

Elmer L. (Lee) Newberry

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Elmer L. (Lee) Newberry, 81, died at 7:10pm, Tuesday, January 19, 2010, under the care of BJC Hospice at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born on August 16, 1928, in Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, he was the son of Albert Zeylon and Eileen Ben (McGlasson) Newberry. He was married to Leota.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Albert Raymond and Paul Thomas; his sisters, Margie (Miller) and Betty (Latham); two sons-in-law, David Bauser and Don Hildred; and, a grandson, Anthony Lynn Ewell.

He was a U. S. Army veteran serving in the quartermaster corps from December 6th, 1946 to October 11th, 1949, receiving the Army of Occupation Medal, and who was a marksman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an avid baseball fan whose favorite baseball team was the Philadelphia Phillies. In his early working life he was a machinist at McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Company in St Louis and retired as a Master Mold Maker after 33 years of service with Owens-Illinois Glass Company. After his retirement, he moved to Alamogordo NM in 1985 and began building homes. Mr. Newberry had built and finished three homes before a family illness caused he and his wife to return to Alton Illinois in 1989.

He is survived by six children, Susan (Denzil) Dunn, Patricia Hildred, Albert Newberry, Edith (Larry) Joyce, Irma (Tim) Darr, and Ruth (Spence) Daniels; twelve grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary (David) Wells, Patricia Nichols, and Catherine Henderson.

Mr. Newberry has donated his body to science. In celebration of his life, memorial services will be held at 2:00 pm Sunday January 24, 2010 at Beltline Christian Center in Alton with Rev. Dennis Laughlin officiating. Memorials may be made to BJC Hospice. Online Condolences and guest book may be found at www.staten-fine.com.

Staten-Fine Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

