

Ronald “David” Allen

Bethalto | Tuesday, June 4 2013

Ronald “David” Allen, 80, died of a broken heart on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton, Illinois.

David was born on May 13, 1933 in Arlington, Kentucky. He graduated from Arlington High School. David served his country in the U.S. Army. While in service, his commanding officer saw him pitch a baseball and said “Soldier, how would you like to play baseball for the Army?”... and so he did. He was an amazing baseball and softball player and loved to bowl. David and his wife Shirley were devoted fans of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kentucky Wildcats basketball. They had wonderful trips in recent years to different events with great friends including George and Adolph.

David was the “Pepsi Guy”. He was a loyal and dedicated employee of the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company in Alton, Illinois. He began his journey there as a maintenance worker and left as one of the vice presidents. He often worked alongside and had the upmost respect for his boss, Nick Maggos. His loyalty and love for his company and all of those he worked with is hard to define. Many of you that are reading this very well may have received Pepsi clothing or a case of a yummy beverage at some point.

One of David’s surviving brothers, Alfred Allen, is taking on the role of the family “granddaddy”. We all love our Uncle Alf and Aunt Joyce. David and Alfred have enjoyed years of good talks and great fishing; they remind us of The Muppets, Waldorf and Statler. David and Shirley loved their family and friends including Larry Allen, Rosemary, Ray and so many more.

David and Shirley loved each other for 58 and half years. He loved her so much that when she left him recently he said “Shirley, I’m right on your heels”...and he was. Our family now has the history of the real life version of “The Notebook”.

He is survived by one daughter, Sherrye Bond of Bethalto, IL; two grandchildren, Stephanye and Michael Colley of Godfrey, IL, Tiffanye and Kenny Shaw of Bunker Hill, IL; four great grandchildren, Dominic Allen Shaw, Dravin Lee Shaw, Devin Michael Colley, Lexye Danielle Shaw; two beloved cats, Joey and Princess, and two brothers, Dub and Jean Allen of Arlington, KY and Alfred and Joyce Allen of Clinton, KY.

In addition to his wife, Shirley, he was preceded in death by a young son, Mark David Allen, his parents, William Cleveland and Ruby Pearl Allen, three brothers, Cecil Allen, Harold Payne and Alton Eli Allen and three sisters, Dathel Hughes, Mabel Webb and Rebecca Webb.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at Elias Kallal Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto, IL.



Graveside services will be held for both Shirley and David at 10:00 am Friday, June 7, 2013 at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto, IL with Rev. Andre Dobson officiating. Military rites will be given by the Bethalto American Legion.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations made to the 5 A's Animal Shelter in Alton.

You may leave a message of sympathy at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com