



Johnny Irish

February 13, 1960 - April 19, 2017

Our beloved father, brother, uncle and friend of many, Johnny Irish left this earth on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Viewing will be Monday, April 24, 2017, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery. A tribute of Johnny's life may be found at www.andersonbethany.com where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Johnny was born on February 13, 1960, to Allison G. Irish Sr. and MaryAnn Irish in Roswell, NM, where he resided for most of his life. When he was only 19 years old, Johnny made the decision to enlist in the United States Army where he served from 1979-1980 and worked as a Truck Vehicle Mechanic. Johnny was a family man and was always happy to spend time with his daughters, Amanda Leeson and Amber Irish; grandchildren, Dakota Irish, Kaleb Leeson and Kylie Leeson. He loved his grandchildren with his whole heart and would have done anything in this world for them, who referred to him as "PEEPAW." When Johnny worked at TMC and Nova bus as a mechanic, he made friends with many of his co-workers and loved to joke around with them when they hung out. Johnny had many talents including mechanicing, and he could work on any vehicle that he was under. Some of those vehicles may still have tools in them somewhere and other names, but if it was broke, he could fix it.

He enjoyed building models, and he would put his special touch on them with

his painting. Johnny had a magical hand when it came to his paint and paintbrush. When he was painting, there was nothing else in the world that mattered. Johnny went into his ZONE and created a mere masterpiece, no matter what the canvas portrayed afterward. Johnny enjoyed listening to a variety of music but had his favorites such as Led Zepplin, Lynard Skinnard and Credence Clear Water Revival, and the list could go on and on. Johnny had a big heart and would do anything for anyone but especially his family. Johnny and his brother Jeff were known around town as the "Irish boys," and with that, it usually meant there wasn't one without the other. You would often hear their friends say "You know those BIG Irish boys, meaning ALL of the Irish boys. Johnny leaves a legend of some kind behind in everyone that knew him. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Surviving to cherish Johnny's memory are his daughters: Amanda Irish and Amber Irish; grandchildren: Dakota Irish, Kaleb Leeson and Kylie Leeson; brother, Jeffrey L. Irish and wife, Jo Ann; nephews: Jeff Irish and his girlfriend, Tina and Joshua Irish and his fiancé, Kayla; niece, Jill and husband, Preston; two great-nephews: Jeff David and Jaythan; and great-niece, Ashlynn.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents: Allison George Irish and Mary Ann Irish; grandparents: Earl and Ethel Irish, Elmo and Jenny Nickel, siblings: Allison George Irish II and Jamie D. Irish.

Those chosen as Honorary Pallbearers are: Dakota Irish, Kaleb Leeson and all of Johnny's old buddies.

Pallbearers are: Jeff Irish, Josh Irish, Willie Hall, Harvey Taylor, George Droba and Ryan Roberts.

This tribute was written in honor of Johnny by his family

A Better Place

To my family, friends, and loved ones,

And all that I hold dear-
There comes this time for everyone,
It's a part of life,
This thing called death-
Something we all must face,
So hide your tears and stand up straight,
I found a better place.

If I've wronged anyone, while living this life-
I'm sorry for the wrong, I did.
The hearts made for love, not hate, my friend-
I never meant to hurt anyone.
So whoever is here and reads this today,
Don't shed those tears for me-
Stand tall and proud and live your life,
The way you feel it should be.
This is my will and testament,
That I am passing down to you-
Not worldly goods, I have,
But my love for each of you.

Although I suffered lots of pain,
While living the life; I had-
There were also times of happiness,
So you can't say life's all bad.

Yes there were times of sorrow,
And times of pain and strife.
But, overall, I'm grateful for having the gift of life.
So as you leave this place of parting,

And I say goodbye to you-
Try and remember the good things,
That we hold dear and true.
Don't think of this as a real goodbye-
Just a parting of the ways,
'Cause where I am, it's a better place,
And I'll see you there someday....

Tribute Wall



“ Johnny Irish

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ Happy New Year, Dad. Love & Miss you so much 🎉🥂❤️



Amber Irish Rushing - January 01, 2021 at 02:33 AM



“ Dad you taught me to be me. You will always have a special spot in my heart. I know your gone but your never far from me!!! Enjoy your freedom and I will see you someday♡♡ miss you so much♡♡

Amanda leeson - December 16, 2020 at 06:27 PM



We love and miss you so much dad ❤️

Amber Irish Rushing - December 18, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ DAD, I miss you every day.. Your are still my hero I know where you are now and know you are safe happy and healthy and free to go were you please now. Thank you for all you taught me not a minute will go by that I don't think of you. Your THE BEST MAN I KNOW AND I KNOW WE WILL BE REUNITED AGAIN SOMEDAY. muss you and RIP.. PUS THE BEST PEEPAW IN THE WORLD...XOXOXOXOX

AMANDA LEESON (irish) - November 07, 2017 at 02:58 AM



“ Tomorrow is going to be incredibly hard dad 💔 But I know you are with me and are looking down on all of us. I love you Old man you are and always will be my number 1.



Amber Irish - June 17, 2017 at 04:49 PM

AL

The worlds best man resting at peace. Missed dearly but never forgotten

AMANDA LEESON - November 07, 2017 at 03:00 AM

PP

“ To the family of Johnny Irish - Your dad's obituary was brought to my attention by my sister Judy. Johnny's dad, "Irish" as he was know to us, and my Dad Johnny Pellegrini were friends. I remember when the Irish family would come by for a visit at our house...your Dad and uncles in tow! I have often wondered throughout the years what happened to the Irish children. My deepest sympathy to you and yours.

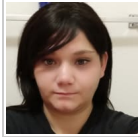
Patti Pellegrini-Wilcox
Phoenix, AZ

Patti Pellegrini-Wilcox - May 01, 2017 at 04:14 PM

JO

Thank you ,I would love to talk to you please call me any time 575-317-5125 my name is Jo Ann Irish I'm married to Jeff

joann - May 02, 2017 at 04:23 PM

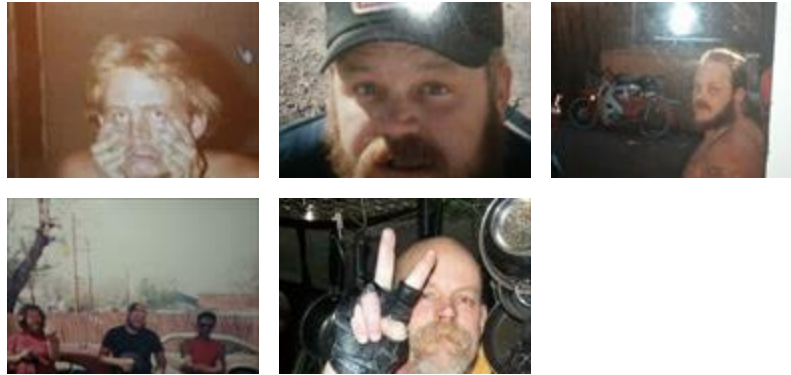


“ Sorry to hear about ur dad prayers for u and ur family.

Joliza Henke - April 24, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ My dad. My best friend. I love you.



Amber Irish - April 23, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



joann irish - April 23, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ Tammy Tavarez lit a candle in memory of Johnny Irish



Tammy Tavarez - April 22, 2017 at 09:44 PM



The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.he makers me to lie down in the Green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.he restoreth my soul : he leadeth me In the path of righteousness for the name sake, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff they comfort me you prepare a tanle before me In the presence of my enemies you anoint my head with oil;my cup overflows surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all of the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the lord forever

Tammy Tavaréz - April 22, 2017 at 10:07 PM

EB

“ My prayers go out to the Irish family.

Ericka Brady

Ericka Brady - April 20, 2017 at 06:29 AM

JC

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of a good man



John&Schelley Collins - April 19, 2017 at 11:00 PM

Jl

Thank you

joann irish - April 22, 2017 at 05:38 PM