



## John Frederick Merrill

April 17, 1944 - June 17, 2024

John Frederick Merrill, 80, passed away Monday, June 17, 2024, at his daughter Susan's home in Carthage, Missouri. Fred was born April 17, 1944, in San Diego, California to Richard and Mary Katherine Merrill. Fred, 17 years old, met Carol, 13 years old, at a church hayride. They were married 55 years. Fred was a city councilman for 7 years. He was asked if he would consider running for Mayor but then said no that would interfere with his crappie fishing. Fred worked for Schreiber Foods for around 50 years. Fred enjoyed spending time at their lake place on Table Rock Lake. He loved fishing, hunting, spending time with his wife, listening to music, and "totty time" with Carol on the front porch. Fred also liked working on old cars and building his house at the lake. In the springtime if you were looking for Fred, he was always out on the water fishing at his "hot spots."

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, wife Carol, and son-in-law Scott Jirik. He was survived by two daughters Teresa Jirik of Sturgeon Lake, Minnesota, Susan Richmond (Darrell) of Carthage, Missouri; seven grandchildren Taylor Santoro (Dave) of Tontitown, Arkansas, Addison Thorn (Eric) of Eagan, Minnesota, Scotty Jirik of Carthage, Missouri, Bailey (Jordan) and Elizabeth of Olathe, Kansas, Olivia and Mary Grace of Carthage, Missouri; and one great-grandson Carson Thorn of Eagan, Minnesota.

"God grant that I may live to fish until my dying day, and when it comes to my last cast, I then most humbly pray; When in the Lord's safe landing net, I'm peacefully asleep, that in His mercy I be judged as good enough to keep." (By

Kathy Lunn)

A funeral mass will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 21, 2024, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Carthage, Missouri. Inurnment will follow at Park Cemetery in Carthage.

Online condolences may be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Park Cemetery

801 South Baker  
Carthage, MO

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church  
Carthage, MO

# Tribute Wall

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“ Teresa, Susan and families so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. You all have been in our thoughts and prayers all week. I know he is catching a “heavenly limit of crappie” daily, and your Mom is keeping the skillet hot.

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**John and Mary Jane Stevens** - June 21, 2024 at 12:26 AM

GK

“ Susan, Teresa and all the family.  
We are saddened to learn of Fred's passing. He was my best friend, best man and brother-in-law. May he rest in peace.  
Susan (Carol's sister) and I send our most heart felt condolences.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you.

Gary and Susan King

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**Gary King** - June 20, 2024 at 04:58 PM

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“ Susan, Darrell and Family:  
So sorry to hear about Fred's passing.  
You guys are in our prayers. May he rest in peace. 🙏. Pete and Sue

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**Peter Carlton** - June 19, 2024 at 05:30 PM

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“ Susan and all the family. So sorry hearing this. May you find some peace knowing he is with your mom now. Please know you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Terry Hopkins** - June 18, 2024 at 06:57 PM