



# Thomas Buder

**Godfrey | Wednesday, July 4 2012**

Thomas Erle Buder of Godfrey, IL, born on August 3, 1924 in St. Louis, MO, peacefully passed on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at the age of 87. Dear son of the late Ruth and Gus Buder. Loving husband of 63 years to Melva M. Buder (Nee: St. Pierre), formerly of Golden Meadow, LA, whom he married on August 3, 1948 in New Orleans, LA. Father of Melvin, Daryl, Tom Buder. Grandfather of, Michael, Brian, Charles, Melody, Chad and Megan. Great grandfather to Abby. Also surviving is a sister-in-law of Austin, TX and two nieces. He was preceded in death by his brother Carl and one grandson, Steven. He graduated from Brentwood High School in Brentwood, MO in 1943. He served his country in the Navy on the U.S.S. Carrigadoor for two years. He was a mechanical engineer in the Brass Mill of Olin Corporation for 32 years. He was a graduate of Rolla School of Mines in Missouri. He enjoyed his life to the fullest. He enjoyed all the luncheons with his many friends in St. Louis and his Olin group. He was on the Olin bowling team and basketball team. He enjoyed his many fishing trips with his friends and family. He played tennis until he was seventy years old. After retiring from Olin he delivered meals to senior citizens for several years. He enjoyed giving the children stuffed animals in restaurants and loved to watch their smiles. The family will receive friends and family on Saturday July 14, 2012 for a memorial visitation from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Memorials may be made to the College Avenue Presbyterian Church or the American Heart Association. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

