



## Joseph C. Pelloquin

October 13, 1936 - January 24, 2024

October 13, 1936, Joseph C. Pelloquin, "Pluke", was born at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis, MO to Joseph A. Pelloquin and Mildred Thompson Pelloquin. He was their first son and oldest child of six. His parents, brothers John and Kenneth, and his only sister, Wanda Novel, preceded him in death. As a young child he was christened in the Catholic Church and later baptized at the age of 9 or 10 at First Baptist Church of Ballwin.

Pluke was raised in Manchester and Ballwin, MO but due to segregation attended Douglass High School in Webster Groves, MO, the only accredited public school for African Americans in St. Louis County. They were driven to Kirkwood Road and Adams to catch the streetcar to Douglass. Math was his favorite subject and he graduated in 1954 maintaining Honor Roll status his entire academic career.

After graduation Pluke worked for Kopp Nursery and Smith's Excavating Company until he joined the Navy in 1956, attaining the Rank E0H3 (E4), Seabee (Construction Battalion). After completing one tour in the Navy, and returning home he took the postal test and started as a substitute Letter Carrier with the Ballwin Branch of the Post Office, delivering in Winchester, MO. Eventually landing his own route in area of Baxter/Clayton Roads, he worked it for 20+ years making lasting friendships and acquaintances. After 30 years of service, he retired at the age of 55.

During his postal career, he held many side jobs: private school bus driver, construction, hauling, and raising livestock, to name a few. After retirement, he

drove for Laidlaw in the Rockwood School District. An avid sports fan, he loved them all, especially baseball.

Pluke went to sleep peacefully on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, after a life well lived.

# Cemetery Details

## National Cemetery - Jefferson Barracks

2900 Sheridan Rd  
St. Louis, MO 63125

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Ballwin  
206 Ries Road  
Ballwin, MO 63021

## Funeral Service

FEB 5. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Ken McGhee & Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Joseph C. Pelloquin



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**Ken McGhee & Archway Staff** - February 08, 2024 at 05:08 PM

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“ If there was one person in our office that everyone liked and respected it was Joe Pelloquin. Rest in peace, dear friend.  
Jan Mason

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**Jan Mason** - February 01, 2024 at 09:07 PM

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“ I remember Joseph from Douglass High School. I was in the same graduating class as his sister Wanda (1956). I was saddened to learn that both have expired. My deepest condolences to the family.

*Eloise Hudson Hunt, Florissant, Missouri, sister of Virgil E. Hudson;  
Class member of 1956 that transferred to Normandy High School.*

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**Eloise B. Hunt** - January 30, 2024 at 05:47 PM