



## Daniel "Dan" Irby

January 29, 1937 - March 5, 2007

Daniel Irby was born January 29, 1937 in Houston to Gerald Francis and Daisy Irby. He passed away on March 1, 2007 at his home in Huntsville. He was married to Mary Christian Irby for 39 years. Also surviving him is son and wife Michael Darwin and Nancy Irby, son and wife Dennis Lee and Stephanie Irby, son Ronnie Morgan, son and wife Damon and Kristen Irby and son and wife John William and Andrea Irby; grandsons Travis Irby, Michael Irby, Chase Morgan, Chad Morgan, Lawson Morgan, and Nick Irby; granddaughters Colleen Irby, Eileen Irby, Lauren Irby, Sophia Irby, Catherine Irby and Danielle Irby. He was preceded in death by son Daniel Irby, Jr., father Jerry Irby, mother Daisy Moller, and stepfather Elmer Moller. Dan was employed by Southern Pacific for 34 years and retired to Elkins Lake in Huntsville in 1998. During the 1950's he played for a semi-professional baseball team in Galveston. He was founder and President of Dan Irby's Young and Restless Bowling League from 1999 – 2006. He accomplished his life long desire to bowl a perfect 300 game in 2004 and to get a golf hole in one in 2005. He was currently President of Elkins Lake Mens Golf Association. Dan was a devoted and loving husband, dad and grandpa. He was committed to and loved ushering and greeting at University Heights Baptist Church and he was faithful to Sojourner's Bible Study Class. He was a committed Christian who fought a hard fight against cancer and never gave up and never questioned "why me?". The family would like to thank Thee Hospice of Huntsville and especially Linda and Martha for the loving care given to Dan Irby. The funeral service will be

Monday, March 5th at 11:00am at University Heights Baptist Church with interment at Brookside Cemetery on Eastex Freeway (US 59) in Houston. The family will receive friends and loved ones at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home on Sunday, March 4th from 2:00 – 5:00pm and Dan will lie in state from 1:00 - 8:00pm. Memorial condolences may be made online at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel "Dan" Irby*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mary,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We really thought a lot of Dan and know that he is now healed and without pain.*

*May God be with you and give you strength from this time forward.*

*God Bless,  
Donna & Dale Story*

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**Dale & Donna Story** - March 09, 2007 at 07:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Irby, John, and Family,*

*I have so many wonderful memories of Mr. Irby during our bowling years. The one that comes to mind first was our 1996 trip to Corpus where we picked on each other the whole trip, especially at Outback Steakhouse. That was one the best bowling trip I ever went on. Mr. Irby will be deeply missed by all who knew him, he was a wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Amy Cole Duke** - March 05, 2007 at 04:48 PM

FF

“ Dan worked on the Railroad with my Dad, John T. Jenkins and Uncles C. B. Jenkins and Mack Nutt. Always had a smile for everyone. Dan was such a nice person and well thought of. It seems through my life growing up in Spring, when I went into the Bank where Mary worked they were expecting another baby and were always so happy together. We did not know about the cancer and were shocked when we saw the paper. God Bless you Mary and your family, as we know Dan will be missed deeply. Sometimes when Mom & I are in Huntsville, seeing the kids at college, We will stop by to say Hello. Love to all, Florene Jenkins & Cindy Bayer & Family

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**Flo Jenkins & Cindy Bayer & Family** - March 05, 2007 at 04:45 PM

BA

“ Mary & John: It was so wonderful seeing you both yesterday, just wish it had been under different circumstances. Your family has always been special to ours. We would love to stay in touch with you, so please let us hear from you. Our hearts go out to both of you and the rest of the family in the loss of Dan. He was truly a special man. We have fond memories from bowling with the family. If you need anything, please give us a call. We love you!

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**Belinda & Asa** - March 05, 2007 at 01:32 PM

CF

“ I am privileged to have known Mr. Irby for over twenty years. I grew up bowling with John in Baytown, and Mr. & Mrs. Irby were always there to support us. I have recently moved out of the area and have lost touch with the Irby family, but I share with them the feelings of loss. After hearing the news this morning, I thought back to the time when Mr. & Mrs. Irby invited me to travel with them so that I could participate in an out-of-town bowling tournament that my parents could not attend. They made sure I was taken care of and made me feel like part of the family. Mr. Irby was a great man and patriarch of a loving family. My heart and prayers go out to Mrs. Irby, John, and the rest of the Irby family.

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**Chris Cole & Family** - March 04, 2007 at 07:36 PM

JC

“ i have known dan since i went to work at southern pacific railroad in 1970 and dan was an a person you could listen to and learn a lot about life and treated you with respect when you worked for him as an brakeman.dan will be greatly missed, dan is now celebrating with our savior jesus christ.

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**JC 'BULL' CURRIE** - March 04, 2007 at 05:55 PM

DW

“ Dan was one of those special people that you are proud to call "friend." He reached out to us, as he did to so many, when we were new to Elkins Lake, always including us in whatever was happening, whether it was church activities, golf, bowling, or other social events. We appreciated him and never took his friendship for granted. We always considered it to be a gift from God, and are thankful that God put him in our lives. But we are even more thankful to know that we will see him again. And when we do, we know that he will be busy organizing a bowling league or a golf tournament and diligently recruiting all of the saints.

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**Doug and Barbara Wall** - March 03, 2007 at 02:49 PM

WC

“ Dan will be missed as he was a interal part of life in Elkins Lake and touched many lives. This Anthem was written for people like Dan.

*Anthem*

*“For the Saints”*

*For the saints who've gone before, who from their labors rest!  
We give thanks to You O Lord, for lives of faithfulness-  
They have found their resting-place beside the living stream  
Where they gaze upon the face of our Redeemer King.  
You! the gentle Shepherd, hold each within your care,  
And the saints all feast at the table You prepare.  
We remember those who died! Who now before Your throne  
Kneel to you, our loving guide, whose grace has called them home,  
We in sorrow yearn for those we love who now are gone,  
Fill us with Your sweet repose until we join as one.  
Turn our mourning into song: our grieving, please, release.  
For we know it won't be long: we'll meet the saints in Peace.  
We rejoice with saints of old who won the well-fought fight  
Now Your glory they behold, Your kingdom and Your light.*

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**Wayne Collins** - March 03, 2007 at 02:06 PM

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