



## Max L. Balch

April 8, 1937 - June 8, 2015

Mattoon, IL-Max L. Balch, age 78, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 1:03 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2015, at Palm Terrace of Mattoon. The funeral service in his honor will begin at 12:00 p.m., Friday, June 12, 2015, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938. Inurnment will follow in Zion Hill Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Mattoon VFW Post 4325. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m., until the service begins. Masonic rites will be conducted by the Wabash Masonic Lodge #179 at 9:45 a.m., and are open to the public. Born April 8, 1937, in Charleston, IL, Max was the son of Joseph H. and Stella L. (Carlin) Balch. He is survived by his special friend, Maxine Cole of Mattoon, IL; one son, Max Balch, Jr., of Mattoon, IL; two brothers, Bobbie Balch and wife Linda of Neoga, IL, and Joe Balch, Jr., and wife Sharon of Lerna, IL; one sister, Sharon J. White and husband Loren of Toledo, IL; three grandchildren, Jesse Schwerdt of Mattoon, IL, Alex Max Balch of Mattoon, IL, and Cydney Taylor Balch of Mattoon, IL; and three great-grandchildren, Rhiannon Balch of Mattoon, IL, Kaylee Schwerdt of Mattoon, IL, and Kylee Schwerdt of Mattoon, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Todd Balch. Mr. Balch served our country with the United States Army from 1957 to 1960 and the Army National Guard from 1962 to 1964. Before his retirement in 1993, Max was employed through the Carpenters Local #347 for forty-five years. From 1977 until his retirement, he worked for Eastern Illinois University. He was a member of the Broadway Christian Church of Mattoon, IL. Other

memberships included the Mattoon Eagles Lodge, Mattoon Moose Lodge # 803, Wabash Masonic Lodge #179, Danville Consistory, Corn Belt Shrine, Mattoon VFW Post 4325, National Wild Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Coles County Quail Unlimited, Coles County Pheasants Forever, Charleston Gun Club, and the Mattoon American Legion. \r\n\r\nPlease visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family. \r\n\r\n

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max L. Balch*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Thinking of you with love, Lori*

**Lori** - June 11, 2015 at 04:37 PM



*Grandfather everyone is acting weird they have trashed grandmas house lied cheated stole over and over I am trying to learn how to be America Finacial advisor While Mary is the chief advisor for the president in DC district of Columbia martial law and my mother acting as my sister. after Henery Clark Schwerdt adopted us I miss you and really have only the metropolitan police department and there mother's are DEA. I've tried to be honest and get to know them and our MPD affirmations private revelations hope to gain conchise contact with tootie coochie you and keep our families valued and morals Kaylee said she was taking all values and leaving me with the basics712 Moultrie Ave 61938*

**Jesse Cole Schwerdt** - August 13, 2022 at 08:53 PM



*Today I wrote the Girls we both know granddad the Membrane is still accessable  
E pluribus UNUM bank trust trust me if you hear of any hotties send um my way Granddad .*

**Schwerdt Jesse** - October 22, 2022 at 02:04 AM