



## Wayne Louis Robeen

April 11, 1935 - January 4, 2025

Wayne L. Robeen, 89, of Godfrey passed away peacefully on January 4, 2025 after a lengthy illness. Wayne was born in Michael, IL on April 11, 1935 to Louis and Eleanor (Michalek) Robeen. Raised in Michael on the family farm, Wayne was the oldest of six children. Wayne enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1956 and served during the Korean War and Vietnam War as a Technical Aircraft Maintenance Technician. After 23 ½ years of service and several duty stations, including Tucson, AZ, Okinawa, Japan and Homestead, FL, Wayne retired at the E7 Master Sergeant level in 1979. Shortly after, Wayne returned home to Illinois with his wife and daughters, to be close to his beloved family and the family farm he truly loved and shared precious memories of. Wayne would later work for the Alton Library driving the book mobile and volunteered for the Friends of Hayner Library. Wayne was proud of his service in the military and was never seen out in public without wearing a ball cap honoring his love of the Air Force and the freedom for this country it represented. Wayne will be remembered for his caring and compassionate heart, his funny spirit and the many jokes and pranks he would play on his family, friends, and anyone he would come across. Wayne loved baseball and his St. Louis Cardinals. He was an avid Jeopardy fan, watching the show faithfully every day even up to the night before he passed. He loved listening to his record collection. His passion for many years was collecting stamps and coins. He was proud of his extensive collections. Wayne is preceded in death by his wife June E. (Rist) Robeen of 51 years, whom he loved and cared for as she

battled with Parkinson's Disease for many years. Also preceding him was his father Louis Robeen, mother, Eleanor Robeen and brother, Paul Robeen. Wayne is survived by his daughters, Rose Smith of California, and Regina Robeen of Godfrey, grandchildren, Kendra, Kevyn, Kristen and Holly, great grandchildren, Gabriel, Alivia, Niko, Tilly, Sophia and Wrenley, and his beloved dog, Yoshie who was his faithful companion to the end. Also surviving is a brother, Jeff Robeen (Renata), sisters, Shirley Zirkelbach (Andy), Diane German (Frank) and Cindy Taylor (David) and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 13, 2025 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at Hardin Cemetery. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hardin Cemetery

Hardin, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

## Funeral

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne Louis Robeen.*



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January 09, 2025 at 02:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne Louis Robeen.

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“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne Louis Robeen.*



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January 08, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne Louis Robeen.

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“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Wayne Louis Robeen.



January 08, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ *Cindy Taylor* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Wayne Louis Robeen.



**Cindy Taylor** - January 08, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Cindy Taylor* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Louis Robeen.

**Cindy Taylor** - January 08, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Wayne Louis Robeen.



January 07, 2025 at 07:11 PM

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“ Julie sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne  
Louis Robeen



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**Julie** - January 07, 2025 at 03:16 PM

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“ Wayne was one of the kindest souls I've ever  
had the pleasure of knowing. His kind heart, his  
smile, and his wit will be missed. Over 30 years  
of memories I keep in my heart.  
He is reunited with June and I'd like to think  
they and my parents are watching over us all.  
Fly high, Wayne. Thank you for being you❤️  
My prayers and condolences for Gina, Rose, Holly, and his family.



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**Julie** - January 07, 2025 at 03:15 PM