

# Lee Hoffstetter

**Cottage Hills | Sunday, March 6 2011**

Lee Edwin Hoffstetter, 83, passed away at his home with his family by his side Sunday morning, March 6, 2011. Lee was born Jan. 25, 1928 in Alton, the son of Ed and Ida (Kohlenberg) Hoffstetter. They both preceded him in death. He began work in 1945 at the Western Cartridge Corp. in East Alton, now known as Olin. He served in the U.S. Army from 1946 until 1949. After that time he was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, where served in Korea as a weather observer. When he was discharged, he returned to work in the Posit Bond Department at Olin Corp. He retired in 1985 after 40 years of service. He married Barbara Marie Kopsie in 1951. She also preceded him in death in 2003.



Lee leaves behind a brother, Charles Hoffstetter of East Alton; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Don Branham and son and daughter-in-law Richard and Connie Hoffstetter, all of Cottage Hills; sons Robert Hoffstetter of Florida and Gary and Cindy Kopsie of Bethalto; grandchildren Richard Lee Hoffstetter, Tommy and Timmy Kelley and John Kopsie, Wendy and Patrick Howard, Brandy Stugard, and Rhonda, Mindy and Bryan Rawlings; and 11 great grandchildren, Erin Marie Hoffstetter, Noah and Kolby Kelley, Justin Lee McMaster, Joseph and Zachary Wilson, Nathan Gabe and Jaxon Howard, and Maeci and Drew Rawlings.

Lee enjoyed building and driving his air boats on the Mississippi River. He loved taking his children and grandchildren on family trips and to drive-in theaters.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Dean Hoffstetter and his grandsons, Butch McMaster and Lee Wayne Branham.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the service at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 10 at Paynic Home for Funerals in Rosewood Heights. Reverend Dan Smith will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey, with military honors by the VFW, Alton Post #1308.

Memorials may be given to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund or to any organization of one's choice.

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