



Lillard "Whitey" Ray Jr.

December 20, 1928 - March 23, 2011

Lillard "Whitey" Ray, 82, of Alton, died peacefully at 8:55 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2011 surrounded by his loved ones. He was born December 20, 1928 in Kentucky, but lived in the Alton area his entire life. He was the son of Nellie Johnson and Lillard Ray Sr. both preceded him in death. In 1950, he married Darla Henson who also preceded him in death. Whitey worked as a machinist at Owens-Illinois until retirement and he fought in the Korean Conflict. He is survived by three daughters, Nancy Hulslander of Godfrey, Beverly Bogart of Troy, Dr. Susan (Michael) Lamond of Leeds, MA; a sister, Nora Mae Gilmour of Roxana; two grandchildren, Darin Hulslander and Catherine Lamond; and his companion, Bobbe Retzer of East Alton. Private memorial service; interment will be at Alton National Cemetery. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ Lillard "Whitey" Ray Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Lillard "Whitey" Ray Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ To the family of Whitey Ray: My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss.

Angie Ford - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I extend my deepest sympathy. You are in my thoughts and prayers

Marilyn Gissler Stewart - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Going to miss my constant companion for the past 7 years. He was a great man and too bad, more did not know him.

He was not ready to go and had plans to the last. He will be missed by his friends at the Eagles Club and the Alton VFW. To My family, he was a member of the family and loved by all of us especially my great-granddaughter Trinity Brown 2 years old,, who had planned a trip to see him at the hospital the day he died. A big part of me is gone!! Love, Bobbe

bobbe retzer - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM