



# William Groshart

**Alton | Saturday, November 8 2014**

William Edward Groshart, age 93, went to be with the Lord November 8, 2014. Wm. Edward was born on June 21, 1921 in Possum Trot Kentucky to George W, and Pearl D. (Williams) Groshart. The family moved to Alton where Wm. Edward attended Humbolt School and graduated from Alton High School. Enduring the Great Depression he served in the Army during World War Two. He was on the First Wave to go ashore on D Day 1944. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge where he was taken prisoner of war. He spent the remainder of the war as a German POW. He was awarded among other metals, The Silver Star, The Bronze Star, and 3 Purple hearts. Returning to Alton he was employed by Owens Illinois Glass Company in Alton, Illinois from which he retired. In 1946 he married his Army Sweetheart June Feldman. They were married for 61 years until her passing in 2007. Wm. loved the outdoors, animals, and gardening. Many times his flower gardens were given the Pride Award of Alton Area Pride. The Treehouse Wildlife Center of Dow chose his home to release a pair of Falcons. In 2010 he went on an Honor Flight to see the World War Two memorial in Washington, D.C. where he and other members of the flight were greeted by former senator and presidential candidate Bob Dole and his wife Elizabeth. He is survived by a daughter Pamela Kristine Jones and her husband Leroy (Lee) Jones of Dow, Illinois. Also surviving are nephews and nieces Louis Calvey of Alton, Donna Beard of Godfrey, Sandra Thompson of Alton and two very special friends Cathy Browning of cottage Hills and Blake Shaake of Godfrey. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, June Jeanett (Feldman) Groshart and three sisters Amelia Etta Medlock, Della De Jerus, and Alma Jean Geissert. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton, followed by Graveside services at 11:15 a.m. at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with military honors from VFW Post 1308 of Alton. Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or The Alzheimer's Association. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)