



Harry W. Olive

October 8, 1931 - August 2, 2011

Harry W. Olive, age 79 of Edwardsville, IL, died Tuesday, August 02, 2011, at his residence in Edwardsville, IL, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on October 08, 1931, in Alhambra, IL, the son of Lawrence and Martha (nee Burgnone) Olive.

On April 15, 1956, he married Rose Marie Olive nee Wilkening who survives in rural Edwardsville.

He was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ. He was also a member of Many Camping Clubs; Brotherhood of Teamsters; former Teamster Chairman for Shell Oil, and a member of the Old James-Olive Family Association.

Mr. Olive is a high school graduate from Edwardsville High School in 1950. He joined the United States Air Force on Nov. 21, 1950 to June 1, 1954 and served in the Korean war. Upon his return he met and married the love of his life, Rose Wilkening in 1956. They had four children. After 38 years of service to Shell Oil Refinery being a truck driver and equipment operator, he retired in 1993. Many called him "Mr. Safety". He enjoyed traveling, square dancing, fishing, hunting, and bicycling. He has broken many biking records. He won the Tour de Donut in 1997 and in 2004 swept the Gold in the Senior Olympics.

He was diagnosed with ALS in 2006. He inspired those who knew him with his grace and good attitude. He held hope for a cure for the remainder of his life.

Survivors include :

Wife - Rose Marie (nee Wilkening) Olive, Edwardsville, IL

Daughter - Deborah Olive, Gig Harbor, WA

Son - Kevin Olive, Winston-Salem, NC

Daughter - Ruth (Stephen) Gevers, Edwardsville, IL

Grandchildren - Five

Brother - Roy (Vivian) Olive, Florissant, MO

Brother - Carl (Elma) Olive, Branson, MO

Sister - Vera Henschen, Highland, IL

Son In-law - Joseph Geuss, Worden, IL

Nieces and Nephews - Many

He was preceded in death by :

Mother - Martha Elizabeth (nee Burgnone) Olive (DOD 05/04/94)

Father - Lawrence Walter Olive (DOD 09/11/81),

Daughter - Diana Geuss (DOD 06/01/2008)

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Hamel, IL.