



## Gerald Roy Armstrong

February 23, 1935 - December 24, 2020

Gerald Roy Armstrong, 85, of Irvington, passed away Thursday, December 24, 2020 at Belleville Memorial Hospital of natural causes.

Gerald was born February 23, 1935 in Irvington, the son of Roy Lester Armstrong and Opal (Baldrige) Armstrong. He married Patricia Badgett on March 17, 1956 at the New Harmony Baptist Church in Centralia and she survives him in Irvington.

In addition to his wife Patricia of 64 years, he is survived by two daughters: Gera Lynne Sims and husband Martin of Irvington, and Lori Ann Reeter and husband Tim of Edwardsville; two grandchildren: Cole Armstrong Strohmeier of Columbus, GA and Fiancé Emily Dearman of Houston, TX, and Caleb Anthony Strohmeier of Edwardsville; one sister of Irvington; several great nieces; and a lot of loving friends.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents: Roy Lester and Opal Armstrong; father and mother-in-law: Angus and Emma Badgett.

He studied at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, served in the United States Army and was stationed in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

Gerald was a 3rd generation farmer. Armstrong Farms had peach and apple orchards, strawberry fields and a grain farm. Gerald began Armstrong

Trucking, hauling cattle for many years. He was also a Representative for Pioneer Seed, Micogen Seed and Chem-Farm Implements. Gerald was co-owner of the first Subaru dealership in Southern Illinois based out of Columbus, OH.

Gerald was a lifelong member of United Methodist Church in Irvington. He was a Charter Member of the Irvington Ruritan Club, Moose Lodge lifetime member, Elks Lodge, American Legion, and Irvington Volunteer Fire Department.

One of Gerald's biggest passions was being a Shriner. He became a Mason in 1982, belonged to the Scottish Rite Bodies Valley-Southern Illinois and Night Commander of the Court of Honor Scottish Rite, Ainad Temple and earned his 32nd Degree MSA, Jefferson County Shrine Club, Jefferson County Krazy Klowns, and the Royal Order Court of Jesters \*86. Gerald was an Aid for many years to the Shriner Potentates and was Personal Aid in 2012.

Above all, Gerald's wife and family were his greatest loves. He and Pat enjoyed traveling and his favorite place was Hawaii. Spending time with family and 'Everyone being Together' was what he wanted most. He could be found at many sporting events supporting Cole and Caleb who were his pride and joys.

A visitation for Gerald Roy Armstrong will be held on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. till 2:00 p.m. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Due to local health mitigations, a limit of 10 people are allowed into the Funeral Home at a time, masks must be worn, and social distancing will be observed. A Private Family Service will be held Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. The service will be live broadcasted for family and friends, which can be accessed

by going to [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) website and clicking on Gerald's Tribute then clicking live webcasting. If you have trouble, please feel free to call our office and we will be there to assist you. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. In honor of Gerald, memorial donations may be made to the Irvington Volunteer Fire Department or to the St. Louis Shriners Children's Hospital and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Armstrong family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

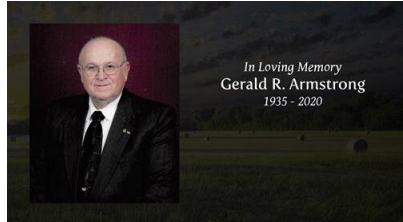
DEC **29**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Inc.  
235 North Sycamore  
Centralia, IL 62801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Roy Armstrong*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - December 30, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Gerald Roy Armstrong*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - December 30, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Masonic Service*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - January 08, 2021 at 05:48 PM

CH

“ So sorry, Pat, Gera, Lori, and all. Ron’s mother, Millie, talked about when he and Ron were little and playing together with trucks and toys. Gerald would always pretend he was hauling cattle to market and Ron would be hauling peaches. I know he will be greatly missed by all who loved him. Charlotte Hartley

Charlotte Hartley - December 30, 2020 at 01:04 PM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss. I had many good visits with Gerald over the years when we discussed old times. Some were even true. He fought a long battle with health. God bless all of your family.

Ralph McTall - December 30, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Roy Armstrong.



December 28, 2020 at 11:28 PM

BM

“ Gerald was a man loved deeply by his family. Sorry for this loss , but heaven gained a soul. We shall all meet again soon. Billie Miller

Billie Miller - December 28, 2020 at 06:49 PM

AP

Al and I were so sorry to read of Gerald's passing. I think the last time we saw him was the ER in Centralia a couple years ago. He was always so friendly and easy to talk with. Praying for you ,Pat, and your girls and families at this difficult time. Irvington people hold such a special Place in our memories. Al and Linda Pflasterer

Al and Linda Pflasterer - December 30, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gerald Roy Armstrong.*



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December 28, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *Pat, I am so sorry for your loss, he was always a pleasure to talk to!*  
*Pat Gilliland*

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**Harriett Gilliland** - December 28, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Roy Armstrong.*



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December 28, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald Roy Armstrong.*



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December 28, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Roy Armstrong.*



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December 27, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. After being away from Irvington for 45 years he remembered me and never failed to stop and chat when he drove by. Always fun talking with him and remembering times past.*

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**Constance M Hess** - December 27, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ *To the entire family...In sympathy and friendship. No one can experience the sadness as you do. For your feelings are unique and very personal to all of you. Memories, laughter, and love are the treasures we keep forever. Hope those good memories play over and over again in your heart. Silvester and I will never forget the balloon demonstration given to us one lovely New Years Eve. The World has Lost a Beautiful Spirit.  
Your friends always Silvester & Alfredia Smith*

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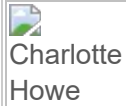
**Alfredia Cohen-Smith** - December 27, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ *Gera and Martin,  
I just read about the loss of your father. You have my deepest sympathies. Here's a hug from Columbia, Missouri.*

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**Victoria Halterman Migliore** - December 27, 2020 at 02:41 PM



Charlotte Howe

“ Gera, wanted to let you know how sad I was for you when I read this. You were an angel to your dad..he could not have had anyone better taking care of him. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Charlotte Howe

Charlotte Howe - December 27, 2020 at 10:52 AM

BM

“ Brian and David Moore purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gerald Roy Armstrong.



Brian and David Moore - December 27, 2020 at 10:28 AM

PQ

“ GERA/MARTIN  
YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.  
YOUR DAD AND I HAD A LOT OF FUN ARGUING OVER THE  
NEW HIGHWAY 51  
PHIL QUANDT

PHILIP QUANDT - December 27, 2020 at 07:38 AM

NR

“ Don and/or I spent many hours with Gerald at Pioneer Hi-Bred sales meetings. We also remember Gerald and family preparing the many fruit baskets at Christmas time. He was always willing to provide whatever anyone needed. A great service for youth groups and local businesses. He will always be remembered.  
The Russells’

Nancy Russell - December 26, 2020 at 09:14 PM

DR

*So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family. 🙏🌹*

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**Dan and Joyce Rollinson** - December 27, 2020 at 12:49 PM

KB

*Pat, I am so sorry you lost Gerald. Our loss is heaven's gain. I will never forget how wonderful Gerald always was to help the CTHS Class of '53! He was a peacemaker, helper, always with a smile. I pray God's comfort for you and the family.*

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**Karen Bevel** - December 29, 2020 at 10:41 AM