



## Jon L. Sugg

November 25, 1943 - November 26, 2014

Jon L. Sugg, 71, of Highland, died Wednesday November 26, 2014, at Faith Care Center in Highland.

Jon was born in Highland Thanksgiving morning, November 25, 1943, youngest child of Marion and Helen (Zbinden) Sugg of Pocahontas. On April 24, 1965, he married Grace Loebel. Married nearly 50 years, Jon still referred to wife Grace as "My Bride". She survives in Highland.

Other survivors include daughter Margaret (Thomas) Wickenhauser of Edwardsville, son Andrew (Susan) Sugg of Highland, and daughter Natalie (John C. II) Rankin of Ballwin, MO, and grandchildren Emily (fiancé Payton Blaylock) Cook, Jon Wickenhauser, Claire Wickenhauser, Eve Sugg, Mark Sugg, Allison Thornton, Samuel Thornton, Meghan Wickenhauser, John C. Rankin III, and Kristin Rankin. Also surviving are siblings, Joan Swofford of Carlyle, Donna Swofford of Greenville and Roger (Charlotte) Sugg of River Forest, IL., along with numerous nephews and nieces. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by nephew Thomas Swofford, and brothers in law, William Swofford and Robert Swofford.

Jon was raised in Pocahontas where he attended grade school. He graduated from Greenville High School in 1961, attended Greenville College and Southern Illinois University, and graduated from Milwaukee School of

Engineering in 1965. In high school he was employed by Swofford Texaco, Stratmann Lumber and Alton Box. While attending college in Milwaukee he was employed by Heiser Ford and Aetna Insurance. After graduation he was employed by Louis Allis Company in Milwaukee, Basler Electric in Highland and McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis. Following a 37 year career as an agent with State Farm Insurance Companies, he retired March 31, 2011. He earned many insurance and travel awards with State Farm. He and Grace lived in Milwaukee after their marriage before returning to Highland. In 1968 they moved to Maryland for a year while Jon was on assignment for McDonnell Douglas at Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center.

He served as Highland Police and Fire Commissioner for 29 years, and was a founding member of the Southwestern Illinois Police Consortium. He held an Illinois Insurance Broker license as well as Series 7 & 63 Securities licenses. He was a former Highland Jaycee member, Highland Chamber of Commerce member, Boy Scout fundraiser, Kirchenfest volunteer and St. Paul Church member. He enjoyed playing tennis on a men's league in his younger years. He was member of the Okaw Valley Radio Club as a short-wave amateur radio operator with call letters K9WDL, making radio connections with many countries by voice and Morse Code. At age 14 he earned his radio license after assembling a transceiver from a kit ordered by mail with money borrowed from his dad. A long-time season ticket holder, he loved Cardinal baseball. He had a life-long love of aviation, he took flying lessons and had the thrill of solo flights. In addition to his love of airplanes, he loved World War II history, Jimmy Stewart and old western movies, fine automobiles, college basketball, politics, following the Dow, hot weather and a cool drink. He and Grace enjoyed United States and European travel, cruises, trips to St. Lucia, Jamaica, Hawaii, West Indies and their favorite spots, Las Vegas and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Highland Area

Community Foundation or Hospice of Southern Illinois and will be received at the church or Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home who is serving the Sugg Family.

In the spirit of service to others, the remains have been gifted to St. Louis University Medical School for Lewy Body Disease study.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, November 30, 2014, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 412 Ninth St., Highland, IL.

Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, December 1, 2014, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 412 Ninth St., Highland, IL. With Pastor Fr. Charles Edwards officiating.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Jon L. Sugg*



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**Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home** - November 28, 2014 at 04:50 PM

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“ *We have over a half century history with State Farm. Initially with Jon's father, Marion, and then continuing on with Jon, upon his retirement. There was always a friendly exchange of information- bordering on a neighborly chat-with Jon at each encounter. The accumulating years were never noticed until Jon retired. Then, the void left in our relationship became quite obvious. The same as now, when necessity requires a sorrowful final "goodbye," to a man we were privileged to call "friend" for so may years. We send our deepest regrets to Grace and the family, for their loss of this remarkable man, who shared their lives.*

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**Lonnie & Nancy Grotts-Kuhn** - December 01, 2014 at 11:46 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jon L. Sugg.*



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