



John Polen

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John Richard Polen, 74, died at 2:50 a.m. on Sunday, August 8, 2010 at his residence.

He was born July 31, 1936 in Essex, MO the son of the late Russell H. and Esther M. (Long) Polen. He was a meat cutter for over 40 years retiring from Schnuck's Grocery Store in Godfrey in 2003. He served for 8 years in the National Guard. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Godfrey. He loved the Lord and faithfully served him. He always had time to help family, friends and neighbors, even to the point of baking cookies to pass out to the postman, and visiting with electricians during the power outage several years ago, and anyone in need of good cheer. He gave us all the most valuable thing he had - his time. He was a story teller and we know some of the events in his life as if we had been there ourselves. He leaves a remarkable legacy to us, and God willing we will continue it throughout our lives.

On November 24, 1956 in Sedgewickville, MO he married Idonna J. Bollinger and she survives. Also surviving are four children; Beverly Diane Schultz and her husband Bill of Alton, Michael R. Polen of Copper Canyon, TX, Jeanna F. Polen of Godfrey and Philip D. Polen of Godfrey, five grandchildren; Ryne W. Schultz, Marc C. and his wife Natalie Schultz, Leah D. Schultz, Teresa and her husband Jason Manns and Lisa Crader, three great grandchildren; Justin M. Crowell, Benjamin M. Schultz and Kyler S. Skjerseth, one sister; Betty L. Smith and her husband Robert of Millersville, Mo, two brothers; Jeff H. Polen of Perryville, MO and Russell Polen and his wife Velma of Jackson, MO, numerous nieces and nephews, many friends and his faithful dog Molly.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 12, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. until time of service at 6:00 p.m. at Heartland Baptist Church, 4500 Humbert Road in Alton, with Reverend Steve Rice to officiate. Burial will be private.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com