



Carl Tuetken

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Former Alton resident, Carl F. Tuetken, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and friend to many, passed away May 20, 2011 following a six year struggle with a debilitating stroke. Born December 4, 1932 to Carl H. and Viola Studebaker Tuetken, Carl was the first child of that union. Carl was a graduate of Marquette High School in Alton and St. Louis University in Missouri. He began his career in sales working for Johnson & Johnson; Campbell's Soup Co.; Coates & Clark and Kee-Lox Manufacturing. In California, he owned Pop-Cork wine cellar, several Denny's Restaurants, and Fish-n-Chips. Returning to Alton, he owned and operated several restaurants and bars. He was a member of the Elks, the Eagles and Who's Who in America. Carl had an instant magnetism with people and never knew a stranger. He was well known for his famous rock, shell, and coral collection. An avid deep sea fisherman, he proudly displayed his catch. His story telling and vivid travel adventures brought many laughs to friends and family. Carl is survived by his wife of 13 years, Betty Ball Tuetken; his beloved dogs, Bogey and Bacall; his children: Carla Tuetken of St. Charles, MO, Alan Tuetken of Edwardsville, Ill, Vanessa Pelligrino of Thousand Oaks, CA and Deanna Tuetken of Studio City, CA. Also surviving are grandchildren: Crystal Rushing, Brian Rushing, Miranda Rushing, Rachael Rushing, Christina Snyder, Sean Tuetken, Stephanie Tuetken, Anthony Pelligrino and Matthew Pelligrino. There are four great-grandchildren, and a half sister, Charlotte Deem. He was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Jeannette Tuetken; and son, Randy Tuetken. Per his request, the body was cremated. A memorial service will be held at Gent Funeral Home in Alton on June 3, 2011 with Reverend George Humbert Jr. to officiate. Memorials may be made in his honor to the BEST FRIENDS SANCTUARY in Kanab, Utah or the HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.



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