



## Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom

June 21, 1926 - September 28, 2016

Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom, 90, of Anna, formerly of Ullin, passed away at 2:55AM, Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at Illinois Veteran's Home in Anna.

Tunney was born June 21, 1926 in Ullin the son of Merideth James and Clea (Gillette) Isom. He married Alice Mae Redcloud on July 11, 1953. She preceded him in death on November 24, 2001.

He proudly served in the United States Army and Air Force in WWII in the Philippines. He was the proud recipient of the Expert Infantry Badge. Tunney started his career at Kroger in Cairo and Kroger in Anna on Davie St. He managed Wonder Market in Jonesboro and also worked as produce manager at Anna IGA. He retired from Choate Mental Health and was a lifelong antique dealer and collector. After his retirement from Choate he opened "Isom's Antiques" which is an Anna landmark. He was the proprietor of his shop for over 25 years. He was very proud to be one of the last one owner antique shops in our area.

The family would like to thank the staff of Illinois Veteran's Home of Anna and Southern Illinois Hospice for the wonderful care and compassion that was given to Tunney.

He is survived by his children, Michael (Kathleen) Isom of Robinson, IL, Patty

(Randy) Frank of Anna, Lisa (Roger) Eads of Anna; grandchildren, Sara (Jacob) Livesay of Anna, David (Brooke Bittle) Frank of Murray, KY; brothers, Kenny Isom of Grand Prairie, TX, Jim Isom of Arizona; sister, Maxine Johnson of Fulton, KY; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Tunney was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Alice Mae Isom; brothers, Ralph, Clyde, Clinton Isom; sisters, Sue Murphy and Evelyn Long.

Visitation will be from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Friday, September 30, 2016 at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the funeral home with Jack Thornton officiating. Interment will follow at the Anna City Cemetery with military services conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post #3455 and the Illinois Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the Illinois Veteran's Home Activity Fund and will be accepted at the funeral home.

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit [www.crainonline.com](http://www.crainonline.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **30**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna  
135 W. Vienna St.  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-2176  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Service

OCT **1**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Anna  
135 W. Vienna St.  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-2176  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *He was always so kind to me when I stopped by his store or when I passed by him out front by the store he had a smile and a hello for me and I won't forget him. Sincerely Carolyn Foltz*

**carolyn foltz** - October 12, 2016 at 10:29 AM



“ *Vicki May & Jeff Boyd sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom*



**Vicki May & Jeff Boyd** - October 05, 2016 at 07:32 AM



“ *Marianne Dillow lit a candle in memory of Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom*



**Marianne Dillow** - September 30, 2016 at 08:59 PM

MD

“ To Patty, Lisa and Mike,

*I am sorry for your loss. I will never forget the years that I worked with Tunney at Choate Mental Health Center. He was the best and a good friend, and I with him. I am glad for the memories I have with him. I know you will miss him terribly but always know he lives on in each one of you. He was always lucky to have a great family like each one of you.*

*My prayers are with you,*

*Love,*

*Marianne Dillow*

*Anna*

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**Marianne Dillow** - September 30, 2016 at 08:54 PM

LH

“ Tunney' smile and stories always made my visits with him good! He introduced me to Kirkpatrick pottery on my first visit to the store when I first moved here in 2011. Over the years he would share stories about his military experiences - always very humble. I am glad I met him.

*Celebrate his life and my prays are with the family.*

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**Lee Hackney** - September 30, 2016 at 06:01 PM

TB

“ Mike,  
*So sorry for your loss! He was a great guy!*

*Tami Boaz (formerly Frank)*

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**Tami Boaz** - September 30, 2016 at 04:08 PM

MH

“*Tunney, Alice and children lived next door to us for many years. Our children grew up together and there are more memories than we can share here. Playing baseball in the back yard, sharing birthdays and backyard cookouts, weddings and funerals; among the most memorable are the evenings Alice, Tunney, Patty and I spent playing cards and crowing loudly when "we" won and "they" lost. Tunney and his family have been like family to me, my late husband and our children. Tunney, we miss you.*

*Milly Halterman*

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**Milly Halterman** - September 29, 2016 at 09:44 PM

JW

“*Jerri Titsworth, Carla Midgett and Gail Watts purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom.*



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**Jerri Titsworth, Carla Midgett and Gail Watts** - September 29, 2016 at 04:31 PM

CR

“*Cheryl Rion lit a candle in memory of Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom*



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**Cheryl Rion** - September 29, 2016 at 04:23 PM

ET

“ *Employees of Sunbelt Industrial Trucks purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom.*



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**Employees of Sunbelt Industrial Trucks** - September 29, 2016  
at 03:52 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom.*



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September 29, 2016 at 03:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom.*



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September 29, 2016 at 01:19 PM

DM

“ *I will never forget you Tunney Isom... such a dear, sweet man. I always loved talking to you. I will always cherish the things I bought from you and that you gave me. There was always a sense of security and peace knowing you were there in that little shop. I will miss you so terribly. Sympathy to your family.*

*Diana Fuller Moutell*

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**Diana Fuller Moutell** - September 29, 2016 at 09:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom.*



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September 29, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss! I will miss seeing him opening his shop. He reminded me of the beauty of living in a small town.*  
*Mickey Finch*

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**Mickey Finch** - September 29, 2016 at 05:33 AM



“ *I am soo sorry for your loss Patty and Lisa. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



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**Tammy Morris** - September 29, 2016 at 03:20 AM



“ *so sorry to lisa and patty and isom families*

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**jamee j tellor** - September 29, 2016 at 12:13 AM

RB

“*Tunney took me under his wing when I was a teenager starting my first "off the farm" job at IGA. He brightened every day there with his smile and his kindness. As the years passed, no matter where we would meet, he still had that wonderful smile...and, some beautiful "treasure" that he had purchased that he just had to show me. What a great man. Tunney, you will truly be missed until we meet again in Heaven, my friend!*

*Rhonda Brumitt*

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**Rhonda Brumitt** - September 28, 2016 at 10:28 PM

LJ

*Mike and Kathleen,  
I am sorry for your loss! Prayers of comfort to you and your family during this time.*

*Lara Brumitt Jackson*

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**Lara Jackson** - September 29, 2016 at 04:04 PM

BA

“*Such a great guy. A true genius on history and antiquities. Prayers to Patty, Lisa and Mike.*

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**Barry** - September 28, 2016 at 10:04 PM

AB

“*To Patty, Randy, and David. So sorry for your loss.  
Andrea and Mark Boomer*

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**Andrea Boomer** - September 28, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Melvin E. "Tunney" Isom.*



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September 28, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ *he was always such a friendly man.will miss seeing him out side his shop.prayers to his family.lois s.*



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**lois silliman** - September 28, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ *Many mornings on my way to the office I drove by and waved at Tunney as he was opening his shop. He always had a smile on his face. He was a fixture in our small town and I will miss him. Go Rest High on That Mountain.*

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**Tracee Foley** - September 28, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ *Man, I hate to hear that Tunney is gone. He was a great guy. I sure did enjoy our visits, and I'll not forget him.*

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**Bj Reach** - September 28, 2016 at 08:39 PM

AT

“ *Worked with Tunney in the produce Dept at IGA so many years ago. What a wonderful guy he was. He always had the smile on his face RIP my friend*

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**Alice Tucker** - September 28, 2016 at 08:23 PM

CH

“ *Tooney will be missed. So Sorry for your loss. May God Be with you.*

*Carol and Terry Hileman*

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**Carol and Terry Hileman** - September 28, 2016 at 08:07 PM

CH

*Even though I don't live in Anna anymore I did work with Tunney at Choate and spent alot of money in his store on Fenton glass. Patty and Lisa my heart goes out to you. May God hold you in his arms and give you strength. Your dad was a fine fine man*

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**Chi-ChiManus** - September 28, 2016 at 11:08 PM

JA

*Mike & Kathleen:*

*So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers dear friends. Love you both.*

*Jan & Jana Adams*

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**Jana Adams** - September 29, 2016 at 07:38 AM

MW

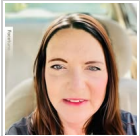
“ *RIP my friend. We worked a many an hour together at Choate. You taught me alot when I first started. Till we meet again..... The Wettig Family*

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**Matt Wettig** - September 28, 2016 at 08:06 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss he was a wonderful man and will be missed.we loved coming to the shop.RIP*

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**Norma Carlisle** - September 28, 2016 at 07:23 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I loved working with Tunney and going to his shop. He was a sweet man and I will miss him. Jennifer Brown.*

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**Jennifer Brown** - September 28, 2016 at 07:09 PM

AN

“ *Tunney was a friend of mine for many, many years. Very sorry to hear of his posing. He was a wonderful man in deed, and has been missed at The Gazette.*



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**Angel** - September 28, 2016 at 07:06 PM