



Virgil Charles Herschbach

February 28, 1940 - January 28, 2026

Virgil Charles Herschbach, age 85, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2026. Virgil was born on February 28, 1940 on a small farm in Ellis Grove, Illinois. As a young boy, his family moved from the farm to St. Louis, Missouri, where he went to school and met his future wife, Joyce. They married in 1961 and were together for 64 years. During those years, they had and raised 3 children. He spent his entire work career of 43 years with TWA and then American Airlines where he retired.

He enjoyed spending much of his time outdoors, taking walks in the woods, gardening, hunting, fishing, and recently bird watching. He loved to play sports in his youth and in his later years watching them on television. He was always tinkering on something and having a sharp pocket knife at all times was a must.

Virgil provided for and cared deeply for his family. He ensured their safety and well-being at all times. He was always there to lend a listening ear and will be remembered as a man who stood strong in his values.

Virgil was preceded in death by his parents, Leona Dunker and Walter Herschbach, and is survived by his loving wife, Joyce Ray Herschbach. He leaves behind his children: Lynn (James) Bales, Lori Strong, and David (Tina) Herschbach. Virgil was a proud grandfather to Courtney Gullet (David), Taylor

Weiss (Andrew), Phillip Buescher, Cheyenne Wittmann (Josh), Taylor Strong, Tyler Strong, Braxton Herschbach, and Grace Herschbach, and a cherished great-grandfather to 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Dorothy (Dave) Miller and Arthur Herschbach. Virgil will be remembered for his strength, his steady presence, and the deep love he had for his family. His legacy lives on in the hands he taught, the values he passed down, and the many lives he touched .

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 2, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016. Funeral Ceremony will be held on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary. Interment will immediately follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Cedar Hill, MO.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

6300 SR 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Cedar Hill
6300 Highway 30
Cedar Hill, MO 63016
(636) 274-4100
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Funeral Ceremony

FEB 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DI

“ To family: So sorry for your loss, may he rest in peace.

Neighbors: Dave & Melody Ihrig

Dave & Melody Ihrig - February 02 at 03:26 PM

Profile icon

“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virgil Charles Herschbach.*



February 01 at 06:36 PM

JC

“ *To family & friends: I am so sorry for our loss. My Uncle Virge was one of a kind! I have so many fond memories - him taking me on fishing trips as a boy and fireworks on every 4th of July. He always had a joke to share. He was there for anyone needing help. A great Uncle, steady and calm. I have been blessed with so many wonderful Aunts and Uncles. I am so grateful. Jeff Choate.*

Jeffrey Choate - February 01 at 01:20 PM

LR

“ *Love Jeff, Carrie and Rhonda purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Virgil Charles Herschbach.*



Love Jeff, Carrie and Rhonda - February 01 at 01:10 PM

LR

“ Love Jeff, Carrie and Rhonda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Charles Herschbach.

Love Jeff, Carrie and Rhonda - February 01 at 01:10 PM

RS

“ Rita Phillips and Barb Schuchardt purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Virgil Charles Herschbach.



Rita Phillips and Barb Schuchardt - January 31 at 05:54 PM

GV

“*Virgil worked with my dad, Ed Viehman, at TWA. After some of the guys retired, they began a Tuesday poker game that met every other week. My dad was part of that group, and after he passed in 2015, I was invited to take his seat at the table.*

Through that game, I had the privilege of getting to know the men my dad worked with, and Virgil was always especially kind to me. He was a quiet presence, genuinely good-hearted, and simply enjoyable to be around. He never needed attention, yet you always knew he was there.

And he was a very good poker player. Legend has it that Virgil once battled all the way back from a single chip to win the tournament—classic Virgil: calm, patient, and steady to the end.

I'm grateful I had the chance to know him and to share that connection to my dad. He will be missed.



Greg Viehman - January 31 at 05:03 PM



“*Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virgil Charles Herschbach.*



January 31 at 11:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virgil Charles Herschbach.*



January 31 at 10:44 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Virgil Charles Herschbach.*



January 30 at 06:47 PM



“ *Kelsey Heisserer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Virgil Charles Herschbach.*



Kelsey Heisserer - January 30 at 06:24 PM



“ *Virgil was a life long friend. Janet & I (Gary) went to high school together & became good friends. Gary & Virgil played sports together in high school. They Hunted for 50 years, & sometimes fished. They worked at TWA for some years. Virgil meant so much to us & he will be missed but will always be in our hearts.*
Janet & Gary Schnur

janet & gary schnur - January 30 at 05:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Virgil Charles Herschbach.*



January 30 at 04:44 PM



“ *Your Walsh Long Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Charles Herschbach.*

January 30 at 04:44 PM



“ *Great grandkids purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Virgil Charles Herschbach.*



Great grandkids - January 30 at 03:52 PM