



# Eldon Smith

**Godfrey | Sunday, October 15 2017**

Eldon Lee Smith passed away at 5:15 a.m. Sunday, October 15, 2017 at OSF St. Anthony's Health Center in Alton. He was born September 13, 1926 in Alton to Estelle and Mary Ruth Smith. He was a lifelong resident of Alton and graduated from Alton High School in 1945. He was a standout member of the football team and his speed earned him the nickname "Rabbit." He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Franklin Masonic Hall in Alton. For most of his life, he operated gas stations in Upper Alton; first a Shell station on Brown and Washington and later a Conoco station at Brown and Main Streets. He is survived by two daughters, Cindy (Jim) Maple and Jan (Kenny) Campbell, both from Godfrey, four grandchildren, Kim (Lee) Maple-Colley, Jaime (Robbie) Puterbaugh, Chad Campbell and Christopher Campbell all of Alton/Godfrey. His two great-grandchildren are Mallory Sumpter and Brody Puterbaugh. Eldon was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Estelle Smith Jr. and a sister, Phyllis Thurm. Services will be private. Memorials may be made to the 5A's Animal Shelter. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

