



# Thomas Sr

**Godfrey | Wednesday, January 15 2014**

Thomas E. Garrett Sr., 76, died at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday January 15, 2014 at his home in Godfrey, IL. He was born December 18, 1937 in Alton, IL the son of the late Calvin and Emma (Bennington) Garrett. He was a towboat pilot with Norman Brothers until he retired after 35 years of service. He was an avid golfer with two holes in one at his favorite golf course Rolling Hills. He was also a frequent visitor of the Alton Belle Casino. He had a really great sense of humor and was loved by all. He loved his trees and doing yard work along with tinkering. On November 15, 1977 in Godfrey, IL he married Donna Hefley and she survives. Surviving are 10 children Spencer Garrett( Julie), Woody Garrett, Taffy Ditzenberger( Duane), Tommy Garrett, Jack Garrett(Gail), Donny Garrett(Shelly), Dawn McCane (Billy),Shelly McLaughlin(Mike), Danny Coon (Tami), Tiffany Lane, 31 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, four brothers; Woody Garrett(Amy), Paul Garrett(Gail), Frank Garrett(Jackie), and Calvin Garrett(Jean), four sisters; Pauline Henderson, Mary Schipkowski(Fred), Sarah Coleman(Joe), and Louise Higginbotham(Ernie), a daughter-in-law; Tim “Tamara” Garrett and two sisters-in-law; Darlene Stilwell, Beverly Rutherford(Charles). He was preceded in death by two sons, Ray “Beaver” and Steve Garrett, a grandson; Paul Garrett, 2 brothers; Henry M. Garrett, and Orville L. Garrett and one infant brother and 2 infant sisters. A special thank you to Heartland Enriching Life and especially Patrick Joyce who gave Tom very good care. Including Dr. Mark Woodson and The Infusion Center. Visitation will be 9:00 a.m Friday January 17, 2014 until time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. The Rev. Don E. Long Jr. will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park with full military honors by VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be given to The American Lung Association or Heartland Hospice. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)