



## Jeannette T. "Jay" Irey

September 25, 1924 - August 15, 2015

Jeannette T. "Jay" Irey of Cadillac, formerly of Rochester Hills, passed away Saturday, August 15, 2015 at Curry House Assisted Living. She was 90.

Jay was born September 25, 1924 in Bath, Maine to Harry and Gertrude (Gilman) Thompson and they preceded her in death.

Jay was a longtime member of the First Congregational Church of Rochester, United Church of Christ. She loved her family and friends. For many years Bill and Jay enjoyed lunches out with the "Lunch Bunch." Jay loved baking, sewing, reading and knitting. She knitted and donated hundreds of pairs of mittens to school children. Jay had an uncanny ability to identify most wildflowers.

On July 8, 1944 in Detroit, she married Wilson "Bill" Irey and he preceded her in death on February 26, 2015. Their surviving children are: Jill Irey of Cadillac, Jan (John) Fate of Ionia and Clifford Irey of Waterford. She is also survived by six grandchildren: Patrick LaMarche, Christopher Irey, Jason Pruitt, Mark (Mara) Fate, Zachary Irey, Katie Irey and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a daughter-in-law, Nancy (Jonathan) Irey-Sams of Troy and a sister-in-law, Thelma Mean of Ohio.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a

daughter, Karen Lee and a sister, Marjorie.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 2015 at Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with The Reverend Canon Jonathan Sams officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Hydrocephalus Association, Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation or Leader Dogs for the Blind, (1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115). An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *What a lot of class in a small package.  
She will me missed*

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**Tim Wilson Irey** - August 17, 2015 at 12:31 PM

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“ *What a lady I have known her for many years as the custodian for  
First Congregational Church in Rochester*

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**KEITH HARTLEY** - August 17, 2015 at 11:44 AM

JB

“ *So sorry for your loss Jill. Keeping you in my thoughts.*

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**Jean Bonham** - August 17, 2015 at 08:29 AM

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“ *I loved the way Aunt Jay smiled, laughed and especially adored  
Uncle Bill. I also admire her ability to cook and make a home a  
welcome and comfortable place. Sincerely, Nancy Holmes*

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**Nancy Irey Holmes** - August 16, 2015 at 02:41 PM