Irene A. Swanson

June 6, 1938 - May 10, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Irene Swanson of Fort Myers, FL and formerly of Bonita Springs, FL announces her passing on the afternoon of May 10, 2018 at the age of 79. She was the beloved wife of the late Dr. Wendel Swanson of Bonita Springs, FL.

Born in Queens, New York, in 1938, a daughter of the late Kenneth Bulleyment and Irene Anderson Bulleyment, she moved to Levittown, NY at age 13 and then graduated from Hempstead High School in 1956. She attended Queens College, 1956-58. She was a stewardess for American Airlines from 1958-60.

In 1960, she married Dr. Wendel Swanson, of Rockford, IL, and they started their new life together in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1963, her first son Kenneth was born. Shortly thereafter the family moved to Denver, Colorado. Their second son, Gregory, was born in 1967. After decades spent in Colorado, Irene & Wendel spent years in Florida, Arizona, California, and finally settled in Bonita Springs. Irene spent her last few years at the Shell Point Retirement Community in Ft. Myers, where she met many dear friends. Irene will be forever remembered by her son Ken and daughter-in-law Carol Swanson of Hollis, New Hampshire; son Greg Swanson of Seattle, Washington; grandsons, Kyle & Christopher Swanson; sister and brother-in-law Beverly and Louis Minafra of Patchogue, New York; nephew Joe Minafra & family of California; brother-in-law Armer Swanson and nieces Pam Curtis & Lisa Kuechenberg of Illinois. Irene will also be lovingly remembered by her

extended family and dear friends.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs, FL.

The family requests no flowers please. Modest donations in memory of Irene Swanson are suggested to her church. Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Online condolences maybe left by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany’s Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory. Family owned and operated since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Naples Memorial Gardens

525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

Irene A. Swanson

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM

MO

To know Irene was to love Irene. A beautiful lady with such a warm heart. I'm so saddened to hear of her passing. My love and prayers go out to the family. Just can't believe it. I already had her birthday card to send.
Mary Lou O'Donnell

Mary Lou O'Donnell - May 17, 2018 at 05:31 PM

LK

Irene was a beautiful woman who shared her life, her love and support not only with her husband, Wendell, two sons, Ken and Greg, but also to extended family and friends. Irene welcomed and entertained others into her home and always made sure everyone was comfortable and taken care of. I will miss her! Lisa (Swanson) Kuechenberg

Lisa Kuechenberg - May 16, 2018 at 10:24 PM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene A. Swanson.

May 14, 2018 at 08:19 PM

DL

Dear Ken, Carol, Kyle and Chris-
Heart-felt condolences on your loss. Prayers for all the family.
Sincerely,
David and Margaret Lowrance
Hollis, NH

David W. Lowrance - May 14, 2018 at 03:52 PM

HE

Irene was such a lovely lady. I unfortunately didn't get to know her well but I live at Shell Point and went to the same church with her. It was always a joy to see her and her beautiful warm welcoming smile. I felt like I knew her well anyway. Last month, Irene joined several of us on a little cruise on the Shell Point pontoon boat, the Suzie Q V. She was sitting right behind me on the boat and I'll alway remember when I looked back at her, she gave me a radiant smile. She was a precious treasure to be sure. My deepest condolences to Irene's family and friends. Holly B. English

Holly Badger English - May 14, 2018 at 06:39 AM

LH

Dear Ken, Carol & Greg,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. We were so saddened to hear about the loss of your mother, our dear Pelican Landing neighbor and friend. Your mother felt so blessed to have such wonderful sons, daughter-in-law, grandsons and family. It was an honor to know your parents.
God bless you, Jim and Leeann Hancock

Leeann & Jim Hancock - May 13, 2018 at 06:02 PM