

Marvin G. Grant

East Alton | Tuesday, August 16 2011

Marvin G. Grant, 86, passed away at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011 at Alton Rehab and Nursing Center in Alton.

Born Aug. 10, 1925 in Alton, he was the son of David and Margaret (Cobb) Grant.

He served in the Rail Splitters division of the U.S. Army and received 3 overseas service bars, European, African, and Middle Eastern Theater ribbons with a Silver Battle Star, the Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. After the Army he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was honorably discharged as a sergeant. As a Marine, he was issued the National Defense Service Medal.

After his military career, he spent time returning to school, taking advantage of the GI Bill for advanced education. While in school, he landed a job with WINU in Highland, Ill. as a newscaster and worked for United Press International and the Associated Press. After his news casting career, he loved wood crafting and became a flea market enthusiast known by many around the Riverbend area.

Survivors include two sisters, Geneva (Luther) Disher of East Alton and Mary (James) Hilderbrand of Lewisburg, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, May Grant.

Graveside services will be held, officiated by his nephew Keith Hilderbrand, at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis with full military rites.

Memorials may be made to A Soldier's Wish List, 11143 Larimore Rd., St. Louis, MO 63138 or Nancies Fancies Dog Resale Shop, (a no-kill animal shelter) 799 Old St. Louis Rd., Wood River, IL 62095.

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