



# Edwin Reinke

**East Alton | Tuesday, August 23 2016**

Edwin “Boots” W. Reinke, 94, of East Alton, IL, passed away at 3:33 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016.

He was born Nov. 20, 1921 in Ft. Russell Township, IL to the late Frank & Mary (Schmidt) Reinke.

On Sept. 29, 1946, he and Elaine B. Kehr were married in Bunker Hill, IL. She survives in East Alton.

Ed was very proud to have served his country. He was a WWII U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1945 in North Africa, Sicily and Italy with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. After his return home and marriage to Elaine, he worked at Standard Oil and later Consolidated Aluminum as a press operator. He was an avid Cardinal baseball fan. After retiring he worked as an usher at Busch Stadium for 17 years. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and a lifetime member of VFW Post #1308.



In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son: Gene (Kathleen) Reinke of Edwardsville, IL; a daughter: Cheryl Simmons of Wood River, IL; 3 grandchildren: Mallory Simmons, Andrew Burnside-Weaver & Amy Kingsbury; 3 great-grandchildren: Gregory Kingsbury III, Grace Kingsbury & Zoe Burnside-Weaver; a sister: Rosemary Poche of New Orleans, LA; and a brother: Clarence Reinke of Edwardsville, IL.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Elza Reinke and a sister, Alvina Mapes.

Visitation will be 4-7 Thursday, Aug. 25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wood River, where Pastor Martin Schultz will officiate services at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto with military honors by VFW Post 1308 and the Patriot Guard Riders.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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