



Ancel Alexander Tripp

December 27, 1935 - January 21, 2026

Ancel Alexander Tripp, of Ironton, MO, entered Heaven on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at the age of 90 years and 25 days. He was born December 27, 1935, in Pilot Knob, MO, a son of the late Oscar and Odessa (Vance) Tripp.

On September 2, 1956, Ancel was united in marriage to Carolyn Lewis who preceded him in rest on October 14, 1999. To this union four children were born, Steve Tripp of Farmington, MO, Brian Tripp and wife Carol of Greenwood, MO, Kevin Tripp and wife Lisa of Perryville, MO, and Heather Reed and husband Derek of Washington, MO, all of whom survive. Also surviving Ancel are ten grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Gerald Tripp and wife Jan of Pilot Knob, MO, and Joe Tripp of Arcadia, MO; two sisters, Pat Henry of Florida, and Vallery Muncie of Greencastle, IN; his special friend, Alana, and many more loving family members and friends.

He is preceded in rest by his parents, his Wife Carolyn, two brothers, Paul and Dick Tripp, and a sister Roxie Tripp.

Ancel graduated from Ironton High School in 1955, married the love of his life, Carolyn, and began a life that was full of love, family, dedication, and service. He was an accomplished and master carpenter, working for himself as a general contractor to provide for his growing family. He was always busy, never sitting still, and as active a community member as you could ask for. He was on countless boards in the Arcadia Valley, several including Arcadia Valley Memorial Park, the Signer Senior Center, the Frederick Terrace

Apartments board, and anything he could do for his church, the Ironton First Church of the Nazarene.

Ancel would also stay busy helping his friends and family doing anything he could do. He believed in helping your neighbor, he believed in community betterment, he believed in loving his family to the very best of his ability, and he believed in the good in people. He was a man all could look up to and be proud to call him son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Ancel Alexander Tripp will be missed by all who were blessed to know and love him. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026, beginning at 11:00 am from the Cole Family Funeral Home.

Visitation for friends and family to gather will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, beginning at 5:00 pm and lasting until 8:00 pm.

Interment will follow the services in the Arcadia Valley Memorial Park.

Pastor John Gerling will be officiating the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Signer Senior Center in Arcadia, MO.

Cemetery Details

Arcadia Valley Memorial Park

Russellville Road
Ironton, MO 63650

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Celebration of Life

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ Ancel was one of the nicest and most genuine people you would ever meet. He was always friendly to everyone including me and my family. He will be missed and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Brad, Amie & Blake Wooten - January 29 at 06:32 PM

JP

“ Joni Pukala purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ancel Alexander Tripp.



Joni Pukala - January 29 at 11:28 AM

JP

“ Joni Pukala planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ancel Alexander Tripp.

Joni Pukala - January 29 at 11:28 AM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cole Family Funeral Home - January 28 at 05:23 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Ancel Alexander Tripp*.



January 26 at 11:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Ancel Alexander Tripp*.



January 26 at 02:00 PM

NA

“ Natalie, DeAnna, Tara and Amanda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ancel Alexander Tripp.

Natalie, DeAnna, Tara and Amanda - January 26 at 02:00 PM

DP

“ Though I didn't have the chance to know Ancel as well as I did Val, Pat and Joe, every time Ancel's name came up in conversation, it was stories about his kindness. Ancel was loved by his family and they have many wonderful memories to hold on to. My thoughts are with all the family at this difficult time. With much love.

Debbie Phillips - January 26 at 09:50 AM

JC

I've known the Trip family ever since 1965. In fact Ancel's Mom bought milk and butter from my mom. Ever time we saw each other he always spoke to me. I'm sorry that I couldn't come to Coles to pay my respects and visit the family, but I couldn't dig myself out of the snow surrounding my house to get there. I have talked to Joe and told him I am here any time he feels like talking and that goes for the whole family. I'm not as close to them as I am to Joe, but that doesn't mean I would turn anyone away if they want to talk. God bless you all. I'm praying for your peace, comfort and strength now and in the days ahead.

Jean Callahan - January 30 at 03:56 PM

PS

“ Ancel and Carolyn were good friends with my parents when we were growing up. The sweet image I have of them being together again...smiling, whole, and so happy, brings tears and so much comfort to me. I will never forget Ancel's sweet smile and the kindness in his eyes.

Pam Scarbrough - January 25 at 01:25 PM

MW

“ I worked with Ancel and he taught me alot. My brother n laws Jim Hinson and Gary Russell worked with him too. He was a wonderful person who was so kind and caring. Carolyn would bring us cold fried chicken at work which was so good. He was always a positive person and a good Christian. We will meet again my friend.

Marty Weible - January 24 at 05:54 PM

CD

“ We are thinking of you at this time. Charles & Elaine Dockins

Charles & Elaine Dockins - January 24 at 01:41 PM

KB

“ When we first met Ancel and Carolyn for the first at their home. Our kids were getting married! They invited us for a meal and a “ get to know you” time. She asked me to play a hymn on the piano. Wonderful time together we will always remember and cherish.

Kathy Bruce - January 24 at 01:34 PM

MK

“ Much love, Forrest and Kathy purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ancel Alexander Tripp.



Much love, Forrest and Kathy - January 24 at 01:29 PM

CD

“ Charles D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ancel Alexander Tripp.

Charles D. - January 24 at 01:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ancel Alexander Tripp.*



January 22 at 11:03 PM



“ *Love, KC, Nicole,Hailee, and Trey Klein purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ancel Alexander Tripp.*



Love, KC, Nicole,Hailee, and Trey Klein - January 22 at 10:27 PM



“ *Love, KC, Nicole,Hailee, and Trey Klein planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ancel Alexander Tripp.*

Love, KC, Nicole,Hailee, and Trey Klein - January 22 at 10:27 PM



“ *Forrest and him built a chicken coop out at Derek’s when they lived in the country near Wright City.*

Forrest Bruce - January 22 at 08:04 PM



I have only known Ancel for almost 2 years an we talked every time he would come eat at the center he always had a smile an always had a story to tell I'm gonna really miss him !!!!!Tina miller

Tina Miller - January 29 at 05:33 AM