



Irene J. Meredith

June 26, 1931 - October 15, 2021

Irene J. Meredith, age 90, of Kearney, passed away Friday, October 15, 2021, at Kearney Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Kearney. Pastor Clint Cozier will officiate. Private family burial will be later. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to the Salvation Army or First Presbyterian Church Music Department. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Irene was born to Frank and Amelia (Baker) Barth on June 26, 1931 in Hastings, Nebraska. She graduated from Hastings High School and later married Dr. Milton A. Meredith on April 9, 1950 in Hastings. She and Milton made their home in Kearney for over 65 years, raising their family of five daughters and actively participating in church and community activities.

Irene greatly enjoyed her role as a mother and a homemaker. She was also an accomplished seamstress, sewing clothing, Halloween costumes, prom dresses, and much more. Interior design and decorating were among her many talents. She was a valued employee at both Top Hat Furniture and Ruter's Bridal.

Irene participated in various organizations in the community: Campfire Girls leader, Jaycee Wives, Salvation Army Advisory Board member, Job's Daughters council member, and Patient Advisory Board appointee of Good Samaritan Hospital. She faithfully served First Presbyterian Church in many roles over the years, as a deacon, ordained elder, shepherd leader, 20-year volunteer wedding coordinator, and funeral committee volunteer.

Irene's memory will be cherished by her daughters and their families, as well as all those who knew and loved her. Survivors include daughters Dana Lang (John) of Westport, CT, Nancy Beitel (late Robert) of Mullen, NE, Marcy Stevens (Bill) of Kearney, Susan Kaniut (Chris) of Jacksonville, FL, Elizabeth Engel (Brent) of Hillsborough, NC, and sister Freddie

Ewert of Bakersfield, CA. She was the proud grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Her loving husband Milt, sister Paula Fullmer, son-in-law Bob Beitel, and several in-laws preceded her in death.

Her faith, love of family, wisdom, and sense of humor are her greatest legacy.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
4511 6th Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Funeral Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Irene J. Meredith

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your amazing Mom and Grandmother.

I think fondly of Aunt Irene as an engaging person who showed interest in others and cared about others. Her sense of humour was priceless. I always marvel at how Aunt Irene and Uncle Milton packed 5 cousins into a huge car and made a long journey to Chatham, Ontario to be with relatives. It was always a fun and exciting time and Aunt Irene was a big part of that.

May memories of your Mom and Grandma bring you comfort during this time of grief.

Denise Jennings (Meredith)

Denise Jennings - October 20, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ John Smith lit a candle in memory of Irene J. Meredith



John Smith - October 20, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Irene J. Meredith.



October 18, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Irene J. Meredith.*



October 18, 2021 at 04:06 PM

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“ *Gerry and Sally Messbarger have many fond memories. Sally met Irene at Newcomers in 1954, and Irene went on to teach Sally how to play Bridge. The guys were in Jaycees together, and later the Elks Club. Our families were neighbors on 25th Street for 12 years which included daily afternoon coffees together at each other's homes. The two couples enjoyed many international travels together.*

Terri Schutte - October 18, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene J. Meredith.*



October 16, 2021 at 06:59 PM