of Shriners International Hospitals for children.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Kevin Pullen; and brother-in-law, Rev. Fred Beck.

In addition to his wife, Janice, and son, Thomas, he is survived by: his daughter-in-law, Jamie (Beckman) Pullen; his grandchildren, Jacob and Sarah Pullen; his sister, Mary Lou Beck; and his daughter-in-law, Judy Pullen, and her husband Bill Hallbruegge of Tamarac, FL.

A memorial visitation will be from 4:00pm until the time of services at 6:30pm Tuesday December 2, 2014 at Faith Fellowship in Alton with Dr. Daymond Talkington officiating. Private burial will take place Wednesday December 3, 2014 with Military Honors by VFW 1308. Memorials may be given to 5A's Animal Shelter or Faith Fellowship.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Russell Pullen*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Jan and Tom- We are so sad to hear of the passing of Russ. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. My god give you peace and may memories remain strong.*

**Greg Lister** - December 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I liked Russ. Met him in 1985 when Tom and I were college buddies at SIUE.*

*Very sorry for your loss.*

*Russ loved his life and all of you very much.*

**Mike Bourland** - December 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Janice: My sympathy to you and your family. I will send a card to 5 A s also. Your friend of yester-year, Dee*

**Dolores Weaver** - December 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Janice, we are so sad to hear of the passing of Russ. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. May God Bless you and keep you strong.

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**Fred and Mary Ann Hentrich** - December 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Remembering Russ from my younger days out at the farm house and the Aunties in Rosedale. The Legate and Pullen family have many fond memories.

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**Martha Legate Dumycz** - November 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM