



Richard Clay Irwin

December 23, 1929 - March 1, 2020

Richard Clay Irwin, Sr. passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2020 in Sanford, Florida.

He was born to Elmer and Emily Irwin on December 23, 1929 in Deport, Texas. He was the 8th of 9 children and the youngest boy. The family moved to Wichita Falls in 1931 where he spent his youth.

He joined the United States Navy at 17 years old and never returned to Texas. After a distinguished 20-year military career he retired in 1967. Rick then began his second career in the private working sector, as a project planner and scheduler. Retiring for the second time from Stromberg Carlson/Siemens in 1994. He remained a proud Navy man until his passing.

Rick lived a full, happy and healthy life. He enjoyed playing golf, watching golf, reading, the Miami Dolphins and horse racing. He was preceded in death by his parents and all of his siblings – Ruth, Leo, Katherine, Ellen, JW, Roy, Jo Etta and baby sister Barbara. He is survived by his former wife Gloria Irwin, son Richard Clay Irwin Jr. (JoAnn) of Howey-In-the-Hills, FL, daughter Frances Belle House (Dennis) of Hastings, FL and son Benn Steven Irwin (Carmela) of Apopka, FL. At the time of his passing Rick had 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren with one expected in May.

In the coming weeks, after a private family ceremony his remains can be honored at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery alongside his fellow devoted and brave service members of our United States military.

Cemetery Details

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1
Mims, FL 32754

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ *I will miss seeing you at Atria. I always looked forward to seeing you smile. Rest In Peace.*
Gail



Gail Smith - March 06, 2020 at 09:02 PM

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“ *David Sims lit a candle in memory of Richard Clay Irwin*



David Sims - March 04, 2020 at 06:17 PM