



# Reverend Farrow

**Godfrey | Saturday, January 26 2013**

Reverend Richard “Dick” Farrow, 83, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 1:37 p.m., after a full life while here on earth. He was born June 15, 1929 in Raleigh, NC, the son of James H. Farrow and Sallie Kinard (Fuller) Farrow. He married the former Jeanette F. Lalk on December 25, 1952 at the First Baptist Church in Risco, MO. He served his country with 22 years in the military. He started with 2 years in the US Maritime Service at the end of WWII. His ship, the Edmond B Alexander, hit a mine in the North Sea. He then served 3 years in the Navy, sailing on the USS Leyte (CV32) aircraft carrier. He then entered the Air Force, serving 17 years before retiring. He flew mostly tanker and cargo aircraft. He served a tour in Korea, 1951-52 and two tours in Viet Nam, 1962-63 and 1967-68. He and his wife then moved to Alton where he taught at Alton High School for 20 years. He taught Vocational Auto Mechanics, Vocational Aircraft Mechanics and Private Pilot Ground School. Upon retiring from teaching, he and his wife served as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa as a bush pilot, and in Germany and Spain as a pastor. They were very active in home and foreign mission work. He accrued over 10,000 hours of flying time. He was a bi-vocational pastor, starting two churches and serving as interim pastor of 25 others, mostly in the greater Alton area. He was a 32-degree Mason, Past Master of the Hibbard Lodge in Brighton and was a member of the Franklin Lodge in Alton. He is survived by his wife and four sons: Rick (Jeanie) Farrow of Godfrey, James (Jeanne) Farrow of Springfield, IL, Mark (Holly) Farrow of Lake of Ozarks and David (Kelly) Farrow of Phoenix, AZ, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. In celebration of his life, visitation will be from 3:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Heartland Baptist Church in Alton where funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Friday with Pastor Richard Newcom to officiate. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with full military honors. Memorials may be made to Whitelaw Avenue Baptist Church, Wood River and the Gateway Baptist Association, Granite City, IL. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

