



# John Downes

**Godfrey | Monday, September 27 2010**

John “Sonny” Downes, 83, of Godfrey, died at 6:05 a.m. Monday, September 27 at Robings Manor in Brighton.

Born November 13, 1926 in Alton, he was the son of Charles and Mayme (Taylor) Downes. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the Piasa Masonic Lodge No. 27 A.F. and A.M. and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a member of Alton Eagles Foe No. 254, the VFW Post 1308 and the Alton Moose Lodge. He retired from Ameren U.E. as a lineman after 36 years of service.



On February 4, 1951 in Piggott, AR, he married Lola Ilean Lawrence. She survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Regina Gale Brucki and her husband Dave of Wonder Lake, IL, three grandchildren, Andrea Lea Vadas of Indianapolis, IN, Stacey Nicole Kruse of Indianapolis, IN and Benjamin Brucki of Wonder Lake, IL, one great grandchild, Elexis Gabrielle Untersee of Indianapolis, IN, one brother, Carl Radliff and his wife Doris of Godfrey, one sister, Barbara Robertson and her husband Bud of Godfrey and six nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Max Downes and a sister, Evelyn Weatherholt.

Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Gent Funeral Home in Alton with Masonic services at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Gent Funeral Home in Alton.

Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto with military honors by the VFW Post 1308.

Memorials may be made to the Mooseheart Child City & School Inc. or to Moosehaven City of Contentment.

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