



Gerald Arthur Hoots

August 23, 1933 - February 2, 2022

Gerald “Jerry” A. Hoots, 88, of Bluffs passed to his heavenly home, Feb. 2, 2022, at St. John’s Hospital in Springfield. Jerry married, Betty Huddleston, Nov. 13, 1954, she survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur L. and L. Freda Cox Hoots; sister, Madeline Enke; and recently a daughter, Vicki Lea Hoots Riley.

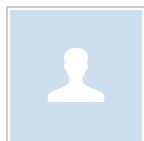
Surviving is daughter, Debra (fiancé, Don Merriman) Hoots of Bluffs; son-in-law, Greg Riley of Metropolis; nieces, Cheyanne (Rick) Ingram, Alwin (Ronnie) Carter and Daphne (Rick) Carter; nephew Gene (Ann) Enke; grandsons, Jeremy Riley of Lexington, KY, and Chad (Caitlin) Riley of South Bend, IN, granddaughter, Ashlee (Nigel) Haynes of Jacksonville; great grandchildren, Eli Riley, Georgia Riley, Prescott Riley and Bernadette Riley.

Jerry served in the US Navy in Alameda, CA. He was employed at Delta Tanks in Beardstown and later as an engineer for Mobile Chemical in Jacksonville for 31 years. Jerry was a member of Corner Stone Baptist Church in Winchester.

Interment will be in Hillcrest Cemetery with private family graveside services to be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to St Jude’s Children

Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Arthur Hoots*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Betty, Debbie, and all of the Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Gerald's passing, our condolences to
you, you are remembered in our prayers.
Susan (Placke) and Byron Hamman*

Susan Hamman - February 11, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *I worked with Jerry many years ago at Mobil and always enjoyed
talking to him about everything. I was glad to have known him. My
prayers go out to his family.
Robert Surratt*

Robert Surratt - February 08, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ *So sorry when heard about my Uncle Jerry who I referred to as
"Kenny Rogers" as he was so handsome. He had a great sense of
humor and loved Chevy's. I so enjoyed when Mom and I would go
out to eat with Jerry & Betty and he and I loved the ice cream on the
smorgasbord at Griggsville. He had good stories to tell and loved
visiting with him when got chance. He sure will be missed around
Bluffs where he was known as "Hootsie" when he first started dating
my Aunt for long time thought it was his name and got to tell story
he was one who taught me to drive at very early age. Fond
memories of my Uncle Hootsie. Pat Engelbrecht*

PATRICIA ENGELBRECHT - February 07, 2022 at 07:55 PM