



Irene Mildred VanHouten

January 26, 1918 - December 1, 2014

Irene Mildred VanHouten entered her heavenly home on December 1, 2014. She died at the Curry House in Cadillac, Michigan where she resided since 2005.

Irene was born on January 26 to John and Irene Kielsen. She was the third oldest of her four sisters. She married Richard VanHouten on September 12, 1940. They lived in the McBain area where they raised four children. Richard died in 1999.

A member of Lucas Christian Reformed Church, Irene participated in the Ladies Aid Society and volunteered for many activities at the church and Northern Michigan Christian School. She enjoyed sewing and ceramics and was quick to share her talents with others. Family and friends also enjoyed her baked goods and holiday candy. Irene always looked forward to bowling and playing cards with friends. Her infectious smile, concern for others and loving heart will be missed and remembered.

Surviving family members include children: Jerry VanHouten (Barb), Bonnie Bouza (Larry), David VanHouten (Kim Olthoff) and daughter-in-law Sharon VanHouten; 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; brother-in-law Jay VanHouten and sisters-in-law Carol and Freda VanHouten.

In addition to her husband, Irene was preceded in death by her son, Kelly and her sisters: Margaret Hellenga, Shirley Kroes, Thirza Derrick and Marilyn Peterson.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Friday, December 5, 2014 at Lucas Christian Reformed Church with Reverend Steve VanNoort officiating. Friends may meet the family from 4-7 PM Thursday at the church. Burial will be at Lucas Cemetery in Missaukee County. Memorial tributes may be made to Lucas Christian Reformed Church or Northern Michigan Christian School. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sympathy for your loss. Your family was very important to me growing up, and I remember you with affection.*

Dennis Doll - December 04, 2014 at 05:50 PM

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“ *RIP Aunt Irene, you were one sweet lady.*

Greg Kroes - December 03, 2014 at 03:22 PM

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“ *Irene was a wonderful aunt. She always had a ready smile, an optimistic outlook and a genuine interest in me and my family. Her home and wonderful cooking were always a highlight whenever we came north and many years after. As long as I can remember she always initiated a wonderful kiss on the lips whenever our paths crossed. We were so blessed to have her among us for so long a time. Rest in Peace and love Aunt Irene. Ron*

Ron Hellenga - December 03, 2014 at 10:28 AM

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“ *May God's love comfort you and bring you peace. I have many fond memories of the time I spent caring for your mom at Curry House. Her smile and laughter will be missed.*

Marie Linn - December 02, 2014 at 09:14 PM