



## Richard L. Draper

July 31, 1930 - December 1, 2022

Dateline: Alton

Richard L. Draper, 92, died at 3:06 a.m. Thursday, December 1, 2022 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born July 31, 1930 in East Alton, he was the son of Jack and Lillian (Emery) Draper. Mr. Draper served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as an airline mechanic for TWA Airlines after over 50 years of service. He married Nina Lee McNelly on October 22, 1955 in Godfrey. She preceded him in death on May 3, 2021. Surviving are two daughters, Karen Richter (Eric) of Highland and Tracey Draper of Jerseyville, one son, Randy Draper (Cindy) of Medora, four grandchildren, Logan Draper, Grace Draper, Dylan McNear, and Nicholas Draper, a great grandchild, Jayda Draper, and nine step grandchildren and four step great grandchildren. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Emery, and two sisters, Helen Grant and Alice Emery. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Pastor Jeff Short will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors. Memorials may be made to a charity of choice. Online guestbook and information 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

DEC 6. 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/>

## Funeral

DEC 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L. Draper*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Richard L. Draper*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard L. Draper.*



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December 06, 2022 at 02:33 PM