



Laverne W. Cunningham

August 29, 1925 - December 23, 2023

Dateline: Alton

Laverne W. Cunningham, 98, died at 1:28 p.m. Saturday, December 23, 2023 at Jerseyville Manor in Jerseyville. Born August 29, 1925 in Alton, he was the son of Wesley and Margaret (Arbogast) Cunningham. He served in the Merchant Marines and then the U.S. Army during WWII and attended Community of Christ in Wood River. He retired as an electrician for Laclede Steel. On October 15, 1958 he married Marian E. Peeler in Alton. She preceded him in death on June 18, 2013. Surviving is a daughter, Margaret Losch of Godfrey, two sons, Charles Cunningham (Sabrina) of Godfrey, and Richard Cunningham (Stacey) of Wood River, seven grandchildren, Jason Cunningham, Jennifer Losch (Bryan Cress Sr.), Helen Windsor (Kenny), Kelsey Critchfield (Tanner), Jake Cunningham, Meghan Cunningham, and Rachel Campagna (Ethan), seven great grandchildren, Private First Class Warren Losch, USMC, Arwin Losch, Bryan Cress Jr., Keely Windsor, Regan Windsor, Tyler Windsor, and Colter Critchfield, and one great-great grandchild, Levi Windsor, brother and sister-in-law Richard and Dixie Holland of Louisiana, MO and many nieces and nephews. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Myrl Cunningham, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Edward and Laverne Cleveland and four nephews. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 4, 2024 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 5, 2024. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory

Gardens in Bethalto with full military honors. Pastor Rick McKane will officiate. Memorials may be made to St. Louis Honor Flight. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

10 Erwin Plegge Blvd.
Bethalto, IL 62010

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
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Funeral

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LG

“ I loved how your dad called me "your crazy friend"! And I thought I was hiding it, lol.

Laurie Gray-Tillett - January 02, 2024 at 11:52 PM

BH

“ My condolences to the Cunningham family. Worked with Laverne at Laclede! Laverne was a true gentleman and always offered his assistance. May he Rest In Peace.

BUCK HORD - December 30, 2023 at 09:24 AM

KS

“ Sincere condolences to the family. It has been alot of fun visiting with Laverne over the last few years at several different coffee shops. RIP, my friend!

Kip and Gloria Shewmaker - December 26, 2023 at 09:54 PM

ML

I'm glad you saw this. Dad lost the phone that had your number in it and I was so worried that you wouldn't know.

Margaret Losch - December 27, 2023 at 04:23 AM