

# Raleigh Battles

**Bethalto | Friday, February 13 2015**

Raleigh S. Battles, 102, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at 10:40 pm, Friday February 13, 2015 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton.

He was born in Nokomis, IL on June 19, 1912 the son of the late Luther and Clara (Gray) Battles.

He married Beulah E. (Ernst), in October of 1932, she passed away in January of 1981. He then married Virginia (Owens) Reynolds in October of 1982, she passed away in March of 2007.

Raleigh was a pipe galvanizer at Laclede Steel for 25 years. He was a Sunday School teacher and Deacon at the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Cottage Hills and a Deacon at 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Baptist in Forest Homes. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, playing cards, making people laugh with his jokes and most of all spending time with his family.

He is survived by four children Stephen (Carol) Battles of Marine, Darrell (Ruth) Battles of Granite City, Bob (Edna) Battles of Bethalto, and Mary Ann (Waine) Ward of Alton. Four step-children Delmar (Carol) Reynolds of Senoia, GA, Calvin (Sharon) Reynolds of Clarksville, TN, Brenda (Joe) Shelton of East Alton, Karen Cannon of South Roxana. Ten grandchildren, thirty-two great grandchildren and eighteen great-great grandchildren. Eighteen step grandchildren, thirty-nine step great grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren, several nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.



In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife Beulah, his second wife Virginia (Owens) Reynolds-Battles, a daughter-in-law, Dorothea Battles, a brother and sister-in-law Spruill and Irene Battles, two step sons, Brad Reynolds and Fred Reynolds and a step daughter-in-law, Peggy Reynolds.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm on Monday, February 16, 2015 at Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11 am on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at the Funeral Home.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be directed to 1<sup>st</sup> Southern Baptist Church in Forest Homes and or the Wounded Warrior's project.

Online condolences and guest book may be found at [www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com](http://www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com)