



## Robert L. Austin

November 27, 1940 - September 30, 2016

Dateline: Festus, MO

Robert L. Austin, 75, died at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 30, 2016 at his home in Festus, MO. Born November 27, 1940 in Alton, he was the son of Anthony and Rena (Landon) Austin Sr. Mr. Austin worked in the mold repair department for Owens Illinois Glass for 28 ½ years before retiring from Saint-Gobin Containers in Pevely, MO. He had a life long love of antique cars that began as a little boy riding in his grandfather's Model A. In 1972 he became the proud owner of a 1930 Model A Ford, of which he still owns today, and spent three years restoring the car back to it's original factory condition.

He was a member and past president of the Alton Antique Auto Association, the Model A Ford Club in St. Louis, the Show-Me Car Club in Festus, MO, and a member of the Moon International Car Club. On September 17, 1960 he married the former Nell Clowers at St. Patrick's Church in Alton. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Julie (Dereck) Cook of Godfrey, two grandsons, LCPL Andrew Cook, USMC and Alex Cook, a brother, David (Kathy) Austin of Collinsville, and four sisters, Marcella Waddell of Florida, Jean (George) Schenk of Godfrey, Rena Lanham of Alton, Ruth (Sam) Wellman of Overland Park, KS, a sister in law Shirley (Jim) Noble, and numerous nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, James R. Austin and Anthony Austin Jr., and a sister, Margy McGovern. Visitation will be from 3:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, October 7,

2016 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton followed by funeral services at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 8, 2016. Reverend Dennis Heck will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the BJC Hospice. 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

OCT 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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## Funeral

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gent Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert L. Austin*



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**Gent Funeral Home** - October 07, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ *Robert L. Austin*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Robert L. Austin*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you in support at this very sad time.*

*With deepest sympathies,*

*Pam and Mark Savoie*



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**Pamela Savoie** - October 06, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert L. Austin.*



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October 04, 2016 at 07:38 PM