

Otis Jr.

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Otis Watkins, Jr., 78, passed away 1:48 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at OSF St. Anthony's Health Center - St. Clare Campus.

Born on May 28, 1938 in Jackson, TN, he was the son of Otis, Sr. and Alvoid (Young) Watkins.

A U.S. Navy veteran, he had been a steel worker for the Olin Corporation before retiring.

Surviving are his sons, Dennis Watkins of Alton, Shedric Watkins of Michigan; daughters, Betty Sue Watkins, Tena Watkins of Arizona, Christy Watkins of Alton; step daughters, Maria Hazen-Echols of Alton, Ramona Hazen of California, Mary Ann Herder of Jerseyville, Delina Hendricks; several grandchildren; three brothers, George, John and Larry Watkins; nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents; and four sisters, Eunice Humphries, Stella Greer, Ada Johnson and Willie Neveles.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday at Anchor of Hope Church, 503 Milton Rd, Alton. Pastor Seeram Garney will officiate.

Memorials may be made to an education fund for his grandson, Dean Taylor.

Marks Mortuary in Wood River is in charge of arrangements.