



## Melvin Gene Ireland

March 3, 1965 - June 1, 2019

Melvin Gene Ireland, 54, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Saturday, June 1, 2019. He was born March 3, 1965 to Emerson Wade and Norma Jean Ireland in Joplin, Missouri. Melvin worked as an OTR Truck Driver for many years. He was a member of Green Valley Baptist Church.

Melvin loved his family and enjoyed spending as much time as possible with them. He will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by mother, Norma Bray; father, Emerson Ireland; brothers, Danny Ireland and Dennis Ireland.

Melvin is survived by his children, Krystal Toney, Jacob Ireland, Carolyn Comrey, Jenny Treat and Britney Ireland; grandchildren, Brandon, Skylar, Famous, John, Marcus, Riot, Jensen, Kensley, Artemis, and Akira.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Gene Ireland*

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“ *To those who never heard the story...Aunt Jeannie was on her way to deliver a load when she went in to labor with Mel. She pulled the truck into the hospital at Joplin, went in and delivered Mel and had to sign out AMA (against medical advice) because she had to make sure she got the load delivered on time. She put newborn Mel in a cardboard box on the floor on the passenger side of the truck, turned on the heat and off she went.*

*Mel's life was truckin' and my dad Tuffy, said that he was the best driver of the family. Back in the day, 18 wheelers weren't automatic. You could have multiple gears and double sticks and Mel could drive anything he got up into. He was shifting double sticks when he was a teenager. From the time he was just a little guy, he had the kindest heart and sweetest personality of all the Ireland boys. He could be tough as nails if he needed too but he loved and cared almost to a fault. He was just through Cheyenne a few weeks back and we had the most wonderful time. He was so homesick for his kiddos...he got a quick kid fix and played around with my granddaughter who loved him like crazy. My life will not be the same without him as I'm sure the rest of you feel too. I know where Mel is tho' and I know of his deep love for God. We will see each other again. Until then Darlin' Mel...give the family my love...I love you...will never forget you...and will miss you until we meet again. RIP Your Rondella...*

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