



William Winkler

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William “Bill” Cleo Winkler, 91, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2013, in his home, with his loving wife of 61 years, Margie Winkler, by his side.

Bill is survived by his wife, Margie Winkler, a sister, and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill is also survived by very close friends, who each consider themselves part of the Winkler family: Shawn Lintz, Kevin Lintz, and Sharon Lintz.

Bill was born in Hamburg, Illinois on October 14, 1921- the town where he met his true love and bride-to-be. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and when he returned, graduated from Ranken with a machinist degree. He took that degree and skills he attained and worked most of his life at Lendhardt Tool and Dye, in Alton, Illinois.

Bill was no stranger to hard work. While working numerous hours for many years, he spent his off time with his wife and doing charity work with the Masons. Bill also had a love for wood working, and in his younger years, he enjoyed shooting trap and bird hunting.

Bill always had a smile on his face and was one of the sweetest individuals anyone could have met. If he could have helped make someone’s life a little bit easier, he would have in a heartbeat. He will be missed by all.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. with a Masonic Service at 9:15 and a prayer service at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Father Steve Pohlman will officiate.

Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto will full military honors by the East Alton American Legion.

Memorials may be made to Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (FSMA). Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com