



Samuel H. Gomer Jr.

September 13, 1925 - February 15, 2013

Samuel H. "Sam" Gomer Jr., 87, received eternal rest on Friday, February 15, 2013. Sam was born on September 13, 1925 to Samuel Sr. and Pearl (Thompson) Gomer. Sam answered the call to duty on September 12, 1943, serving his country in the United States Navy during World War II. He received an honorable discharge on February 2, 1946. Sam was a member of American Legion Post 794 and a life-time member of VFW Post 1308. One of the highlights of his life was to participate in the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight in October of 2009. His escort on the trip was his oldest grandson, Patrick, also a veteran, having served two times in the war against Iraq. Sam was employed at Illinois Power Company for 40 years. There he met the love of his life, Barbara Jean McGlasson. The two married on June 20, 1952. Last summer close family members joined them in celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Sam was a member of Alton Planning Commission for 16 years. He was a member of College Avenue Presbyterian church for 43 years and served as both an elder and deacon. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Debbie Runyan (Bob) Danville, IL and Sue Heinkel (Paul) Aurora, IL; five grandchildren, Patrick Runyan (Kayla) Danville, IL, David Runyan (Matt) Danville, IL, Greg Runyan (Sarah) Ridge Farm, IL, Sarah Heinkel, Aurora, IL, and Eric Heinkel, Coralville, IA; three great-grandchildren, William and Jeffrey Runyan, and Audrey Runyan; a fourth great-granddaughter is expected in May; one brother, Jim Gomer Queens Creek, AZ; one sister, Betty Anne Colvin, Payson, AZ; and many other loving family

members and friends. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one sister, Emily Ashford. Visitation will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m. with a memorial service at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at GENT Funeral Home in Alton with Chaplain Bruce Baumberger officiating. Full military honors provided by Alton VFW Post 1308. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be to Land of Lincoln Honor Flight or VFW Post 1308 Ritual Team.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel H. Gomer Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Samuel H. Gomer Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Barbara and Family*

We are very sorry to learn that Sam has passed. He and I shared working at IP for several years. Sam always had kind and experienced words for everyone. You have our sympathy and prayers.

DeWight & Sherrye Johnson - February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Dear Barb, Sue, Paul, Sarah, and Eric,

May God's love surround you as you face this great loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. Find comfort in one another and your precious memories. Deepest sympathies extended to all the family.

Love,

Terry

Theresa O'Connor - February 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Love you daddy!

Deb Runyan - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. Steve always enjoyed the retirees lunch so he could visit with you & Sam. This year will not be the same without him. We are out of town so we are sorry we cannot be there.

Stephen & Sharon Harrison - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ *Barbara and Family*

We are so sorry to learn that Sam has passed. He and Frank shared working at IP for several years and we always looked forward to seeing you both at the retirement dinners. You have our sympathy. God bless!

Frank & Maxine Miller - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Deb & Bob,*

My prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. God id still good and he knows whats better for us. Deb, I always enjoyed the stories you told about your father, especially his favorite saying. Remember the love he gave and and always cherish those "Precious Memories". Take Care and return safely.

God Bless !

Virginia

Virginia K. McKinney - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Barbara and Family*

So many good times

So many happy memories

So much love in my heart for my Brother and all of his Family

God Bless You

Betty Colvin - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ *Ann and I are very sorry to hear of Sam's passing.*

I worked with Sam for many years. He was a great guy and will be missed by us all.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Phillip & Ann Ellis

Phillip Ellis - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *I worked with Sam for 20yrs at IP. Sure was a nice guy to work with.*

Dink Hargrave - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Barb and family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days to come. I am in Georgia with my grandchildren so I cannot be present for Sam's services. Please know I'll be thinking of you with love and care.

Blessings,

Glenda (Green)& Keith McKee

Glenda McKee - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Barbara and family.

We were sadden to get word of Sams passing and eve when you anticipate that time is near. It does not make it any easier to deal with. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jeanne regrets she can not make the trip at this time due to work but I will be coming back for the Service on the 23rd. Jim Gomer Brother

James and Jeanne Gomer - February 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM