



## Clarence E. Altenbaumer

July 25, 1921 - April 11, 2019

Clarence "Sonny" Altenbaumer, 97, of Central City, passed away Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Centralia Fireside Nursing Home.

Sonny was born July 25, 1921 in Central City, son of Edward Altenbaumer and Emma (Curdt) Altenbaumer. He married Opal Heironimus in St. Louis, Missouri and she preceded him in death on September 27, 1988. He married Betty (Farver) on May 25, 1991 and she preceded him in death.

Sonny is survived by four children: Sharon Martin and Al Bratten of Carbondale, Gary Altenbaumer and wife Cindy of Centralia, Kevin Altenbaumer and wife Donna of Centralia, and Susan Baumgartner and husband Stan of Centralia; eight grandchildren: Chad Altenbaumer of Centralia, Christie Nehrt of Swansea, Colbie O'Neel of Van Burensburg, AR, Jeff Martin of Marion, Jason Altenbaumer of Hoyleton, Kristopher Altenbaumer of Carlyle, Matt Baumgartner and Megan Baumgartner both of St. Louis, Missouri; seven great-grandchildren; a special nephew: Jerry Cunningham and wife Sue of Florida and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two wives: Opal Altenbaumer and Betty Altenbaumer, two brothers: Leslie Altenbaumer and Ralph Altenbaumer, and two sisters: Viola Yoos and Edna Yauch.

Sonny lived his whole life in Central City with the exception of the winter months, where he spent in Zephyrhills, Florida. He was a Centralia Township High School Graduate. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII , where he was wounded and received a Purple Heart. Sonny worked as a Meat Cutter

and he also worked for the U.S. Postal Service. He was a member of the Zion United Church of Christ in Centralia. He enjoyed camping with the Raccoon Rambler's Camping Club. Sonny loved the time he spent with his family and he was an avid St. Louis Cardinal's Fan.

Funeral Services for Clarence "Sonny" Altenbaumer will be held Monday, April 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Rev. Nancy Peebles officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Evergreen Cemetery in Central City. Military Honors will be accorded at the gravesite by the American Legion Post 446 and V.F.W. Post 2055. Visitation will be held Monday afternoon from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Zion United Church of Christ and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Altenbaumer Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **15**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

## Funeral Service

APR **15**. 1:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Clarence E. Altenbaumer*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - April 12, 2019 at 07:38 PM

MH

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. We have great memories of uncle Sonny. Love the times we all spent camping together. Sonny was fun to be around. Mark and Marsha Heironimus, Tx.*

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**Mark Heironimus** - April 16, 2019 at 09:31 AM

DF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Opal and Sonny were good friends with my grandparents Ann and Alfred Carter. Grandma and I would walk down to visit Opal. We all went to the same church and my family camped with the Raccoon Ramblers. We've had some very good times with the Altenbaumer family. Sonny was my grandparents mailman, too. Sharon did her student teaching when I was in the 7th or 8th grade at Central School. I've had a lot of good memories with Sonny and Opal.*

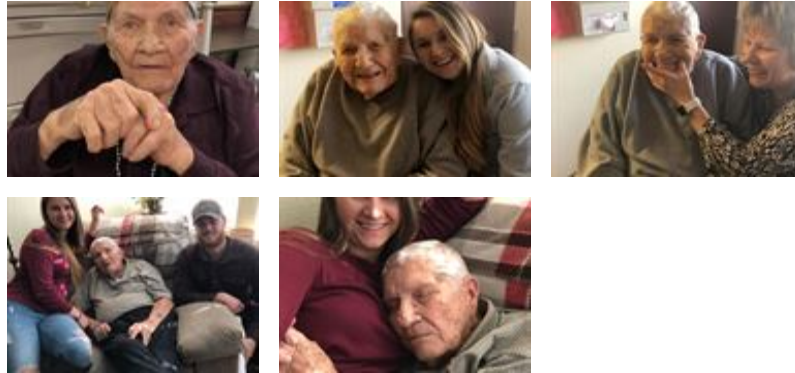
*Dawn Forrest, Lewisville, TX*

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**Dawn Forrest** - April 15, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ 10 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - April 14, 2019 at 04:01 PM

JC

“ *Sorry to hear about Uncle Sonny. I remember him as always having a smile on his face. Thinking of you all at this time.*

*Jill Heironimus Conner  
Gilby, ND*

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**JILL E Conner** - April 14, 2019 at 10:36 AM

SP

“ *Kevin, Gary and all the Altenbaumer family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our thoughts  
and prayers. Our condolences.*

*Steve and LuAnn Pugh*

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**Steve Pugh** - April 14, 2019 at 09:58 AM

SP

“ Steve Pugh lit a candle in memory of Clarence E. Altenbaumer



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Steve Pugh - April 14, 2019 at 09:53 AM

LW

“ He was a great neighbor to our Dad, Stanley Braddy during his time in Central City. He would make the best pies for him! Our condolences to his family. The Family of Stanley Braddy.

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Lisa Williams - April 13, 2019 at 06:59 PM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss.

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Carol Speiser Sellers - April 13, 2019 at 09:10 AM

DH

“ Chris and I are so sorry to hear Uncle Sonny passed away. I have such great memories of all of our camping trips and our visits to Central City as a child. Our thoughts and prayers are will all of you during this time. Dave and Christ Heironimus, Manitowoc, WI.

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David Heironimus - April 13, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Clarence E. Altenbaumer.



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April 12, 2019 at 07:22 PM



“ 72 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - April 12, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ *Susan & family, so very sorry for your loss.  
Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers!*

*Larry & Jo*



**Jo Ann Edwards** - April 12, 2019 at 01:57 PM