



## George Farrand Timson

December 10, 1927 - January 3, 2025

After 97 years of life, George Farrand Timson passed away peacefully on January 3, 2025, at St. Agnes Home in Kirkwood, MO surrounded by his loving family. George was born on December 10, 1927 in Kirksville, MO to Benjamin F. and Laura Elsie (Farrand) Timson. After graduating from Kirksville High School in 1945 he enlisted in the United States Navy where he served for the duration of the second World War. After his discharge from the Navy, he attended the University of Missouri-Columbia where he earned a degree in Chemical Engineering and met the love of his life, Carol Hill. Following his graduation from Mizzou, George and Carol married on December 26, 1950, at her home in St. Louis, MO. His engineering career began in January of 1951 with the M.W. Kellogg Company in New York City.

During their courtship Carol took George on a canoe trip with her parents on the Current River in southeastern Missouri. He fell in love with the peaceful experience of floating the river and he and Carol dreamed of one day owning property on the clear flowing stream. In 1955 he took a position with Amoco Chemicals at Wood River, IL and their dream came true when he and Carol purchased a farm on Big Creek at its confluence with the Current at Cedar Grove. They named their property Red Blaze Farm and it became a cornerstone of their life together. Spending summer vacations and weekends at the farm, camping on the banks of Big Creek and floating the Current River with their six children was one of the greatest joys of his life. In 1994, George and Carol and their son, George, completed a float of the entire length of the

river from the south boundary of Montauk Park to Pocohontas, AR. He wrote a book about the experience entitled, Banks Upstream.

His Catholic faith was a pillar of George's life. He converted to Catholicism in early adulthood and became a daily Mass communicant. He rose early each morning for silent prayer and reflection, read extensively, participated in bible studies and prayer groups, attended many retreats, and prayed the rosary, all to deepen his faith.

George retired from Amoco as Technical Director in 1983 and moved with Carol to Salem, MO to be near their beloved Red Blaze Farm. During his retirement years he was active at Sacred Heart Church, participating in the choir, playing his guitar during Mass, and taking communion to members of the parish who were home bound. He loved projects at Red Blaze Farm, including developing a wildlife management program and a goat trail down Timson Ridge to Big Creek. George always had a twinkle in his bright blue eyes, loved a good joke (or a bad joke), and was a man of great faith, strength, and discipline.

George is survived by his six children and their spouses: Benjamin and Kathy Timson, of Springfield, MO; Glenn and Jane Timson, of Tulsa, OK; Lexie and George Long, of Ladue, MO; George and Pamela Timson, of Rolla, MO; Laura and Kirk Gimmy, of Marion, IL; and Jonathan and Cindy Timson, of Springfield, MO. Also surviving are sixteen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, two nieces, and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of sixty-four years, Carol; his sister, Janice Loe; his sister-in-law, Lexie (Hill) Schoen; his brothers-in-law, Winston Loe and Nicolaas Schoen; and one grandson, Glenn Clark Timson.

A funeral Mass will be held for George at Sacred Heart Church in Salem, MO at 10:00 AM on January 25, 2025. Visitation will be held on January 24, 2025 from 5:00-9:00 PM at James and Gahr Funeral Home in Salem. Interment will be in the Timson Family Cemetery on Red Blaze Farm at Cedar Grove. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Food for the Poor, one of George's favorite charities.



# Cemetery Details

## Timson Family Cemetery

Cedar Grove, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
jgsalemmo@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Funeral Mass

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
602 W Butler St  
Salem, MO 65560-2054  
(573) 729-4291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Laura, our hearts are with you today. Prayers for peace and strength as you lay your father to rest along side your mom. Your father truly was a great man and had a wonderful life! All our love,*

*Steve and Melodie Lance*

*P.S. we donated to Food for the Poor in your father's memory.*

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**Steve Lance** - January 25, 2025 at 10:04 AM

JS

“ *Laura, Lexie and family, Our family is so sorry for your loss. We all enjoyed visiting with George and you at St. Agnes Home. Larry especially enjoyed George and his stories. We will be thinking of you during his funeral service this weekend. The Wandersee Family*

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**Joan Scherer** - January 23, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Farrand Timson.*



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January 21, 2025 at 01:09 PM

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“ Love, Your Irish Soccer Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of George Farrand Timson.



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Love, Your Irish Soccer Family - January 19, 2025 at 03:39 PM

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“ Love, Your Irish Soccer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Farrand Timson.

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Love, Your Irish Soccer Family - January 19, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Farrand Timson.



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January 18, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Farrand Timson.

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January 18, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Farrand Timson.



January 12, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Farrand Timson.

January 12, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ Pamela, I am so sorry to you and your family for your loss. By all accounts your FIL was an exceptional man who among other things brought comfort to many. Small wonder that he had a deep, abiding love and respect for Current River.  
Ruth Griffith Johnson

Ruth Johnson - January 10, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ First cousin: Carol Reif family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of George Farrand Timson.



First cousin: Carol Reif family - January 08, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Farrand Timson.



January 07, 2025 at 08:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Farrand Timson.

January 07, 2025 at 08:45 PM



“ So many memories to list both big and small, but who could forget the caramel candies from the kitchen cabinet for dessert

**Ben Timson (Grandson)** - January 07, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ Pamela Timson lit a candle in memory of George Farrand Timson



**Pamela Timson** - January 07, 2025 at 07:43 PM