

# Robert Rothe

**Kane | Friday, November 13 2015**

Robert Lloyd Rothe, 90, died at 3:10 p.m., Friday, November 13, 2015 at Eunice Smith Nursing Home in Alton. He was born in Piasa Township, Jersey County, Il. on June 1, 1925, one of twelve children born to Otto Frank & Lillie Marie (Down) Rothe. He was employed as an adjustor for Olin Corp. in East Alton for 37 years, retiring in 1987. In his retirement years, he loved to spend time camping and fishing, with his wife, and was a member of the Kane Baptist Church, Masonic Hall in Kane, Jerseyville Moose Lodge, former Kane Volunteer fireman, and a lifetime member of the VFW. He was a U.S. World War II Army veteran, and recently took an Honor Flight trip to Washington, DC, with his two sons. While he was home on leave, he met the former Odessa Mae Campbell, and the two were married on Jan. 29, 1947 in Hartford. They shared 68 years together before her passing three months ago, on Aug. 13, 2015. Surviving are his four children & their spouses, Robert & Gayle Rothe of Jerseyville, Connie Phipps of Kane, Edwin & Vicki Rothe of Godfrey, and Tamara Rothe of St. Charles, Mo.; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Amy Beth & Mike Schwegel, Melissa Sue Rothe, Rebecca Elaine & Scott Walsh all of Jerseyville, Mark Edwin & Judy Rothe of Colorado Springs, Co., Matthew Lionel & Belkis Rothe of Brooklyn, NY., Russell & Dena Phipps and Ashley & Nick Hazelwonder all of Kane, and Tricia Dunse, and her companion, Keith Belcher of Alton; 22 Great Grandchildren; a brother, Wilbur Rothe of Jerseyville; three sisters, Della Freeman and Verna Hewitt both of Godfrey, and Ina Lowis of Piasa. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son in law, Ronald E. Phipps on March 1, 2015; four brothers, Melvin, John, Frank & Charles Rothe; and three sisters, Eileen Vorhees, Evelyn Mundy and Nina Darr. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Friday. Rev. Chuck Keene will officiate. Burial will be in the Kane Cemetery, with the Jerseyville American Legion Post 492 conducting military graveside rites. Memorials may be given to the Kane Baptist Church or to the Jerseyville American Legion Color Guard.



