



Paul Stephens

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Paul A. "Red" Stephens, 87, longtime resident of East Alton, passed away 2:30 a.m., Thursday, July 12, 2016 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Born on September 24, 1928 in Brewer, Ark., he was the son of Orville Herman and Martha Belle (Caldwell) Stephens.

A Korean War army veteran, he had been a machinist for the Alton Box Board over 40 years before retiring on May 1, 1988.

On August 27, 1955 in East Alton, he married Sally Ditterline. She died April 23, 2016.

Surviving are a daughter, Paula Blair of Roxana; two grandchildren, Elizabeth Blair (Jere Price), Christian Blair; seven great grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

His parents; brother and sister-in-law, James and Imogene Stephens; and son-in-law, Larry Blair preceded in death.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at The United Presbyterian Church, 2550 Rock Hill Road, Wood River, where service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday. Reverends Carol DeV Vaughn and Julie Gvillo will officiate.

Burial will follow in Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be made to Operation Blessing in Wood River, where he had been a volunteer or The United Presbyterian Church.

Marks Mortuary in Wood River is in charge of arrangements.