



## Samuel H. Irwin Jr.

October 22, 1927 - October 30, 2017

Samuel H. Irwin, Jr., age 90, passed away at 2:49 A.M. on Monday, October 30, 2017 at Mattoon Rehabilitation and Health Center.

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Sam was born on October 22, 1927 in Ridgway, PA, the elder son of Samuel, Sr., and Helen F. Irwin. On October 22, 1949, Sam married Dorothy Stelmach, of Pasadena, CA, in Ridgway, PA. She preceded him in death on February 28, 2016.

Sam is survived by his children: Steven Irwin of North Kansas City, MO; Debra (Robert) Grierson and Cindy Reyes (David) Pruitt of Mattoon, IL. Also surviving are four grandchildren: Tim (Susan Stuebner) Grierson of Los Angeles, CA; Lisa (Tony) Amstutz of Panama City, Panama; April (Nick) Smith and Jordan Reyes, all of Mattoon, IL, as well as six great-grandchildren: Chloe, Carson, Camilla and Coralynn Amstutz of Panama City, Panama; Abel and Harper Smith of Mattoon, IL. He is also survived by a sister-in-law and brother-in-law Darlene and DuWayne Strom of MN, and several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Sam was predeceased by his parents, wife, brother and sister-in-law Dick and Joan Irwin, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Jacque and Mart Hodnett, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He retired in 1992 after more than forty years in the trucking industry. He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII, participating in the

Berlin Air Lift. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Mattoon, IL, the Exchange Club of Mattoon, IL, American Legion Post 88 of Mattoon, IL and was fifty year member of the Masons.

Per Sam's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and a memorial service and burial will be at a later date.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 or Mattoon Community Food Center, 600 Moultrie Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel H. Irwin Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Sam was a wonderful man. He was so dedicated to his wife. In turn his Daughter was very dedicated to him. Sam and his family were apart of the Mattoon Rehab family. We will miss him. ❤️*

**Brandy Forrest** - October 30, 2017 at 10:20 PM



“ *Amazing man. He came almost everyday to see his wife, even in bad weather. He was pretty amazing. I feel very grateful that i was able to care for such an amazing couple and very thankful for the loving and caring daughter Debbie.....my heart breaks for you all....He was an amazing man*

**Kelli Shriver** - October 30, 2017 at 08:15 PM