



# George Jr

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George Searles Jr., died at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at Eunice Smith Nursing Home in Alton after a brief illness. He was born June 18, 1925 in Alton, the son of the late George R. and Cora Elizabeth (Pittman) Searles Sr. On October 7, 1950 in Alton he married Margery Jean Seik and she preceded him in death on October 24, 2002. He was a graduate of Alton High School. He was a WWII Navy Seabee on the island of Tinian in the South Pacific. He retired from Jefferson Smurfit in 1980 as a mechanical engineer. He was a member of VFW Post 1308 in Alton and the Alton Eagles Lodge FOE No 254. He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law; Georgia and David Maneke of Godfrey, a Grandson, Jason Maneke of Alton and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, a sister, Betty Roe, a brother, Clyde Searles and a nephew Richard Roe. In accordance with his wishes, his body was donated to Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. There will be no visitation or services. Memorials may be made to Senior Services Plus, 2603 N. Rodgers, Alton, IL 62002. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at [ww.gentfuneralhome.com](http://ww.gentfuneralhome.com)