



Willis Franklin Chapman

May 28, 1915 - March 27, 2014

Willis Franklin Chapman, 98, died at 10:32 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2014 at Eunice Smith Nursing Home in Alton. Born May 28, 1915 in Green County, IL, he was the son of Willis Edward and Addie (McClennin) Chapman. Mr. Chapman proudly served in the U.S. Army during WWII as a Sergeant with the Company C Combat 645 Tank Destroyer Battalion. Mr. Chapman was injured during routine training practice and serviced as a Military Policeman for the remainder of his service in Delaware. He was a journeyman sheet metal worker at McDonnell Douglas (Boeing) until his retirement in 1979. He was a member of Alton First Southern Baptist Church (Heartland Baptist). On March 22, 1943 he married the former Dollie Jackson in Charleston, MO. She preceded him in death on February 3, 2012. Surviving is a son and daughter-in-law, Willis David and Linda Chapman of Alton, a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Charles Dale of Bethalto, a son-in-law Harold Wallace of Alton, six grandchildren, Cherryl (Sherry) Peuterbaugh of Brighton, Denise Flannery of Wood River, David J. Chapman of Eddystone, PA, Paul Wallace of Alton, Joshua Dale of Gilbert, AZ, and Jessica Dale of Ft. Worth, TX, 11 great grandchildren, and a sister, Ethel Jackson of Clinton, KY. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia (Jinny) Wallace, a grandson Phillip O. Chapman, 2 sisters and 8 brothers. Visitation will be from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 31, 2014 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 1:00 pm Monday March 31, 2014. Reverend Jim Grant will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in

Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willis Franklin Chapman*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Willis Franklin Chapman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Diane and family,*

*So sorry for your loss! We have sure missed Willis at Villa Rose.
You are in my prayers!*

Donna Walker BJC HOME CARE

Donna Walker - March 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Pooter will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all who loved him.*

Pam Cress (Price) - March 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *David, Dianne, and families, I am so sorry for your loss. Willis will always have a place in my heart as Sweet Jinny's dad and a good man. Maybe he'll get a chance to play his guitar and sing in heaven. Love to you all.*

Madeleine Kuehnel - March 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM