

# Joseph Johnson

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Joseph Andrew Johnson, 77, died at 7:00 a.m., Friday, November 26, 2010 at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton, IL.



A Greene County native, he was born in White Hall on April 22, 1933, and was the son of the late Irwin & Loretta (Beauchamp) Johnson. Joe graduated from Carrollton High School, and served his country with the U.S. Army. He was a longtime member of the Carrollton American Legion Post 114, and the former Jerseyville Moose Lodge. He retired as a truck driver from Olin Corporation in East Alton after more than 25 years of service. He loved music as well as dancing, and followed the band, Jessie & the South. His passion, however, was his family, and he especially loved spending time with his grandkids.

He married the former Dorothy Joann Baumann on Sept. 17, 1953 at the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Michael, IL., and together they shared 56 years together before her death last year on Nov. 9, 2009.

Surviving are two daughters & sons in law, Linda & Ralph Sievers of Jerseyville, and Peggy & David Dixon of Carrollton; six grandchildren and their spouses, Anna & Nick Thuer of Bunker Hill, Ralph and Anne Sievers of Evansville, Il., Michael & Pam Dixon of Mehlville, Mo., Amanda & Josh Mann of Jerseyville, Jamie & Aaron Mehrrens of Millstadt and Ashley Dixon, and her companion, Drew Lansaw of Carrollton; eight great grandchildren, Trent, Caitlyn, Alexander, Grant, Hannah, Levi, Ava and Lucille; three sisters & brothers in law, Harriett "Sissy" Peters of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Mo., Rosemary Grueter of Carrollton, and Kathleen & Tom Carmody of Carrollton.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother & sister in

law, Harold & Barb Johnson; a sister & brother in law, Patsy & Donald Pranger; and two brothers in law, Melvin Peters and Edward Grueter.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where a Rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jerseyville, with Father William Hembrow officiating.

Burial will take place at the St. Norbert's Catholic Cemetery in Hardin where military graveside rites will be conducted. Memorials may be given to the St. Francis/Holy Ghost School Athletic Club or to Masses.