



Virgil Lee Monroe

April 23, 1937 - March 4, 2018

Dateline: Alton

Virgil Lee “Mad Dog” Monroe, 80, passed away at 11:50 a.m. Sunday, March 4, 2018 at his home surrounded by those who loved him most. He was born April 23, 1937 in Alton. He retired as a union pipefitter from Illinois American Water Company. He married the love of his life, Margaret L. Testa on July 5, 1958. Margaret preceded him in death on January 10, 2016. Lee visited her grave every day until he fell ill. A very proud former Marine, “Mad Dog” is survived by his three sons and two daughters-in-law: Tony and Cathy Monroe of Brighton, Steven Monroe of Alton, and Joseph and Dr. Stephanie Monroe of Godfrey. Also surviving are his grandchildren; Rebecca Tobin, Stephen Monroe, Ashley Riegert (Michael), Scott Monroe, Karissa Hill (John), Antonio Monroe, Cody Monroe, Bella Monroe and Christian Monroe, and two great grandsons, Thayer and Holden Riegert. Lee was a proud supporter of St. Ambrose and Marquette Catholic High Schools, a car enthusiast, an avid walker and talker, a true friend to all, and took great pride at being a dad, grandfather and great grandfather. He was one of many volunteers from Locals 553 and 555 who helped with the original construction of Gordon Moore Park in Alton. Although “Mad Dog” was a well-earned nickname, he was affectionately known as “Lee-Lee” by his youngest grandkids. There will be a prayer service at 4:30 p.m. followed by visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of

Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 2018 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Marquette Catholic High School or St. Ambrose School. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

2801 Greenwood Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil Lee Monroe*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Virgil Lee Monroe*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I know the nickname of "maddog" was given to Lee in fun. He always had his opinion of how things should be. To the contrary, he was a good and caring person all the way to the core. He was always there to help a friend or neighbor and others he didn't know. Ann and I have known the family since the early 1960's and they were just like our own family. He put his own health issues aside to take care of his wife and make sure she had what she needed when she was sick.*

I last visited with Lee last June when I was in town. We went to our favorite place to eat (The GB Grill) and got caught up on our cars, families and old times. Lee will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May they have peace and know that he and Marge are reunited.

*Phil & Ann Ellis
Fredericksburg' Virginia*

Phil Ellis - March 07, 2018 at 10:56 AM

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“ IDOT D8 Traffic Management Center purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Virgil Lee Monroe.



IDOT D8 Traffic Management Center - March 07, 2018 at 09:13 AM

JT

“ Stephanie and Joe, so very sorry to hear about Stephanie's dad passing. May it comfort you to know that he is now at peace. He is with Marg now and they are together. We have you and your family in our prayers. 🙏

Judy Thompson - March 07, 2018 at 08:30 AM

DS

“ We always enjoyed Lee visiting our dealership. Lee was an "take charge" kind of guy unless Margaret was with him. Lee really respected his wife. When purchasing a vehicle he would always threaten, "I will bring Margaret in if I don't get the price I want. You don't want to have to deal with her!" We would all laugh. We will miss them both. The Stevenson family and the Quality staff

David Stevenson - March 06, 2018 at 06:47 PM

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“ The Roosa Family purchased the Sacred Duty S pray for the family of Virgil Lee Monroe.



The Roosa Family - March 05, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virgil Lee Monroe.*



March 05, 2018 at 04:40 PM