



Earl "Ike" "Sam" Isenhower

March 25, 1933 - July 19, 2025

Earl Nathaniel "Ike" "Sam" Isenhower, of Thorntown, Indiana, passed away early Saturday morning, July 19, 2025, at Homewood Health Campus in Lebanon. Born March 25, 1933, in Lebanon, Earl was a son of the late Ora Theral Nathaniel Isenhower and Ruby Bernice (Threlkeld) Isenhower.

He was married to Shirley (Bunch) Breedlove; they divorced.

A life resident of Boone County, Earl attended Lebanon High School. He had worked for the Lebanon Utilities for many years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2062 in Lebanon.

Earl had a passion for racing and did so all of his life. During his early years, he raced Pushcarts and later graduated to Midgets, Sprint Cars, and Go-karts. In addition to racing, Earl enjoyed golfing and loved his Pitbull, Bristol, immensely.

He is survived by a longtime companion, Bonnie Hoffman; daughter, Leesa Williams; stepchildren, Frank Breedlove and Cari Ann Cox; grandchildren, Allison Williams, John Williams, and Melissa Burlington; Bonnie's children, Melissa, Garrett, and Hollye; and great grandchildren, Lilly, Evan, Tanner, Travis, Sierra, Kasha, Eric, Ava, and Addi.

In addition to his parents, Earl was preceded in death by his son, David E. Isenhowe; daughter, Deborah L. Isenhowe Hooten; stillborn sister, Cordelia Isenhowe; brother, Everett Theral Isenhowe; and stepmother, Louise Isenhowe.

Memorial Graveside Services are planned for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2025, at Oak Hill Cemetery, 935 East Washington Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with his care.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Memorial Graveside Service

JUL 28. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AD

“ Anita Clingler Davids lit a candle in memory of Earl "Ike" "Sam" Isenhower



Anita Clingler Davids - August 16, 2025 at 09:25 PM

AD

“ My Uncle (through marriage to my Dad's Sister) Uncle Sam, rest in peace 🙏
Can't believe Leesa's Mom (my Aunt Brenda) not even acknowledged in his obituary

Anita Clingler Davids - August 16, 2025 at 09:24 PM

AD

Love & Miss you, Leesa Jane

Anita Clingler Davids - August 16, 2025 at 09:26 PM

LW

“ Leesa Williams lit a candle in memory of Earl "Ike" "Sam" Isenhower



Leesa Williams - August 15, 2025 at 08:37 AM

LW

“ Leesa Williams lit a candle in memory of Earl "Ike" "Sam" Isenhower



Leesa Williams - August 15, 2025 at 08:24 AM

LW

Thank you all so much for messaging💕 sharing memories

Leesa Williams - August 15, 2025 at 08:41 AM

DT

“ Was heart broken to read of Sam's passing in Lebanon Reporter this morning. I am a Cousin that lives in Punta Gorda, Florida. He raced a USAC event in the 1990s at the Punta Gorda track and finished 2nd to Mel Kenyon. He didn't mind finishing second to the greatest midget racer of all time. RIP Cousin Sam! Dave Threlkeld

Dave Threlkeld - July 23, 2025 at 01:18 PM

LW

OMG .. Thanks for the message I'm his daughter Leesa Williams👍🌈
😊

Leesa Williams - August 15, 2025 at 08:25 AM

LW

I remember staying at papaw Ora's trailer.. nice to meet ya 🍀🍀🍀

Leesa Williams - August 15, 2025 at 08:28 AM

TS

“ Leesa I'm so sorry to hear the passing of your Dad! Thoughts and prayers to you and your family!

Tonya Staton - July 23, 2025 at 07:30 AM

LW

I love your Tona 🤔 I'm just looking at this believe it or not 🙄 I'm terrible.. 7658946256 Call me sometime 🍀💜📧

Leesa Williams - August 15, 2025 at 08:29 AM

SB

“ *Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Earl "Ike" "Sam" Isenhower*



sally byrd - July 22, 2025 at 04:24 PM

LW

*Ty so much
Leesa (Isenhower) Williams 🌈🕒😊*

Leesa Williams - August 15, 2025 at 08:31 AM

RK

“ *So sorry to hear of Sam's passing. Many great memories of racing expeditions over the years racing with my dad and uncle.
Condolences to the family*

*Randy Kenyon
Fishers, IN*

Randy Kenyon - July 22, 2025 at 03:14 PM

LW

*Thank you so much Randy It was awesome seeing him and your Dad
👍❤️ Wow 92 yrs just amazing*

Leesa Williams - August 15, 2025 at 08:33 AM

DE

“ I have fond memories hanging out with the race guys in my grandmas garage where used it as a shop. Go inside and watch Wednesday night races with them and my grandma. Rip Uncle Ike

Daniel Eck - July 22, 2025 at 03:04 PM

LW

Ty Cuz ❤️ 📺 🚗 🤔

Leesa Williams - August 15, 2025 at 08:39 AM

KT

“ Kim Thompson lit a candle in memory of Earl "Ike" "Sam" Isenhower



Kim Thompson - July 22, 2025 at 03:03 PM