

Claude E. "Gene" McElroy

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Claude E. "Gene" McElroy, 77, died at 6:42 p.m. Saturday, December 12, 2009 at his home with his loving family at his side. Born October 21, 1932 in Hillview, IL, he was the son of J.V. and Cornelia B. (Coates) McElroy.

He enjoyed yard work and gardening, family gatherings and stockcar races. He attended Twelfth Street Presbyterian Church in Alton.

Surviving is a brother, Donald McElroy of Alton, two sisters-in-law, Anita McElroy of Godfrey and Peggy McElroy of Swainsboro, GA, a brother-in-law, Monte Slanker of Godfrey, and several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers; Glenn C., John, and Charles McElroy, and three sisters; Lucille Slanker, Edith Beets, and Adalia McElroy.

Visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday. Reverend David Olson will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Heartland Hospice. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com.