



## Richard C. Herbst

March 29, 1925 - July 12, 2011

Dateline: Bethalto

Richard C. Herbst, 86, died at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at his home in Bethalto. Born March 29, 1925 in Alton, he was the son of John Henry and Lora (Hansell) Herbst. He attended Alton public schools and graduated from Alton High School in June, 1943. Mr. Herbst entered the U.S. Army on January 18, 1944 and served as an infantry machine gunner in the 87th Infantry Division from January 1945 until the end of the war. He was awarded the Bronze Star, medals for good conduct, as well as medals for the American Theater, European Theater, with three battle stars, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Germany, and a Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged on March 20, 1946. An avid reader, Mr. Herbst loved books and had a small home library. He also enjoyed art and music and attended Bethel General Baptist Church in Bethalto. He was employed by several companies including Shell Oil and McDonnell-Douglas where he worked as an industrial artist, retiring in 1990. On September 16, 1950 in Alton, he married the former Vivian Reed. She survives. Also surviving are three sons, Alan Herbst and his wife Mona of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Mark Herbst and his wife Lynette of Sherwood, Arkansas, and David Herbst and his wife Kim of Elkland, MO, a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Martha and Clarence Gerdt of Bethalto, sister-in-law, Linda

Reed of Dow and 11 beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Oscar and Lois Reed. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday. Pastor Pat Heston will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be made to Bethel General Baptist Church in Bethalto or to Faith Baptist Church in Godfrey.

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“ *Richard C. Herbst*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *What a loss for his family. I know him through his wonderful, loving son Mark. He has left a loving family trail behind.*

**Jacquelyn Kaucher** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sister Vivian & family*

*Leon and I were sorry to hear about Richard. You are remember in our prayers. May Gods blessings be upon you and your family.*

**Leon & Karen Shrout** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers!*

**Jennifer Kaucher** - July 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM