



# Robert Dealey

**East Alton | Wednesday, May 9 2012**

Robert A. "Bob" Dealey, 83, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away at 1:38pm on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at Eunice C. Smith Nursing Home in Alton after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. To help further the research of Parkinson's Disease, he donated his brain for Parkinson's research. He was born on March 2, 1929, in Eureka, Missouri the son of the late Jacob E. and Katherine (Schneeberger) Dealey. He married the former Marie Searles on February 14, 1954, in Carlinville, Illinois and she survives. Other survivors include one daughter and son in law: Kathryn and David Smith of Bethalto, a daughter in law: Patricia Dealey of Allen, Texas, three grandchildren and their spouses: Joseph and Traci Dealey of Wood River, Matthew and Sarah Smith of Alton, Rachel and Ryan Helgen of East Alton, two great grandchildren: Hailey Smith and Brady Smith, several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He was formerly employed at Shell Oil as a supervisor for 34 years prior to his retirement in 1988. He was a 52 year member of the First United Methodist Church of East Alton. A Sergeant in the United States Army Artillery Unit, he served during the Korean Conflict. He was an active member of the Wood River Township Kiwanis for 30 years serving as Lieutenant Governor of the division for one term. He was a life member of the Wood River VFW Post 2859. During the late 1940's he played Minor League Baseball with the St Louis Browns Farm Club. His love for baseball and the St. Louis Cardinals continued throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by a son: Michael and all twelve brothers and sisters.

In celebration of his life, memorial visitation will be from 4pm to 8pm on Friday, May 11, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church of East Alton. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at 10:30am at the church. Pastor Dan Powers will officiate. Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church of East Alton or to the Wood River Township Kiwanis.

Online guestbook available at [www.pitchfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.pitchfordfuneralhome.com).

Pitchford Funeral Home in Wood River is in charge of arrangements