



Alvin M. Oest

October 19, 1934 - June 7, 2024

Alvin Meril Oest, 89, of Pontiac, Illinois, formerly of Havana, passed away at 11:35 a.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024, at Carle BroMenn Hospital in Normal. He was born on October 19, 1934, in Bath, Illinois to John and Anabelle (Koehne) Oest. He married Shirley J. Session on May 4, 1956, in Easton and she preceded him in death on January 6, 2020.

Alvin is survived by his son, Craig (Karen) Oest of Fairbury, Illinois; grandchildren, Emma Oest of Chicago and Tonya (Eric) Jones of Heyworth; great-grandchildren, Payton, Reese, and Taylor Hill; brother, Don Oest of Havana; sister-in-law, Bessie Oest of Lewistown; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son, Greg Oest; brothers, John, Vernon, and Kenny Oest; and infant sister, Emma Lorena Oest.

Alvin was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havana. After his service in the U.S. Army, he then returned to Mason County where he raised his family and farmed for 40 years. During this time, he was a member of the Mason County Farm Bureau. While Alvin had many hobbies, he particularly enjoyed duck hunting at Quiver Creek with his friends and family. He was an avid sports fan, mainly watching baseball and basketball. He supported the Saint Louis Cardinals and the University of Illinois Fighting Illini. However, what Alvin loved most was getting to spend time with his friends and family. A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana. Graveside services will follow the

visitation at 11:00 a.m. at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana, with Rev. Ian Heinze officiating. Military detail will be provided by VFW Post #6408 and American Legion Post #138.

Memorial donations may be made in Alvin's name to Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago or SELCAS Ambulance Service at 310 W Locust Street, Fairbury, Illinois 61739. Online condolences can be left for his family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ I always remember Alvin and his kindness as a neighbor growing up
My sincere condolences to Shirley and Craig. Michael Turk.

Michael turk - June 26, 2024 at 02:01 PM

CK

“ A lot of memories with Alvin & Shirley on Saturday night eating out
after the St Paul's church services. Prayers to the family.

Carol Fisk Kolves - June 12, 2024 at 05:54 PM

RQ

“ RON AND BARB QUINONES lit a candle in
memory of Alvin Oest



RON AND BARB QUINONES - June 12, 2024 at 03:56 PM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in
memory of Alvin Oest



Larry and Mary Hundt - June 12, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Oest.



June 12, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Alvin M. Oest.



June 12, 2024 at 08:03 AM



“ *Lisa Jill Thompson lit a candle in memory of Alvin Oest*



Lisa Jill Thompson - June 11, 2024 at 05:51 PM