



Irene Kay Hoffman

March 26, 1944 - October 24, 2023

Irene Kay (Dusek) Hoffman, age 79, passed away October 24, 2023, surrounded by loving family. She was born March 26, 1944, in Valparaiso, Indiana, the daughter of Frank Dusek and Vera (Jensen) Dusek.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband of more than 56 years, George Hoffman, Jr. She is survived by her three children, Dawn (Kevin) VanderMolen, Jay (Camilla) Hoffman, and Mike (Melanie) Hoffman, honorary daughter, Sheila (Jim) Shields, seven grandchildren, Jamie (Chris) Boehl, Derek VanderMolen, Jasen VanderMolen, Gabrielle Hoffman, Sarah, Hoffman, Justin Hoffman, and Matthew Hoffman, as well as by her brother Ron (Linda) Dusek. Irene also was preceded in death by her sisters, Rose (Dusek) Ambers and Jerri (Dusek) Myers.

After growing up in the Kouts area, Irene attended and graduated from Indianapolis Beauty College and December 14, 1963, she married George Hoffman, Jr., in DeMotte.

Irene instilled the love of music and the pursuit of fun in her children and grandchildren. She worked as a study hall supervisor at Kankakee Valley High School for more than a decade where she entertained countless students, teachers, administrators, and co-workers with her sharp and practical wit and wisdom. Irene was never accused of being quiet, shy, or fearful of offering her

unvarnished thoughts with radical candor – even if unsolicited.

Her lasting legacy will be her fierce love for and loyalty to her family and friends. Snow, sleet, wind, or rain, did not stop Irene and George from attending innumerable school and sporting events for their grandchildren. Irene always brought laughter and liveliness to family gatherings with her blunt take on all manner of issues, topics, and events.

A calling of family and friends will be held October 27, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Jackson Funeral Service in DeMotte, followed by a funeral service (also at Jackson Funeral Service), and then an interment at Holland Cemetery, DeMotte. Following the graveside services, a luncheon will be provided at First Church in Wheatfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to a charity of choice, but suggests the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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A Time of Remembrance

OCT **27**. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First Church
5387 W State Road 10
Wheatfield, IN 46392
(219) 987-5156
<http://www.first.church>

A luncheon will be provided at First Church, Wheatfield, after committal services.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dustin & Darick Bennett and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Kay Hoffman.*

Dustin & Darick Bennett and Families - October 27, 2023 at 01:17 PM

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“ *Dustin & Darick Bennett and Families purchased the "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of Irene Kay Hoffman.*



Dustin & Darick Bennett and Families - October 27, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *Cathy Capouch Daniels lit a candle in memory of Irene Kay Hoffman*



Cathy Capouch Daniels - October 26, 2023 at 05:05 PM

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“ *Ruby and Larry Gesse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Kay Hoffman.*

Ruby and Larry Gesse - October 26, 2023 at 03:55 PM



“ Ruby and Larry Gesse purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Irene Kay Hoffman.



Ruby and Larry Gesse - October 26, 2023 at 03:55 PM



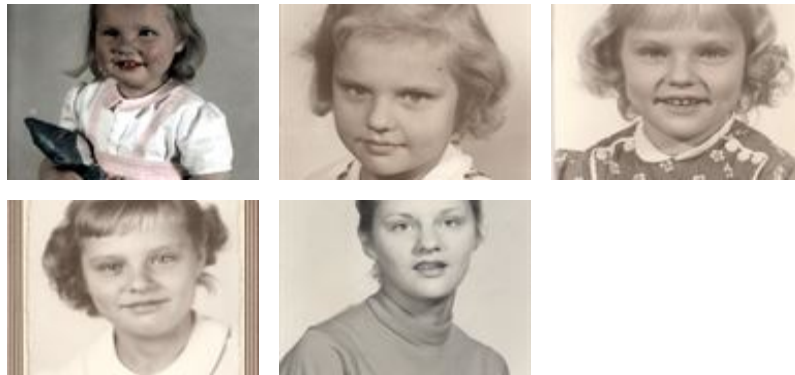
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene Kay Hoffman.



October 26, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - October 25, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Irene Kay Hoffman.

October 25, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Irene Kay Hoffman.



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“ Nobody could make my dad laugh like Irene! So many good times with her and George and my mom and dad. My thoughts are with you, Jay and Dawn. —Shari Zeck

Shari Zeck - October 25, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ Kevin And Mary Scheurich lit a candle in memory of Irene Kay Hoffman



Kevin and Mary Scheurich - October 25, 2023 at 07:12 AM