



## Larry T. Spain

February 22, 1931 - June 14, 2023

Larry T. Spain, 92, died at 3:25 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born February 22, 1931 in Cedar Falls, Iowa, he was the son of James M. and Margaret (Larson) Spain. Larry graduated from the University of Iowa and served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey and was a longtime, proud member of the Alton Godfrey Rotary Club. Larry enjoyed reading, golfing (hole in one in Destin, FL) playing bridge, watching all sports especially the St Louis Cardinals, cheering on his Iowa Hawkeyes, traveling with Shirley, and attending his grandchildren's events.

He retired as regional manager for Illinois Bell/A T & T. On June 9, 1956 he married the former Shirley J. Janssen in Iowa City, Iowa. She preceded him in death on October 10, 2019. Surviving are two sons, Jim Spain (Nancy Simpson) of Alton, and Tom Spain (Erin) of Godfrey, five grandchildren, Sarah Hansen (Jarrett), Liz Morelli (Dan), Patrick Spain, Claire Spain, and Jack Spain and one great grandchild, Kane Morelli. Also surviving is a sister, Marianne Kratovil of Edmonton, Alberta Canada. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael J. Spain and a sister, Karen Tiernan. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 22, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 23, 2023 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steve Janoski will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church or Marquette

Catholic High School. 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

JUN **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
820 West Homer Adams Pkway  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry T. Spain.*



June 21, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry T. Spain.

June 21, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry T. Spain.*



June 21, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *My sympathy and prayers for the family of Larry. What a wonderful witness to marital love he was along with his beloved Shirley. Was so happy to find them at St. Ambrose when I moved to the Alton area sometime ago as I had known them in Springfield at Christ the King. where I taught Jim. Am now back in Springfield and will commend both Shirley and Larry to the prayers of the Dominican Sisters. Sr. Rose Miriam Schulte, OP*

**Rose Miriam Schulte** - June 19, 2023 at 11:09 AM

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*Thank you for sharing!*

Tom Spain - June 20, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry T. Spain.*



June 18, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry T. Spain.*



June 18, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry T. Spain.*

June 18, 2023 at 08:04 PM

BB

“ /Jim & Tom, the fun memories of the Spains will always be with us. Remember The Surf Club, the golf outings Larry & Bill attended, the bridge tables Shirley & I had fun with, I will never forget the day I went to your door and rang the doorbell & who should come to the door, but Larry wrapped up with a towel. I'm sure Larry & Bill had some great times working with Ma Bell. We are thinking of you & your families. Hang on to those fun memories, we loved them both.  
Barb Boehm

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**Barbara Boehm** - June 18, 2023 at 06:17 PM

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*My mom loved that... was it a surprise party? Thanks for the laugh. Hope you're well.*

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**Tom Spain** - June 20, 2023 at 03:48 PM

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“ *The Spains represent a happy connection in our Knox Knolls neighborhood back in the 60s-70s. We cherish the memories still. Our sincere condolences.*

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**Jack & Janice Butler** - June 17, 2023 at 01:48 PM

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*Thank you!*

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**Tom Spain** - June 20, 2023 at 03:47 PM