



Orval Ford Smith Jr.

November 8, 1935 - January 7, 2024

Dateline: Godfrey

Orval Ford Smith Jr., 88, died at 12:50 p.m. Sunday, January 7, 2024 at Jerseyville Manor. Born November 8, 1935 in Onarga, IL, he was the son of Orval Ford Smith Sr. and Annie Lee (Moore) Smith. Mr. Smith retired as a machinist from Owens Illinois Glass. On March 14, 1953 he married the former Barbara Ann Goldman in Randolph County, Arkansas. She preceded him in death on February 21, 2019. Surviving are children, Terri Hack of Godfrey, Cheri (Dick) Dover of Godfrey, Denise (Terry) Hansen of Jerseyville, and Sandy Bailey of East Alton, one son, Dennis Smith of Tampa, FL, 14 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Jerry Hack and a brother, David Smith. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, January 11, 2024 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to a charity of choice. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral

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Tribute Wall

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“ I used to work for Tycon across the street. Orval and Barb were friends of mine. I used to bring my dog over and sit on the porch swing with Barb and Orval was keeping busy but always came and joined us for awhile. I also enjoyed it when he adopted a cat in the neighborhood and they also fed the squirrels mixed nuts....especially the pecans. They were both Great People and they are happily together again. I now work at Schnucks in the Deli and met his son there before he retired. Please tell him and the rest of the family I am sorry for their loss. He was a simply Great man!

Kim Bering - January 13, 2024 at 09:41 PM