

## **Francis Huff**

## Carlinville | Sunday, February 27 2022

Francis Eugene "Gene" Huff, 91, died Sunday, February 27, 2022, at Heritage Health of Carlinville.

He was born in Macoupin County, Illinois on May 31, 1930, one of ten children born to the late Lester and Tossie (Whitlock) Huff.

Gene grew up in Rockbridge and was drafted into the United States Army in his junior year of High School, serving our country honorably in the Korean War.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Army, He married the former Dolores Jean Shaw on December 24, 1954, in Carrollton. He began working as a farmhand for Rollin Keele, while residing in Chesterfield. Gene and Dolores then relocated to Palmyra, where Gene worked as a Mill and Seed Mixer for Macoupin Service Company (now Palmyra FS), where he retired in 1995 after 17 ½ years of service. Gene and Dolores shared in many wonderful memories together throughout their nearly 50 years of marriage, prior to her death on June 18, 2004.

Gene was a true outdoorsman and enjoyed camping, fishing, and tending to his garden.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Rick Shade of Palmyra; three grandchildren, Bradley and Elizabeth Shade of Tonganoxie, Kansas, Lindsay Hamel of Plant City, Florida and Logan and Haley Shade of Carlinville; two great-grandchildren, Cora Shade and Mason Hamel; a brother, Robert Huff of Jerseyville; as well as a sister-in-law, June Huff of Godfrey.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by a son in infancy, Douglas Eugene Huff; five brothers and their spouses, William and Alma Huff, Harold and Geraldine Huff, Raymond Huff, George Huff, and Homer and Margaret Huff; as well as three sisters and their spouses, Mary and Floyd Frost, Hazel Long and Edna and Eugene Allen.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, from 11 a.m. until the time of funeral services at 1 p.m. at Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville.

Burial will follow at Kane Cemetery with full military honors being conducted.

In lieu of flowers or plants, memorials may be given to Wounded Warriors or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Memories may be shared with the family by visiting <u>www.crawfordfunerals.com</u>