



# Herschel Coleson Sr

**Alton | Thursday, September 3 2015**

Herschel Dean Coleson, Sr., 67, formerly of Jerseyville and Grafton, passed away at 6:30pm on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at Alton Memorial Hospital, following an extended illness. He was born on May 31, 1948, in Olive Branch, Illinois, the son of the late Lloyd and Ruby Bell (Harp) Coleson. A U.S. Army veteran, he had been employed as a department store assistant manager and was a customer service clerk for Money Time Check Cashers and Pawn in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He owned and operated The Tackle Box in Olive Branch. For many years he was a licensed minister with the Assemblies of God, during which time he helped with youth, children's and nursing home ministries.

A member of Trinity Assembly of God Church in Olive Branch, he also became a member of the Grafton Full Gospel Church, where he had attended for the past four years since relocating to Jersey County. He attended the First Assembly of God Church in East Alton since moving to Alton last February.

On June 10, 1967, in St. Louis, Missouri, he married Wendy K. Jones and she survives.

Other survivors include: four sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth Dean and Rachel Coleson of Shipman, Kevin Dale and Suzanne Coleson of Wood River, Keith Duane and Beth Coleson of Midlothian, Virginia, and Herschel "Dean" and Pamela Coleson of East Alton, one brother and sister in law: Tom and Kay Coleson of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, three sisters and two brothers in law: Marian Sams, Sharon and Harold Foster of Olive Branch, and Judy and Gerald Perkins of Baxter, Tennessee, nine grandchildren, Brian Coleson of St. Charles, Missouri, Lindsey (Coleson) and Henry Roe of Godfrey, Ashleigh Coleson of Wood River, Andrew Coleson of Anna, Jeffery Coleson and Joseph Coleson of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, and Blake Coleson, Jordyn Coleson and Davis Lloyd Coleson of Midlothian, and three great grandchildren: Henry Franklin "Franko" Roe IV, Gracyn Sophia Roe, and Lincoln Vann Roe of Godfrey.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers: Floyd “Sonny”, Harry Emerson, Billy Joe, Richard, LeRoy, and James.

Visitation will be from 5pm to 8 pm on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at Pitchford Funeral Home in Wood River. Funeral services are scheduled for 9:30m on Thursday, September 10, 2015, at the funeral home. Revs. Melvin Naylor, Tim Naylor, and Tim Keller will officiate. Graveside services will be conducted at 1:30pm on Thursday at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials are suggested to House of Victory Church in Cottage Hills or to Grafton Full Gospel Church in Grafton.

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