



# Joseph M. Valdes, Sr. II

**Wood River | Wednesday, September 2 2015**

Joseph M. Valdes, Sr. II, 87, passed away at 4:12 am  
Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at Alton Memorial Hospital.

He was born on September 18, 1927 in Alton, IL, the son of  
Joseph and Amanda (Fernandes) Valdes, I.

He was formerly married to Verla Orban. She preceded him in  
death.

Joe served his country in the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1951  
to 1955 as an airman first class. He worked as a laborer in the  
wire mill at Laclede Steel in Alton for 30 years, until his  
retirement on March 1, 1986. He enjoyed doing home improvements, old cars and  
animals.



He is survived by his children and their spouses, Louis and Ginny Valdes of Wood  
River, Ralph and Angela Valdes of Wood River, John J. Valdes of Rosewood Heights  
and Janice Valdes Sasik; grandchildren, Christina (Cody) Vannoy, Eric Valdes, Amanda  
(Quinton) Ebbeler, Brad Valdes, Tina (James) Mathenia, Angel (Matt) Greeling, Jospeh  
Valdes IV, Rafiel Valdes, Brittany Valdes, Cory Valdes, Matt, Slagg, Crystal (Scott)  
Stride, and Mellisa Valdes, Amie Valdes and Rebeeca Sasik; twenty great  
grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Alfred Valdes of Alton and Fred and  
Beverly Valdez of Godfrey; several nieces and nephews and a lifetime friend, Dorthy  
Kemp.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Joseph J. Valdes,  
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Visitation will be from 9:30 am until services at 11:00 am Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto with Father Tom Liebler officiating..

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto with military rites given by Alton VFW Post 1308.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences and guestbook may be found at [www.eliaskallalschaaf.com](http://www.eliaskallalschaaf.com)