



## Louis "Lou" Sommars

July 21, 1926 - January 31, 2020

Dateline: Godfrey

Louis "Lou" Edward Sommars, 93, of Godfrey, passed away on Friday morning, January 31, 2020, at Meridian Village in Glen Carbon.

Born in Perry, Oklahoma on July 21, 1926, he is the son of Albert and Lena Sommars. In 1946 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and participated in the Berlin Airlift after World War II. He married Edna Griffin on February 4, 1950. Lou worked as a maintenance electrician for McDonnell Aircraft and Ozark Air Lines and then for Olin Corporation until he retired in 1992. He was an active member in the St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus for many years. Lou loved tending his garden and enjoyed reading and spending time with his family. He and Edna enjoyed traveling, having visited all fifty states, and many European countries. Late in life he got his ham radio license and helped Edna get hers too.

He is survived by his children, Donna (Carol Grimbsy) of Edwardsville, Wayne (Cathy) of Albuquerque, NM, Patty Goeke (Tony) of Ballwin, MO, Mike (Trena) of Foristell, MO, Teresa Kaczmarek (Gary) of Camdenton, MO, and grandchildren Nick (Erica), Lauren, Zach, Alex, and Hannah. He is survived by his sister-in-law Florence Griffin and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one infant daughter, Mary Ann.

Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2020 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday,

February 8, 2020 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey with Father Steven Janoski and Deacon Bill Kessler officiating. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN and St. Ambrose Church in Godfrey. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Louis "Lou" Sommars*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Louis "Lou" Sommars*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Lou was one of my mother's table mates at United Methodist Village/Asbury Village. I loved his presence and the fact that he loved the Lord so much. Very tender heart. He bought a copy of my book, "What Did Jesus Really Say."*

*I was in Idaho when he graduated to heaven, but fortunately I had stopped by on January 18 before I left town to visit him.*

*The Grand Reunion will be wonderful!*

*Moreland Gaddis  
Alton, IL*

**Moreland Gaddis** - March 13, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *David, Melanie and Valerie Brewer send our deepest sympathies to all with love. God bless you during this difficult time.*

**Melanie Brewer** - February 07, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Louis "Lou" Sommars.*



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February 06, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Love, Nick & Erica, Lauren, Zach, Alex, & Hannah purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Louis "Lou" Sommars.*



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**Love, Nick & Erica, Lauren, Zach, Alex, & Hannah** - February 06, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Gary & Teresa purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Louis "Lou" Sommars.*



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**Gary & Teresa** - February 06, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ *I will miss you Dad. Your stories are priceless and I hope I remember all of them. Despite our differences when I was a young student learning the world, I savored all of your knowledge. I will always get my oil changed in my car thanks to your wisdom. We resolved our differences and I grew closer to you as your youngest daughter. Mother and you are finally together to celebrate your "70th" wedding anniversary. Love, your youngest daughter, Teresa*

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**Teresa Kaczmarek** - February 03, 2020 at 08:04 PM

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“ *Larry and I are so very sorry to hear about Louie’s passing away. You have our Deepest Condolences. Louie is now with Edna. They are very happy together.* 👍💕🙏

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**judy Thompson** - February 01, 2020 at 11:05 PM