



Irene Grace Burke

August 14, 1927 - October 6, 2022

Irene G. Burke, 95, of Bonita Springs, FL and formerly of Cherry Hill, NJ passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Irene was born August 14, 1927 in Bayonne, NJ to the late Adam and Pauline (Dushinsky) Dallas.

Irene was the epitome of volunteerism. She lived 95 wonderful years and her entire life was always about giving to others. From the time she could walk, Irene went door-to-door with her mother encouraging people to get out and vote. As a teenager she volunteered as a candystriper at her local hospital. After high school she went to work on Wall Street, but quickly gave it up to marry the love of her life and move to Guam to be with him while he was stationed there. She devoted her life to raising six children, but somehow managed to donate her time to so many organizations where she served as president in most of them - Holy Rosary Altar Society, PTA, Civic Association, Swim Club Board, Cherry Hill Planning Board, Camden County Committee, Cherry Hill Super Seniors Club, Cherry Hill Maturity Club, Cherry Hill Senior Advisory Board, Federation of Democratic Women and NJ Gubernatorial appointment to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women. Irene was chosen to represent her county at the 1997 President's Summit for America's Future chaired by Bill Clinton, George Bush, Jimmy Carter, Colin Powell and Al Gore. And all the while she always found time to take great care of her family and start her own floral business. She enjoyed travel, cooking, and

spending time with her family.

Her beloved husband of 54 years, Thomas R. Burke, preceded her in death. Irene is survived by her six loving children: Michael (Carol) Burke of Bonita Springs, FL, Gerri Burke of Bonita Springs, FL, Robin Burke of Bonita Springs, FL, John (Dennie) Burke of Blacksburg, VA, Suzanne (Dave) Williams of Paso Robles, CA, Kevin Burke of Maple Shade, NJ, and her many grandchildren great-grandchildren.

For her many friends in Florida, a Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 10:00A.M. in St. Williams Catholic Church, 601 Seagate Drive, Naples, FL.

Irene's family will receive friends from 9:30 A.M. – 10:30A.M. followed by a Funeral Mass on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 beginning at 10:30A.M. in Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 402 Kings Hwy N, Cherry Hill, NJ.

Irene will be laid to rest with her husband at Calvary Cemetery in Cherry Hill, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you honor her lifetime of volunteerism by giving your time to help others.

To sign Irene's guest register or to leave on line condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. William Catholic Church
601 Seagate Drive
Naples, FL 34103

Memorial Visitation

DEC 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Catholic Church
402 Kings Highway North
Cherry Hill, NJ

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Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Grace Burke*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *The McGowan family will always remember long time neighbors Mr and Mrs Burke. Mr Burke remembered as the neighborhood Santa collecting food for those in need, in which our daughter, Stefanie, always participated. Irene always sweet and personable at the polls for every election when she was able. They kept their property in Surrey Place West immaculate. These two loving people will be missed by both neighbors and family. Sending sympathy to the family. Susan and Gerry McGowan .*



Susan and Gerry McGowan - October 19, 2022 at 03:39 PM



“ *I'll never forget her singing to us while we were playing cards! Irene was a pure joy to know and I'll never forget her!*

Rose Pyter - October 14, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Irene's passing.... she was a lovely lady who raised a wonderful family... May she Rest In Peace*💕💕

Kathy Carey - October 13, 2022 at 04:34 PM

RG

“ Your Mom was a riot. God Bless her sense of humor and the legacy of volunteerism she left her children. We were witness to that in seeing all Gerri and Robin did for Village Walk. Your memories of your Mom were wonderful. Keep her close to your heart and know she is resting in peace close to memories of her children and with your Dad. Gary and Rosemary

rosemary and gary - October 13, 2022 at 03:19 PM

MF

“ I only new Irene a short time. But every time I said hello to her, Irene had a beautiful smile, and always had something nice to say to me. I am positive God welcomed Irene home, and has a special place in heaven saved just for her.

Marita flach - October 13, 2022 at 01:53 PM

AD

“ Irene held a very special place in our hearts. When we were with her she always made us laugh. She had a great sense of humor. We feel very Blessed that we were able to meet this lovely lady. God Bless Irene 🙏🙏🙏
Angelo and Sharon

Angelo and Sharon DiGiovine - October 13, 2022 at 10:28 AM

EH

“ Elizabeth Henry lit a candle in memory of Irene Burke



Elizabeth Henry - October 13, 2022 at 08:23 AM

EI

“ *Irene was an absolute joy to be around. She had a unique sense of humor. Thinking of her and her family and send deep sympathies!* ”

Eiden - October 13, 2022 at 07:49 AM

GC

“ *An amazing life of giving to others. I loved her wit and admired her close relationship with her special daughters, Gerri and Robin* ”

Gisele Candito - October 13, 2022 at 07:42 AM