

Alonzo Abbott

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JERSEYVILLE- Alonzo Delbert "Jack" Abbott, 90, died at 3:20 a.m., Saturday, May 18, 2013 at the Jerseyville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. He was born in Kane Township in Greene County, Illinois on August 8, 1922, and was one of 14 children born to the late Samuel & Maude (Keown) Abbott. Jack attended the country schools of Kane, and served in combat overseas in Germany during World War II, and also served his country during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged from the service, Jack returned to Kane where he farmed and did various jobs before assuming a position as a machine operator at AO Smith in Granite City where he was employed for 25 years before his retirement in 1980. He first married Loretta (Wilkinson)



Abbott, and together they had four children, Sandra, Jeffrey, Steve & Bruce. He then married Ramona (Hilyard) Gansz on Jan. 17, 1977 in Godfrey and they shared 30 years together before her death on Sept. 6, 2007. Surviving are his four children & their spouses, Sandra & Aaron Hayes of Kane, Jeffrey & Carol Abbott of Jerseyville, Steve Abbott of Kane, Bruce & Jamie Abbott of Jerseyville; 14 Grandchildren; 25 Great Grandchildren; one brother, Samuel Abbott of Jerseyville; a sister, Wanda Wilkinson of Bowling Green, Ky.; and two stepdaughters, Linda Douglas of Kansas City, Mo., and Beverly Cover of Bunker Hill along with their children & grandchildren. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Michael Stout; a step granddaughter, Zoe Gettings; seven sisters, Effie Politto, Ellen Holmes, Betty Walters, Eunice Hinson, Elzina Morris, Clara Smith and Eileen Walters; and four brothers, Leo Abbott, Thomas Abbott, William Abbott, and Herschel "Bob" Abbott. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday. Rev. Wilbur Cain will officiate. He will be laid to rest in the Kane Cemetery with the Jerseyville American Legion conducting military graveside rites. Memorials may be given to the Charity Christian Center in Jerseyville or the St. Johns Hospital Neo Natal ICU in Springfield.

