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**Dr. John B. Summers**

Summers, Dr. John B. Born Feb. 3, 1923 and raised in Olney, IL, to A.F. and Helen Dehlinger Summers. He served in the U.S. Army during [World War II](#) in the 3rd Army 284th Field Artillery Battalion as a medic. He received many decorations for his courageous service including the Silver Star and [Purple Heart](#). For many years after he retired he published a newsletter for all of his comrades in the 284th F.A. Battalion keeping them informed. He organized many reunions for the group through the years. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion. After his military service he continued his education and graduated from [University of Illinois](#) School of Medicine third in his class. He moved to St. Louis to complete his internship and residency. He was one of the first pediatricians with Cardinal Glennon Hospital for Children. He was on staff at St. Mary's, Incarnate Word and at the Deaconess Hospitals. His practice of over 35 years was in pediatrics. He served the south St. Louis, Crestwood and Sunset Hills areas. He married Martha Helen Pellum in 1946. They were happily married for over 52 years until her passing in 1997. He is survived by his children Nancy (Keith) Hall, John Jr. (Linda), Daniel (Tina) and David (Sherry) Summers. Loving grandfather of 8 and great grandfather of 10. He died peacefully in his sleep at his residence in south St. Louis County. He was an accomplished private pilot. He loved children. He will be missed! In lieu of flowers, contributions to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. Services: Visitation at KUTIS SOUTH COUNTY CHAPEL, 5255 Lemay Ferry Rd. on Sunday, June 16, 2:00 pm concluding with a 10th District Guard of Honor service at 7:00 pm. Funeral service at Kutis South County on Monday at 10:30 am followed by interment at J.B. National Cemetery.



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