



## Bernard "Sonny" Irlbeck

March 4, 1931 - September 23, 2020

Bernard Irlbeck (Sonny), age 89 of Templeton, died Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at Journey Senior Services in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 28, 2020 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Templeton. The celebrant will be Fr. Steve Brodersen. Music will be by Jeanne Kerkhoff. Soloist will be JoAnn Beane. Lectors will be Dave Ramsey and Deb Hansen. Eucharistic Minister will be Joea Kemper. Honorary Casketbearers will be Nicole Behrens, Andrew Irlbeck, Hannah Irlbeck, Ethan Irlbeck, Jesi Wiltse, Stephanie Hein, Chase Musick, Lindy Thomas, Amanda Grey, Emily Mosman, Samantha Duane, Matt Wiltse, Lauren Irlbeck, Amanda Gaskin, Christina Haggerty, and Brook Wiebers. Casketbearers will be Bret Wiltse, Jason Wiltse, Jake Behrens, Alex Irlbeck, Dalton Hawbaker, and Jesse Janssen. Burial will be in the parish cemetery with military honors conducted by the Dedham American Legion.

There will be no public visitation at the church prior to the funeral mass on Monday morning. Those in attendance will be required to wear a mask. Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Those in attendance are required to wear a mask, and abide by all COVID-19 Guidelines.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Sonny's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Bernard, the son of Alphonse and Margaret (Underberg) Irlbeck, was born on March 4, 1931 on a farm near Templeton, Iowa. The oldest of ten siblings he attended country school, and later attended school in Dedham. He helped with farming, corn shelling, trucking, and later worked for Pape Implement. In July 1952 he was drafted into service of his country, and was honorably discharged in July of 1954.

On August 3, 1954 he was married to Helen Schwabe at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. Sonny returned to work at Pape Implement and the couple lived in Templeton. In 1957 the couple moved to Westside, and began farming. They later moved to Vail and the Deloit area. In 1969 they returned to a farm near Templeton. The couple lived there raising their family of 8 children until 1995 when they moved to their home in Templeton.

Over the years Sonny farmed as well as operated a custom corn sheller for 35 years. Sonny helped with many community projects, and collected many things. He enjoyed cards, Grumpy's Garage, and being with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, Templeton Knights of Columbus, and the Dedham American Legion.

Sonny is survived by his wife Helen of Templeton, and his children: Nancy Irlbeck Musick (Steve) of Moscow, Idaho, Mary Grundmeier (John) of Carroll; Robert Irlbeck (Pam) of Templeton, Lois Behrens (John) Roselle, Kathy Mosman (Donn) of Raymore, Missouri, Duane Irlbeck (Angela) of Templeton, and Glen Irlbeck (Anne) of Templeton; 22 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his siblings: Jerome, LeRoy (Elaine), Tom (Dawn), Fred (Karen), and Eugene (Mary Jo); sisters-in-law: Marian Irlbeck,

and Pat Irlbeck, as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Sonny was preceded in death by his daughter Betty Lou Irlbeck; a grandson Johnny Behrens; his parents, Alphonse and Margaret Irlbeck; brothers: Raymond, John and James; sister: Mary Ann Irlmeier, as well as a sister in infancy; parents-in-law: Ben and Elizabeth Schwabe; brother-in-law: Paul Schwabe, and sister-in-law: Marie Schumacher.

# Tribute Wall

RV

“ *one of the orneriest little devils i have ever met, i am smiling while i think of him and crying while i write this...our most sincerest condolences to you helen and all of your wonderful kids...rest in peace sunshine a.k.a. grumpy irlbeck...*

Robert H Vonnahme - September 30, 2020 at 01:48 PM

BD

“ *Sending our condolences to the entire Irlbeck family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Bill and Barb Danner*

Barb Danner - September 28, 2020 at 11:00 AM

LD

“ *We wish to express our sympathy to the Irlbeck family. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Glenn and Lois Dentlinger*



Lois Dentlinger - September 28, 2020 at 10:26 AM

SI

“ *Our condolences to the family. He was a great guy. Oh how he loved to tease our waitresses and how they loved it. He's having a "venron" with Venron again . Rooster talks quite often about shelling corn with him. RIP Grumpy.*

*Rooster and Shell Irlbeck*

Shell Irlbeck - September 28, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard "Sonny" Irlbeck.



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September 27, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss I am thinking of all of you during this hard time. You r in my thoughts and prayers

*Karen(Wittrock) Dopheide*

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**Karen Dopheide** - September 27, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to Helen and family. My memory of (Sunshine) is he liked to mess up my hair when he walked up behind me. When I would see him I would greet him by saying well Hello Sunshine of my life. He had a soft heart but could be grumpy. Loved how Helen would lovingly put him in his place. Rest In Peace Sunny. Becki Ehlers

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**Becki Ehlers** - September 27, 2020 at 10:59 AM



*he was a playful handful at the office...we all loved it...*

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**Robert H Vonnahme** - September 30, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bernard "Sonny" Irlbeck.*



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September 27, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Helen and family you are all in my prayers. Old Vail neighbor.*  
*Cecelia Thelen*

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**Cecelia Thelen** - September 26, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *I hauled a mountain of cobs from that John deere shelled and heard a truck load of stories from Sonny Ron Juergens*

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**Ron Juergens** - September 26, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *Thoughts to all of you for your loss... my memories of Sonny at The Still always brings a smile and the many times he tugged on my apron strings hoping to see if he could get it loose (which he managed to do on one occasion)! Cherish all the memories!*

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**sherry** - September 26, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *I enjoyed visiting with Sonny at the lunch table whenever I visited my dad at Journey Senior Services. He was so fun to talk to. I am so very sorry for your loss. Rest In Peace, Sonny.*

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**Christy Rickers** - September 26, 2020 at 12:10 AM

JH

“ Our condolences to Sonny's family. We will always have a smile when remembering 'Grumpy". Many years ago he would bring his corn shelling crew into the Wagon Wheel in Gray for lunch. He later became a great friend when we had our business in Templeton. He always made sure everyone saw his tractor collection. A special person for sure. RIP dear Sonny.

*Doug and Jan Hilsabeck*

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**Jan Hilsabeck** - September 25, 2020 at 08:10 PM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this hard time. Sonny was a great guy and left this world a much better place. His legacy will continue through his family and friends. Lue Baker

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**Lue Baker** - September 24, 2020 at 06:06 PM