

Elmer Uhlemeyer

East Alton | Monday, August 30 2010

Elmer J. Uhlemeyer, 84, lost his battle with mantle cell lymphoma and passed away at 12:40 a.m. on Monday, August 30, 2010, at his residence while under the care of BJC Hospice. He was born on August 29, 1926, the son of the late Frederick C. and Clara (Feager) Uhlemeyer. He married the former Patsy L. Duncan on November 26, 1955, in Rolla, Missouri and she survives. Other survivors include two daughters and a son in law: Christine Uhlemeyer of Rosewood Heights, Illinois, Carol and Mick Burke of Chesterfield, Missouri, one son: Mark Uhlemeyer of Alton, Illinois and two granddaughters: Erin and Alexandra Burke.



He served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 in the Amphibious Force in the Pacific Theatre as a landing boat coxswain. After discharge, he attended Harris Teacher College in St. Louis and graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic in Florissant, Missouri. He practiced in Rolla, Missouri from 1951 to 1956. While in Rolla, he was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Kiwanis Club, Little Theatre Guild, and was scoutmaster of the Presbyterian Church Boy Scout Troop. He gave up his practice and joined what later became General Adjustment Bureau where he managed the Wood River and Alton branches. In 1972, after 16 1/2 years with General Adjustment Bureau, he joined Lackey-Howard Insurance Company in Wood River which merged with Steck-Cooper & Co. in Alton. He served as Vice President and then President, later purchasing the company and retiring as Board Chairman and C.E.O. in 1992. He was a director of the Wood River Township Chamber of Commerce, member of the East Alton Rotary Club and the Alton-Wood River Sportsman's Club, Past President of Independent Insurance Agents of Southwestern Illinois, Vice - President and board member of Associated Risk Managers of Illinois, board member of Associated Risk Managers International, and member of Agents Advisory Councils for several property and casualty insurance companies. In 1971, he became Most Loyal Gander (President)

of the St. Louis Pond of Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, International - Chartered 1916. Elmer enjoyed fishing and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Frederick and Gene, and one sister: Esther Schowalter.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2010, at Pitchford Funeral Home in Wood River. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 3, 2010, at the funeral home. Rev. Dr. David Beebe will officiate. Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Alton Area Animal Aid Association or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Online guestbook available at www.pitchfordfuneralhome.com.