



## Roger W. Back

January 21, 1931 - November 14, 2017

Dateline: Alton

Roger W. Back, 86, died at 1:57 a.m. Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Born January 21, 1931 in Independence, WI, he was the son of Irvin and Vera (Bautch) Back. Mr. Back was a U.S. Army Korean Veteran and was a member of the former Twelfth Street Presbyterian Church and the former First Baptist Church in Alton. He retired from the Olin Corporation in 1998 after 20 years of service. Mr. Back was the ultimate “do it yourselfer” and recycler. He enjoyed wood crafting, renovating homes, working in his yard and spending time with his cats. On September 11, 1954 he married the former Marilu M. Baker in Alton. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Sharon Newman (Gerry Meklaus) of West Chester, PA, a son, Brian Back (Teresa) of Godfrey, three grandchildren, Monica Johnson of Godfrey, Laura Laird (Drew) of Godfrey and Lisa Carlin (Al) of Arnold, MO, four great grandchildren, Lily and Noah Johnson, Max and Ryan Laird, one step great grandchild, Caden Carlin, and a sister-in-law, Arlene Back of Chippewa Falls, WI. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Floyd and Gaylord Back and a sister, Lois Komro. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 16, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 17, 2017. Burial will be at Newbern Cemetery in Jersey County, IL. Memorials may be made to Friends by Heart. Online guestbook and information may be

found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Newbern Cemetery

Jersey County, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 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

NOV **17**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Roger W. Back

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Roger W. Back

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger W. Back.



November 17, 2017 at 05:20 AM



“ Janice E. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Roger W. Back.



**Janice E.** - November 16, 2017 at 10:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Roger W. Back.*



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November 15, 2017 at 05:57 PM