



Bill Newby

Alton | Thursday, October 20 2011

Bill W. Newby, 85, died at 5:04 p.m., Thursday, October 20, 2011 in Alton after a lengthy illness. He passed with the dignity and grace he possessed throughout his life and was surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Feb. 26, 1926, in Cimarron, Kansas, the son of the late Jake and Clare (Elser) Newby. Shortly after graduating high school, Bill enlisted in the Merchant Marines during WWII. He served in the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean. He worked in a variety of occupations before becoming an electrician. He was employed at Olin Corporation for over 30 years.



He married Betty J. Westrich at the St. Cronan's Catholic Church in St. Louis on Jan. 21, 1950. She preceded him in death in 2009. His eldest son, Michael William, preceded him in death unexpectedly on Oct. 9 of this year.

Bill is survived by five daughters and two sons and a daughter-in-law ; Linda (Mike) Morrissey, Patti (Frank) Hughes, Noreen Newcome Newby, Kathy (Terry) Bristow, Nancy (John) Magurany, Theresa (Todd) Harpole all of the Alton/Godfrey area, William (Anna) Newby of San Mateo, CA, and Randy Newby of Chicago; eighteen grandchildren; Michael (Amanda) Morrissey, Vanessa (Randy) Bassett, Ryan (Sara) Morrissey, Ashley Hughes, Afton (Ben) DeCoursey, Ali Hughes, Heather, Jacob and Zach Newby, Nicole (Bill) Piening, Jason Bristow, Calvin Bristow, Johnny, Joe, and Jarad Magurany, Eoin Newby, Joshua Newby-Harpole and Monica Hornsey-Harpole, 13 great grandchildren; Konnor, Kollin, Karson, and Kooper Morrissey, Madison and Isabel Bassett, Shane Morrissey, Will and Jack Piening, Dylan and Carsen Bristow, Gage and Ava Flye.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty (Newby) Hunt.

The core of Bill's life was his family and personal spirituality. Unconditional love and paternal devotion were the predominant examples he set for his children. He deeply loved and cared for his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His kind nature and sense of humor ensured all those he met were to become his friends. Bill was a coin collector, loved fishing, and spending time with family. He lived his final years with grace, dignity and reverence delighting everyone with his humor and his smile.

Visitation will be from 1:00 to 4:00 pm Sunday, October 23, 2011 at Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Godfrey. The Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 24, 2011 at Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Godfrey with Fr. Delix Michel officiating. Graveside services will follow at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Military rites will be performed by Alton VFW Post 1308 Ritual Team.

Memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Online guestbook and information may be found at <http://www.elias-kallalandschaaf.com/home.php>.