



Joseph D. Irvin

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Joseph D. Irvin, 88, of St. Clair, Michigan passed away at home on September 12, 2016.

He was born in Muncie, Indiana February 20, 1928, the son of Charles and Marie Irvin.

He was a graduate of Royerton High School and Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. He served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952 earning rank of Private First Class. He taught at St. Clair High School for the East China School District.

He dedicated his life to family, church and friends. He loved building cars and houses, sailing, skiing, nature and classical music. He was happiest when spending time enjoying family and serving at church. He will be missed by all.

He was predeceased by his sister, Esther Mae Russell, 89, of Muncie, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, of 65 years, Norma (Emenhiser) Irvin; 3 children: David and Jan (Irvin) Foster of Austin, Texas, Ed and Kristi Irvin of Altoona, Wisconsin, and Dan Irvin of New Baltimore, Michigan; 7 grandchildren: Andrew Foster, Carol (Irvin) Ahrendt, Katie (Irvin) Rheingans, Marie (Irvin) Kotenko, Charles Irvin, Michelle Irvin, and Daniel Irvin; 5 greatgrandchildren: Michelle, Anastasia, and Gabriel Ahrendt, Anna Rheingans, Kara Kotenko; and his brother, George Irvin, of Chico, California, several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at Columbus Bible Church, 1770 Palms Rd. Columbus, Michigan on Saturday September 17th at 11 a.m. Pastor, Jim Smith, will officiate. Family will receive visitors at the church prior to service from 10 to 11 a.m. Arrangements by Young Funeral Home, China Twp.



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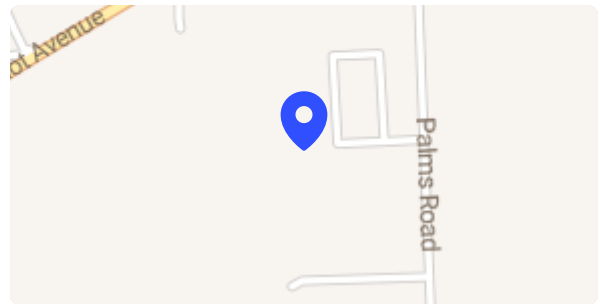
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Memorial Gathering

 **Saturday**, September 17, 2016

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Columbus Bible Church**
1770 Palms Rd., Columbus Twp. MI 48063

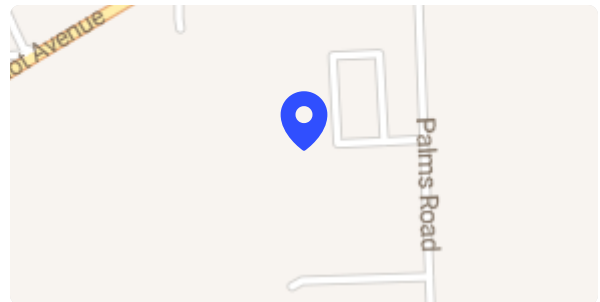


Celebration of Life

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Cemetery Details

 Cremation



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RS

Richard Stafford posted:

My sincere and heart felt condolences to Joe's Family including George. Joe and George are the last of my Father's (George Stafford) first cousins. I have so many fond memories of the Irvin Family which include when Aunt Marie & Uncle Charles would baby sit me when I was small and Joe was still at home. When Uncle Charles and both boys baled hay for us and always marveling the muscle tone and strength of Joe. I remember the first car he built from scratch, I think using parts from a '34 Chevy which was fashioned into a rear engine car without a body. I was so impressed. I am very sorry I have not kept in touch with the family over the years but will carry my pleasant memories forever. May the Good Lord Bless the entire Family and may your sorrow soon be replaced by great memories of a Great Man. Sincerely, Dick Stafford Clayton, Indiana

September 17 at 12:57 PM

BG

Brian N Gilmore September 22 at 2:22 PM

Joe was my woodshop teacher in school..Be was a great guy and a great teacher.RIP Joe Irvin..

PM

Phyllis (Knight) Mcdonald posted:

To: George Irvin, So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. This is from Phyllis (Knight)McDonald. Hope you remember all of the fun times we had when we were young. Your folks and mine at Mt. Pleasant Church and the many friends they had. I lost Marvin about 4 years ago and it was a sad time for me because we were so close. I also lost my husband 14 yrs. ago, but we have lots of good memories to hold on to and at least we know where they are. Please give my condolences and prayers to Joe's Family. I'm living in a retirement Village here in Muncie (Westminster Village). Hope this finds you well, I think of all the people we knew when we were growing up that have passed on to be with our Heavenly Father, what a reunion that will be when we all get to heaven. Take care and I'm thinking of all of you at this time. "Happy Memories", Phyllis

September 16 at 3:00 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Irvin family.



September 16 at 10:19 AM



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Tom Duemling posted:

Mr. Irvin was a great teacher. I was fortunate enough to be in his high school woodworking class and then architectural drafting. He was a tough teacher but fair and extremely intelligent. He taught me many things, including an appreciation of nature and of different woods that I carry with me to this day

September 15 at 6:16 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Irvin family.



September 15 at 4:22 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Irvin family.



September 15 at 9:56 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Irvin family.



September 15 at 5:29 AM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Irvin family.



September 14 at 1:49 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Irvin family.



September 14 at 3:59 AM



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TF

The Goodhue Family sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Irvin family.



September 14 at 2:35 AM

DW

David Wulff posted:

I had him for drafting and electronics class. He let me go ahead and do all the drafting assignments on my own ahead of the class schedule. Then he let me draw houses. I became an architect because of this. I always gave him credit for my career choice and will always remember and be thankful. God bless you Mr Irvin.

September 14 at 2:27 AM

PM

Patricia Moak lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

I will always remember a birthday party / sleep over for Jan. This was the first time I was able to do a complete walkthru of the beautiful first of a kind "all electric" home. As a young girl it was so cool to see such a sleek almost Frank Lloyd Wright designed house. I also remember how Mr Irvin loved to swim the St Clair river with my uncle Lauren Hoyt. Mr Irvin and his family were great friends of my family. He was a great shop teacher too. Thank you for your inspiration and for being the great Christian man to us all. Pat (Malott) Moak



September 14 at 12:14 AM

CG

Chaplain David Gillis posted:

Members of The American Legion Charles J. Fulton Post 382 in St. Clair express their deep sympathy to the family and friends of a fellow veteran. We are grateful for his military service in the U.S. Army.

September 14 at 12:05 AM

LS

Lila (Hoyt) Spotts posted:

I have so many fond memories, I can't choose just one. When you live far away the people back home don't get old. Mr. Irvin will always be the guy with the fun sense of humor. I wonder if my dad was waiting for him at the gates when he got there. My condolences to you, Mrs. Irvin. And to Jan, Ed and Dan as well.

September 13 at 4:51 PM



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RS

Roger Schaaf posted:

Rest in Peace, Mr. Irvin. Enjoyed having you as a teacher! My condolences to the Irvin Family.

September 13 at 4:26 PM

JW

Julie Wallace posted:

I will miss you Joe and your inquisitive mind, our political conversations, singing in the church choir, and sitting with you and Norma in church on Wednesday nights. I know you are at peace now and watching over us. Julie Wallace

September 13 at 2:23 PM

LS

Larry Schwarck posted:

We are praying for you Norma. We rejoice in the time we were able to share in ministry together over the years. God bless you and comfort you. Larry and Hilda

September 13 at 1:27 PM

DS

Donna Shafer posted:

We are praying for u Norma and your family

September 13 at 12:56 PM



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MH

Michelle Harris posted:

I am so sorry to hear this. Mr Irvin was one of my most favorite teachers. I had him for a drafting class and he made me a very nice little plaque/pen holder to show his appreciation for the hard work I did. It made me VERY proud to be acknowledged for something as high school wasn't my greatest feat!! RIP Mr. Irvin

September 13 at 7:46 AM

MM

Maryellen Mcgregor September 24 at 7:02 AM

I was not fortunate to know my cousin (my Aunt Marie Irvin's son), Joe, very well. My mother, Edna Marks Needler, Joe's first cousin, used to babysit with him and his brother and sister and recounted sweet memories of her time with them. Also, my brothers, Norman, Don, and Marvin all have spoken highly of Joe from years ago. I only remember him and Norma as kind and attentive to a little girl back in the 1950's. That would have been me: Maryellen Needler McGregor.

MM

Mary Lynn Morgan September 15 at 7:52 AM

I was never fortunate enough to have had him for class, but he taught school with my dad for many years. Every time I saw him in the hall he always had a wonderful smile, great attitude and always very compassionate to the students. I was fortunate enough though to know him as a family man, because my parents were friends of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin. The Irvins are a caring and loving family. Jan took care of me a few times when I was little at their family home and it was such a warm and friendly place to visit! I am sure Mr.Irvin is up there with Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Goulding and my dad shooting the breeze and making sure our families are still cared for! Your family Mrs. Irvin is in my prayers! Love, Mary Cornish-Morgan

RD

Ron Dawson September 14 at 7:17 AM

To Dan and the entire Irvin family...My deepest condolences in your time of heartache.

VP

Vartush H Platzer September 14 at 4:49 AM

To Jan and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.Vartush Hratchian Platzer

PK

Phyllis Schroepel Van Kampen September 14 at 3:30 AM

Such a sweet, funny, caring man. He will be missed!

DF

David Friedkin September 14 at 3:08 AM

The sufferings of this present day are not worthy to be compared to the Glories Joseph is now enjoying! Susan and I are praying for your Norma, call on us anytime!

BC

Bobbi Closs September 13 at 2:59 PM

I didn't have him for a class in high school. But I will always remember his sense of humor. My friend once put green in her hair for st paddy's. As we passed Mr Irvin, he said, you have



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updoc in your hair...and I'm sure you can guess her response...he laughed, I laughed, she didn't get it..nice memory...hugs and prayers to the family..



Jan Foster September 13 at 12:56 PM

Dad, love and miss you dearly.Jan Foster



Don Burgett li September 13 at 11:49 AM

Mr Irvin was a great man and teacher. He was my wood shop teach many many years ago. He will be sadly missed. My condolences and prayers go out to the family.Donald F Burgett



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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