

# Stanley Burns

**Grafton | Saturday, April 12 2014**

GRAFTON- Stanley Bernard "Stan" Burns, 88, died at 1:26 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. Stan was born on Nov. 17, 1925 in Madison, IL., one of three children born to the late Earl Edward & Marie Silvia (Schneider) Burns. A longtime resident of Grafton, Stan had recently become a resident of the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy. He proudly served his country with the US Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grafton for over 60 years, and was lifetime member of the Alton VFW, as well as a member and past co commander of the Grafton American Legion, and a founder of the Grafton Volunteer Emergency Corp. He and his wife, Peg, owned & operated, Peg and Stan's Restaurant in Grafton for over 20 years, and in addition they were well known for taking in neighbors during Grafton's numerous floods and cooking for those who simply needed a meal. A machinist by trade, Stan loved to hunt, fish, and garden, and in his later years, he and Peg operated a pecan farm Calhoun County. He married the former Peggy Ann DeSherlia on May 10, 1947 in Mitchell, Il., and their marriage spanned 64 years before her death on Nov. 7, 2011. Surviving are two sons & a daughter in law, Randy & Becky Burns of Grafton and Jim Burns of Gerald, Mo.; a son in law, Mike Romano of St. Louis, Mo.; five grandchildren & their spouses, Chad & Amie Burns of Glen Carbon, Amy & Joel Hall of Alton, Rose & Jesse Wilson of Florissant, Mo., Michael Romano of St. Louis, Mo., and Heather & Jeff Weirich of Gerald, Mo.; 10 great grandchildren; two sisters in law, Joyce Senger, and her husband, Robert of Grafton and Edith DeSherlia of Fieldon; along with many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, Stan was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra Marie Romano on Feb. 7, 2013; and two sisters, Helen Prazma and Bertie Taravella. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., Wednesday at Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grafton, with Father William Hembrow officiating. Burial will be in Scenic Hill Cemetery in Grafton, with military graveside rites being conducted by the Grafton American Legion Post 648. Memorials



may be given to the St. Patrick's Church Altar Society or to Pan-Can, an organization dedicated to the research and elimination of pancreatic cancer.