



William Bouyea

Alton | Thursday, December 4 2014

William Paul Bouyea, 87, devoted husband, father and friend to many, departed this world to be with his Lord on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014. His family was by his side.

He was born on Feb. 20, 1927 to William Arch and Opal Mae Bouyea in Clarksville, Mo., He served in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., from 1950-52.

On Aug. 1, 1954, he wed Carol Jean Taylor, of Alton, at Upper Alton Baptist Church. He worked at McDonnell Douglas as an expeditor for nearly 37 years.

Paul loved spending time with his family, gardening, baseball and serving others. After retiring in 1988, he volunteered at St. Anthony's Hospital for 15 years. He also volunteered at Crises Food Center and he and Carol delivered Meals on Wheels for about 20 years for Evangelical United Church of Christ. He was a member of College Avenue Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon and usher.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Barbara Bouyea of Washington, Conn., Robert and (Annette) Bouyea of Columbia, S.C., and Becky Abbott of Fort Worth, Texas; and five grandchildren, Nathan Zapata, Mary and Emma Bouyea and Brian and Bailey Abbott. He is also survived by his cousin William R. and (Sally) Bouyea.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother James E. Bouyea and sister Mary Elizabeth Bouyea.

Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, December 5, 2014 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 6, 2014 at College Avenue Presbyterian Church officiated by the Rev. Dale Jackson. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in memoriam to either College Avenue Presbyterian Church or BJC Hospice.

Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com