



## Irmengard Cowell

April 3, 1930 - December 18, 2009

Irmengard Cowell, daughter of the late Franz and Hedwig (Klein) Eigenschink, was born April 3, 1930 in Straubing, West Germany.

She departed this life December 18, 2009, in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 79 years, 9 months and 14 days.

Irmengard grew up and attended school in Straubing. She was baptized and confirmed in the Straubing Catholic Church. After graduating from high school, Irmengard attended two years at a German university. During the WWII years, she worked as a seamstress in a local factory and as a nurse's aide.

In the late 1940's, Irmengard met a United States soldier, Donald Cowell. They were married on July 15, 1950 in Straubing. This union was blessed with eight children: Donny, Robert, Steven, Christine, Lisa, Irma, Maxine and Michael.

Upon coming to the United States, Irmengard was very proud of earning her citizenship, and took her right to vote seriously. She was also proud of her work with the Waynesville R-VI school district as a teacher's and bus aide to special needs students. She loved them and they loved her very much. Irmengard was a gifted artist. She enjoyed painting and knitting. She had a great passion for animals, and took in many strays. She always made sure

her bird feeders were full, and fed any animal that came up in the yard. But most of all she cherished time spent with family and friends.

Irmengard was dearly loved, and will be greatly missed by six children: Steven Cowell of Waynesville, Christine Morrison (Don Hedrick) of Alexandria, Virginia, Lisa Cowell (Sam) of Pocola, Oklahoma, Irma Brinkley (Chad) of Rolla, Maxine Thompson (Mike) of Waynesville and Michael Cowell (Sheryl) of Topeka, Kansas; one brother: Max Wasl of Germany; 14 grandchildren: Teresa, Melissa, Patricia, Alberta, Katie, Misty, Jessica, Dennis, Cassie, Andrew, Devin, Skyla, Madison and Mason; several great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Irmengard was also preceded in death by two sons, Donny and Robert; two brothers: Franz Eigenschink and Freddie Wasl and one sister: Hedwig Volkl.

A memorial gathering was held from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 22, 2009 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Irmengard Cowell to the Pulaski County Humane Society and may be left at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Irmengard Cowell*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Sorry to here about Ms. Cowell, she was my moms best friend. She passed away the same day as mom Phyllis Carrigan, 2004. Hope all is doing well.*

*Frances Carrigan in Texas.##imported-begin##tpdifran@tx.rr.com##imported-end##*

December 30, 2009 at 04:11 PM



“ *Lisa, Irma, and family,  
So sorry to hear about your mom, May the Lord comfort you in your time of loss. Your mom was a great person and she will be missed.##imported-begin##Linda (kidd) Levett##imported-end##*

December 25, 2009 at 06:09 PM



“ *she was one of the kindness people she will be greatly missed we love you love the banks family##imported-begin##lora banks ##imported-end##*

December 24, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ Steve, Lisa, Irma and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a precious person. We talked alot about all of you when she worked as a bus aide. She was full of life and a blessing to everyone who knew her. I will miss her. I was unable to make it to the visitation as I was out of town. My prayers of comfort and peace go out to you. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Janice Howell##imported-end##

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December 24, 2009 at 10:49 AM



“ I am so sad for your loss. Our families shared so much together. Laughter, tears and all the way through love has remained. Your mom was a power-source like no other. I know from the times we did see each other she loved her children very much.

Deepest Felt Sympathy,  
Shelley##imported-begin##Shelley (Cox) Gerber##imported-end##

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December 23, 2009 at 07:27 PM



“ Irmengard was a grand lady to me. She stood up for me at my wedding in 1970 in Waynesville. I loved her thick German accent and openness to our family. I know she will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Phillip Cox##imported-end##

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December 23, 2009 at 05:39 PM



“ *Maxine, I am thinkin' of you and your family. I knew your mom when she worked at Pick. She was adorable. She was so witty, funny, and full of life. I always thought to myself, " I sure hope when I reach her age, I can have half the SPUNK and PERSONALITY she had!". Many days when I was tired and feelin' kinda down about my situation, or was sick, she would 'BRIGHTEN' my spirits, and make me feel instantly BETTER!!!! You shoud feel so BLESSED and PROUD to have had such a "WONDERFUL" MOM. I know she sure loved you very much!!! You and Mike and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am sure she is in in heaven right now, making all the angels laugh and love her!!!!!!!!!! God bless you all at this time. Sincerely,  
Traci Brown (Richardson) from Pick Elementary##imported-begin##Traci Brown##imported-end##*

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December 22, 2009 at 03:59 PM



“ *Steve,*

*Just wanted to let you know that we are really sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. I know how important she was to you and how much you will miss her. I can only imagine how proud she is of you and she will always be your angel in heaven. You know where we are if you need us.##imported-begin##Tammie and Donna##imported-end##*

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December 21, 2009 at 09:40 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was one of the most wonderful people I have known. I worked with her when she was a para at Pick School. Before that, she knew my children from the after school program at East. She was very good to my girls, as she was to all children. Your mom will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her. She had a magic way of touching your heart. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families at this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Beth Humphrey##imported-end##

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December 21, 2009 at 09:19 PM



“ Maxine and Mike- Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless!##imported-begin##Arthena, Tony, Madie, and Weslee Dye##imported-end##

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December 20, 2009 at 05:45 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss, your mother was a very special lady and meant the world to me. Irmegard was a very kind, big hearted, caring and brutally honest person....those are hard to find these days. She is a very special Angel that has touched many hearts and lives. I will miss her as I know you will too. My prayers are with each of you during this time of sorrow. Remember that she always wanted all to Celebrate as she had a wonderful life...!##imported-begin##Shirley##imported-end##

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December 20, 2009 at 02:56 PM



“ With deepest sympathy. She meant a lot to me.##imported-begin##Karen Wofford and family##imported-end##

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December 20, 2009 at 02:13 PM