



## Ray Monte Graves

September 22, 1931 - March 6, 2024

Ray Monte Graves, 92, formerly of Godfrey, peacefully went to be with our Lord at 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, surrounded by his children and grandchildren at his home in Poulsbo, WA. He was born September 22, 1931 in St. Louis, MO, the oldest of four sons of the late Ansel and Artie (Clark) Graves. He graduated from Alton High School in January 1950 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He served during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1954. He was a former member of Elm Street Presbyterian Church and Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey. Ray was a member of the Belt Line Men's Association and belonged to the Franklin Masonic Lodge #25, the VFW Post 1308, and the Wood River Kiwanis Club. In 1995 he retired as president and owner of Superior Interior Furniture and Flooring in Alton after 50 years of service. On June 8, 1951 he married Norma Jean Skipper and she preceded him in death on February 12, 1997. He then married Wanda Yvonne Miller on March 14, 1998 and she preceded him in death on July 5, 2019. Surviving is a daughter, Linda Graves of Alton, a son, Tim Graves (Susan) of Poulsbo, WA, five grandchildren, Jeremy Gallup, Jocelynn Gallup and Jordan Gallup, Benjamin Graves and Margot Graves, nine great grandchildren, Jacob Gallup, Nicole Cottingham, Marley Gallup, Caleb Gallup, Maddox Williams, Roman Williams, Sayler Hansen, Savvie Jo Hansen, Jordan "LJ" Gallup, two brothers, Donald Graves (Barbara) of Godfrey and Bill Graves of Escondido, CA, three step children, Susan Pelhank (Keith) of Parrish, FL, William Tongay (Amy) of Palm Harbor,

FL and Donald Furgason of Ft. Collins, CO, five step grandchildren, Scott Pelhank (Ana), Rachel Fleig (Jordan), Zachary Tongay, Emily Tongay (Harmon) and Jacob Tongay, and five great step grandchildren, Rebecca Pelhank, Isabel Pelhank, Jayden Fleig, Levi Fleig and Zoey Fleig. Besides his parents and wives, he was preceded in death by one brother, Merle Graves, grandson, Christopher Gallup and one sister-in-law, Darlene Graves. Visitation will begin at 3:00 p.m. followed by a Masonic service at 4:45 p.m. and then a funeral service at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton with full military honors. Graveside services will be at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024 at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the VFW. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral

MAR 17. 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

HP

“ HERA Lab Planners purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ray Monte Graves.



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**HERA Lab Planners** - March 15, 2024 at 11:27 PM

KP

“ So many fond memories of Ray as he was part of our family for 25 years! I was privileged to travel on many occasions with them and enjoy fun and laughter! Many visits together, many holidays spent together many birthdays spent together. He also shared a special place in our hearts along with our childhood and grandchildren and friends!

We will always cherish those memories and time spent together!

We love you Ray and you will be greatly missed!

Love,

Keith, Susan and family ❤️

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**Keith and Susan Pelhank** - March 14, 2024 at 02:59 PM

LH

Our condolences to all of Ray's family. He was a wonderful husband to Wanda. ( Cousin to David Harris of Idaho ).

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**Linda Harris** - March 17, 2024 at 09:17 PM

LH

We enjoyed getting to know Ray the few times saw them. Once in Idaho and also in Alton. May your hearts find "peace" and your memories are many.

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**Linda Harris** - March 17, 2024 at 09:21 PM

JE

“ *When we visited as kids I will always remember going to the Upper Alton store and the Berkshire store to help Aunt Peggy and Uncle Ray "take inventory" of the carpet samples and also birthdays at their houses on Wycoff and Riveraire. Aunt Peggy and Uncle Ray were like second parents to the 3 Wigger kids. Missing and loving them always!*

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**Judy Eberhart** - March 14, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray Monte Graves.*



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March 13, 2024 at 05:59 PM