



## Marion Stephan Velloff

September 13, 1935 - January 2, 2018

Marion Stephan Velloff, 82, died on January 2, 2018 in Alton, Illinois. Born September 13, 1935 in Alton, he was the son of Marion and Agnes (Budde) Velloff. He married the love of his life, Anita Horn on June 7, 1958 at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church. They shared 58 years of marriage. He is survived by three children, Steven Velloff and wife Constance Currie of Key West, FL, Julie Brown and husband Gary of Godfrey, and Nancy Elizondo and husband Jose' of Idaho Falls, ID; six grandchildren, Marie, Benjamin and Samuel Brown, Adam, Sarah and Sally Elizondo, two step-grandchildren, Staci Bailey and Anthony Elizondo, a sister, Pauline Rathgeb of Alton, a brother Michael (Terrah) of Godfrey, a brother Thomas (Carole) of Dallas, Texas, and a brother Christopher (Sharon) of Godfrey as well as many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Along with his wife, he was preceded in death by a son, David, a brother, James (Rita), and his parents.

Marion enrolled in St Louis University after graduating from Marquette High School in 1953. With no car and little money, Marion commuted to school by finding rides or hitchhiking. He graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry and went on to earn his Masters. All four of Marion's younger brothers followed him, graduating from St Louis University. Marion taught high school chemistry for nearly four decades. He began at Jerseyville High School and soon transferred to Alton High School, where he stayed for over 35 years. He taught thousands of students, many of whom went on to be our doctors, nurses, engineers, and teachers. Marion's love of education extended beyond

school; he was often at his kitchen table tutoring his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

In 1969, Marion and his brother Jim opened Velloff's Power Equipment on State Street in Alton, also known as the "Lawn Mower Shop". For 45 years, the shop served as a place where family members and friends could stop by, have a cup of bad coffee, and spend time together. He met thousands of people in the community while repairing lawn mowers alongside his brother and best friend, Jim.

Marion enjoyed spending time with his family. He enjoyed family vacations, oftentimes with his siblings' families, to go camping, fishing, and exploring. Marion could be found on Saturdays at Sts Peter and Paul church with his siblings, out to dinner with them afterwards, and again at his sister Pauline's house on Sunday mornings. The person he enjoyed the most was his wonderful wife, Anita. They met soon after high school and were together most of their lives. Marion was a dedicated husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, teacher and friend to all.

A Rosary service will be held at 3:30 p.m. followed by visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 8, 2018 at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Father Jason Stone will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at <http://act.alz.org/goto/marionvelloff> or to "Friends in Need" at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church. 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

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

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ Marion Stephan Velloff

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Marion Stephan Velloff

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Velloff family. Mr. Velloff was a great person and a wonderful teacher.

Tammy Hudanick

Tammy - January 09, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ Ed Rathgeb lit a candle in memory of Marion Stephan Velloff



Ed Rathgeb - January 07, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ Marion and I came to Alton High School in the same year, and we taught in the science department until he retired. Marion was a good man and a good teacher. He touched the life of many young people.  
Denny Ford

Denny Ford - January 07, 2018 at 09:18 AM

KA

“ Just the nicest cousin we could ever hope to meet when we went to Alton in the late 1970s. Always a kind word for everyone, welcomed us with open arms, always smiling and positive. One of the best experiences of my youth, meeting Marion and all my cousins in the Alton area. So sorry to not have spent more time with him and his family due to distance over the years. My parents who kept up with him regularly couldn't speak any more highly of him, they loved him and always looked forward to their regular interactions with him. Just the greatest and nicest guy. Rest in peace cousin.

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**kiril Stefan alexandrov** - January 06, 2018 at 07:25 PM

BJ

“ deepest sympathies to Steve and Connie....we are thinking of you at this difficult time. ..Randy and Bev Johnston

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**Bev and Randy Johnston** - January 06, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Marion Stephan Velloff.



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January 05, 2018 at 10:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marion Stephan Velloff.



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January 05, 2018 at 06:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marion Stephan Velloff.*



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January 05, 2018 at 02:57 PM



“ *I remember Mr. Velloff from going to SsP&P Church and watching his little family growing up there. I send my condolences to the family. I know that he is with Mrs. Velloff.*

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**Julie Coccozza** - January 05, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marion Stephan Velloff.*



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January 05, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ *Our deepest and sincerest sympathy is extended to the Velloff family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. It is so difficult to lose such a loving, devoted, kind, and thoughtful family member. Marion (and Anita) mentored many individuals throughout their lives...such wonderful examples for others to follow. He will truly be missed by all who were privileged to know and spend time with him and his family.*

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**Cara (Paulda) & Marty Armstead** - January 05, 2018 at 11:04 AM

LT

“ Our prayers of comfort are with the family of this wonderful man. When I arrived into Alton to begin my teaching career in 1965, I had rented a room in a house across from East Junior High School on Washington Avenue. When I met Marion on the first day of school in Room 301 where we shared an office and classroom, he invited me to rent an apartment he and Anita had just completed in half of their upper floor on 1229 State Street. That was my address for two years and during that time I have many good memories. I shared the upstairs bathroom with the family, but because I had to be at Alton High School by 6:30 to teach the “zero hour” (7:30) class of students from Marquette, I was not in the way of the family as they prepared for the day.

One special memory was an invitation one day to go with the family to visit Mike Velloff who was attending St. Louis University. Marion’s mom and dad went with us as we all somehow managed to fit into the car. Marion and Anita treated me like one of their family members. God bless their souls.

Judy and I cannot attend the services this weekend because we will be in Nashville to celebrate the fifth birthday of our granddaughter Lily.

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**Larry Thompson** - January 04, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marion Stephan Velloff.



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January 04, 2018 at 05:24 PM

GB

“ Our condolences to Julie and her family. We were Mr. Velloff's neighbors for over 20 years and have really missed seeing him out working in the yard for the past few years. He and my husband bonded over many things mechanical over the years. He and Anita were probably the best neighbors I have ever had. Peace and God's blessings to you Mr. Velloff.

*Geri and Carl Baer*

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**Geri Baer** - January 04, 2018 at 05:13 PM

EA

“ Our Deepest Condolences to the entire Velloff clan. Uncle Marion was the brightest light, so happy and smiling all the time. I'm sure my Mom,Dad and Aunt Anita welcomed him to heaven along with everyone. I will never forget Uncle Marion asking me to dance at my wedding knowing that I was so sad my Dad was not there to dance with me since he died eight months prior. He was such a good hearted sweet man and will be missed always. Peace and love to all my relatives .

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**Etél Alexandrov-Gershon** - January 04, 2018 at 02:56 PM

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“ *Etél Alexandrov-Gershon lit a candle in memory of Marion Stephan Velloff*



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**Etél Alexandrov-Gershon** - January 04, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marion Stephan Velloff.*



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January 04, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ *I believe we were related through my aunt Margaret Chontofalsky of Alton. I also did my student teaching at Alton HS. My cooperating teacher Cecil Hardin would loan me out to Marion since I was a Chemistry & Physics teacher to be. Good memories. I thing we might have met at reunions at Margaret & John Chontofalsky's house on 6th st. in Alton. Sincere regards and sympathy.*

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**Mike Chontofalsky** - January 04, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ *I started grade school with Marlan at St. Peter and Paul's went to high school Marquette with Marian enjoyed him and his friendship for all these many years he was truly a wonderful man and I am sure all of you will miss him terribly I send my condolences to all of the family.*

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**Dana Manns Hielema** - January 04, 2018 at 09:24 AM