



## James Irwin

April 30, 1937 - March 25, 2025

James A. Irwin, 87, of Twin Oaks, Missouri died Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at his home.

He was born April 30, 1937 in Perkins, Missouri to Walter G. and Dora Haney Irwin.

He and Thelma Owen were married in 1959.

He attended school in Perkins and Bell City, graduating from high school in 1955.

He worked in Saint Louis for two years before moving to Cape Girardeau to work for Adams Dairy. He was a self employed distributor for Adams Dairy for six years, before becoming a contractor for the United States Postal Service, retiring in 2004. He was awarded the Eagle Spirit Award for Excellence by the National Mail Transportation Purchasing.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council #1111.

He delivered Meals on Wheels until his failing health. He loved all the family gatherings, especially the Thanksgiving cookout.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Irwin of Twin Oaks, Missouri; two sons, Russell (Cindy) Irwin of Wentzville, Missouri and Dan (Deb) Irwin of Overland Park, Kansas; two daughters, Tamara (Mark) Schroeder of Niceville, Florida and Carmen (Larry) Newell of St. Louis, Missouri; 10 grandchildren, CJ (Mandy) Irwin, Dylan (Megan) Schroeder, Allie (Zack) Jarrett, Kelsey (Austin) Starkweather, Georgie (Logan) Smith, Abigail Newell, Hannah Schroeder, Jake (Kendall) Irwin, Hayden Irwin, Dane Irwin; six great-grandchildren, Jackson, Ruby, Ollie, Lincoln, Hazel, Leo; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, Tommy Irwin, Haney Irwin, Charlie Irwin, Giles "Doc" Irwin, Cliff Irwin, Richard Irwin, and infant brother, Vester Irwin; and four sisters, Oleta "Sis" Kight, Dorothy Caldwell, Alice Irwin and infant sister, Ruth Irwin.

Visitation will be 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Monday, March 31, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau, with Knights of Columbus Rosary at 10:45 am..

Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 am Monday, March 31, 2025 at the church with the Rev. Rick Jones officiating.

Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church or Congregation of the Mission the Vincentians.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Mass

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Carmen and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My the love and support of your loved  
ones help you through this difficult time.*

*Sincere condolences,  
Dana Kondrad*

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**danakondrad** - April 02, 2025 at 04:32 PM

KG

“ *I will always appreciate how kind he was to me and his sense of  
humor. He raised a great family rooted in love for each other. Rest  
in peace.*

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**Keith B. Graves** - March 31, 2025 at 03:12 PM

ST

“ *We became friends later in our lives. I enjoyed our conversations  
and how he always brought a smile. I already miss walking past his  
house where many of these conversations took place and not see  
his friendly welcome. Love that guy and you too Thelma. God Bless.  
Love and prayers. Sandra Tyson*

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**sandra tyson** - March 30, 2025 at 11:48 PM

DG

*Thelma, Judy and I are thinking of you. Sorry we couldn't be there but  
I've had a lot going on recently, back surgery in February. This morning  
went to the Dr. for congestion an cough. Know that our prayers are with  
you!*

*Don & Judy Griffaw*

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**Don Griffaw** - March 31, 2025 at 02:21 PM

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“ Alexa Marney and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Irwin.



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Alexa Marney and Family - March 29, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Irwin.



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March 29, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Irwin.



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March 28, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Irwin.

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March 28, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Irwin.*



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March 28, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Irwin.

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March 28, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ *Emily Schroeder purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Irwin.*



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**Emily Schroeder** - March 28, 2025 at 07:46 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, I always enjoyed seeing you both at Schnucks, may your wonderful memories comfort you all. ❤️*



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**Laurie Powers** - March 28, 2025 at 03:22 AM

MD

“ *Marcia and George Dailey purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Irwin.*



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**Marcia and George Dailey** - March 27, 2025 at 05:00 PM

MD

“ *Marcia and George Dailey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Irwin.*

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**Marcia and George Dailey** - March 27, 2025 at 05:00 PM

PE

“ *Thinking of one and all. Was always such thoughtful folks. 🙏🙏🙏.  
God bless all  
Herman and Cordelia Peters*

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**peters** - March 27, 2025 at 04:17 PM

RH

“ *Sorry to see Jim's passing. I enjoyed our visits at the Senior Center waiting to do Meals on Wheels. He was a neat man. Condolences to Russell and Tammy and the rest of his family.*

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**Robert Hale** - March 27, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Irwin.*



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March 27, 2025 at 03:41 PM



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