



Lorenz I. Gihring

December 10, 1919 - October 24, 2009

Lorenz I. "Larry" Gihring, age 89, of Bethalto, IL., died Saturday, October 24, 2009, at St. Anthony Health Center in Alton, IL.

He was born December 10, 1919, in Hamel, IL., the son of Fred and Minnie (nee Schlechte) Gihring.

On October 27, 1951, he married Agnes Pilger, she died 1978; November 23, 1979, he married Ann (nee Ashauer) Urban, she died 12/23/2004.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hamel, IL; VFW Post #1308, Alton, IL; former member Zion Lutheran Church, Bethalto, IL; former member of the Steel Workers Union.

Born at Hamel, IL. Raised near Staunton, IL. Entered the US Army, active duty during WWII, nearly 43 months overseas, duty in the S. Pacific; honorable discharge as a Sgt First Class, US Army. After marriage he and his wife moved to Meadowbrook, IL. He and his wife were very active in the Zion Lutheran Church, Bethalto, IL; he was a Elder and Trustee of the church; active w/ the Men's Club; sang in the church choir for 25 years; chairman of the Music Committee; and taught Sunday School for many years.

He retired from Leclad Steel Co., Alton, IL, in 1982, as a Crane Operator. After living 46 years in Meadowbrook, he moved to Hamel, IL, in 1988; he

then transferred his membership back to St. Paul Lutheran Church, the church he had grown up with.

Survivors include Son-John Douglas Gihring of Godfrey, Ill., Special Friend-Leona (nee Eberhart) Daubee of Bethalto, Ill., Grandchildren-Julie Weber of Lake Havasu, Ariz., Timothy (Sheryl) Gihring of Mitchell, Ill., Robert \"Bob\" (Kasey) Gihring of Edwardsville, Ill., Daniel Gihring of Bethalto, Ill., and Crystal (special friend-Ben Waggoner) Gihring of Godfrey, Ill.

He was preceded in death by Father-Fred Gihring, Mother-Minnie (nee Schlechte) Gihring, 1st Wife-Agnes (nee Pilger) Gihring, 2nd Wife-Ann (nee Ashauer) Urban Gihring, Great Grandson-Jonathan Gihring (died 11/22/1995), 3 Brothers-Victor and Harold Gihring, and Irvin Schlechte, and a Sister-Lydia Stacy.