



## Richard Thomas Drury

April 8, 1932 - November 19, 2021

Dateline: Godfrey

Richard Thomas Drury, Lt Col, retired, 89, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Friday, November 19, 2021 at Alton Memorial Rehabilitation Center. Born April 8, 1932 in Gillespie, IL, he was the son of Roy and Regina (Finnegan) Drury. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and retired as Lieutenant Colonel of the Air Force after 25 years of service. He was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. On March 30, 1956 he married Lorraine DeHaan. She preceded him in death on April 5, 2004. He then married the former Frances A. (Lonzerotti) Pierantoni on September 4, 2006 in Houston, TX. She survives. Also surviving are his children, Richard M. Drury (Doylene) of Swansea, IL, Cynthia J. Mikulik (Kevin) of Wall, TX, Brian L. Drury (Gloria) of Seabrook, TX, Robert C. Drury (Monica) of San Antonio, TX, and Daniel A. Drury (Melissa) of Abilene, TX, 11 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and his brother, Leroy Drury of Houston, TX. He is also survived by Fran's children, Susan Breheny (Kevin) of Forsyth, IL, Karen Moore (Brian) of Godfrey, and Michael Pierantoni (Michelle) of Decatur, IL, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Along with his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kelly Burkhart. A memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 27, 2021 at St Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. Private burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Gillespie, IL. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Gent Funeral

Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Thomas Drury*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Richard Thomas Drury*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Jerry and Nancy Riggins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Thomas Drury.*



**Jerry and Nancy Riggins** - November 24, 2021 at 02:56 PM



“ *Dick was a great guy.I could not have asked for a better friend.He was kind,caring and considerate.He made a mean bloody Mary.I will miss him.Many prayers to Fran and his entire family*

**Martha** - November 23, 2021 at 08:39 AM