



# Thomas Flynn

**East Alton | Friday, May 2 2014**

Thomas Elbert Flynn, 78, passed away suddenly at 7:44 p.m., Friday, May 2, 2014 at Alton Memorial Hospital with his family at his side. He was born in Alton on Sept. 23, 1935, the son of the late Elbert Homer & Mae Sue (Kelly) Flynn. Tom was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, and so much more. He loved life, his Lord, and his family, as well as his country. He was a 45 year employee of National Gould Auto Supply in Alton, retiring in 2000 as a Master Counterman. In addition, as an ordained minister, he enjoyed sharing the word of God and his wisdom of the Bible. He will be sorely missed and we will remember and try to emulate all the positive character traits he possessed. He married the former Gloria Rowland on March 25, 1968 in Alton, and together, the two celebrated 43 years together before her death on June 2, 2011. Surviving are his seven children & their spouses, Thomas Flynn and his fiancée, Cindy Goben of Alton, Elaina & Kevin Osterbur of Highland, Carla & Michael Maynard of Alton, Steven Bunch of Naples, Fl., Bryan Thompson of East Alton, Lillian and Richard Smith of East Alton, and Michael & Czizette Flynn of Oak Harbor, Wa.; 13 Grandchildren & their spouses, Andrea Battles, Chaunta & Craig Davis, Miranda & Derek Wall, Richard & Brianne Smith, Kristina Smith, Matthew Smith, Amber Flynn, Michael Johns, David & Crystal Flynn, Meghan Osterbur, Kyle Osterbur, Izabelle Flynn & Ryder Flynn; and 22 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents and his wife, Gloria Flynn, he was preceded in death by a beloved daughter, Jill Ellen (Flynn) Saunders who passed away two days later on May 4, 2014; a brother, John Richard Flynn; and a sister, Anita Sue Beatty. Friends and family are invited to attend the combined visitation for Thomas and his daughter Jill from 4 to 8 p.m., on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where combined funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, May 9, 2014. Rev. Larry Kershner will officiate. Burial will take place in the Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Memorials may be given to the Jill Saunders Memorial Fund either at the funeral home or US Bank in Alton, Il.



