



Irene Rose Lutz

September 26, 1931 - August 18, 2015

Irene Rose Lutz was born in Hoven, SD to Joseph and Francis Meyer on September 26, 1931. Upon graduating from high school in Hoven, she attended Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1956. After teaching several years in SD elementary schools, she moved to Lakewood, CO, where she taught elementary vocal music.

While living in the Denver area, she met Gene Lutz, whom she married on June 20, 1959. Son Michael was born on December 20, 1962 and daughter Karin on July 2, 1964. Coincidentally, in 1964, husband Gene accepted a job as a research scientist with Shell Development Co., the research arm of Shell Oil, located in Emeryville, CA. The family settled in Walnut Creek, CA where Irene, a full-time mom since December 1962, managed household activities and coordinated nursery school and child development.

In 1968, Gene was transferred to Shell Chemical in New York City where the family lived in Hartsdale, NY, a small village about 10 miles north of the Empire State building. Irene viewed moving as an "adventure" where there were always new things to see and do. The family moved back to Walnut Creek in 1969 and the children were enrolled in Valley Verde Elementary School where Irene and Gene served as co-presidents of the Parent Teacher Organization, for one year.

Finally, in 1972, Gene was transferred to Shell Chemical in Houston, where he worked until retirement in 1996. As a near "empty nester" Irene received her real estate license in 1977 and her broker's license a year later. She retired from real estate in early 1997 when she noticed how much fun her spouse was having as a retiree.

Irene was blessed with a beautiful singing voice which she used as often as possible. She was instrumental in starting the choir at St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church, where she sang for many years. Upon moving to a patio home in 1995 within St. John Vianney parish, she became active in the Women's Club, the Honeymooners at Heart, the Bridge Club and the Children's Choir, where she helped for several years. Besides choir work, she sang with "The Noteworthy's," a choral group that entertained at various functions around the city. More recently, she was a volunteer at "The Gathering Place" at St. John Vianney, leading singing and dancing.

Among other interests, she loved to play tennis and played three or more times per week. Her other avocation was traveling and she was blessed to visit five continents and see many of their landmarks ranging from the Great Wall of China, to the Great Pyramids of Giza, to The Hermitage, to the Vatican in Rome, to Mt. Denali to Tierra del Fuego, to name a few.

Irene was a multi-talented lady who could make a gourmet dinner in the blink of an eye. Her husband, children and grandchildren all marveled at how she did that. Irene made an indelible mark on her grandchildren, who loved her dearly.

To capture the essence of Irene, she was a wonderful, outgoing person with a "can do" spirit, who deeply loved her family, who loved life and who tried to help all those around her. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Irene is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Gene, her son Michael, her daughter Karin Crocombe(Steve), grandchildren Zachary, Kendall, and Ellen Crocombe, her sisters Vivian Buckley and Marilyn Schabauer, her brother Maurice(Naomi), sister-in-law Alayne Meyer and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Lutz family will be present to receive friends Wednesday, August 26, 2015 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Vigil Service beginning at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will commence Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. A reception will follow Holy Mass on the church grounds.

In addition to the customary remembrances please consider contributions in Irene's memory to the St. John Vianney Catholic Church Capital Campaign. Visit www.DettlingFuneral.com to leave online tributes.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Vigil Service

AUG **26**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

AUG **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Reception

AUG 27. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Irene Rose Lutz

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Irene Rose Lutz

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Irene Rose Lutz

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Irene Rose Lutz

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ Still think of my nana everyday, still influenced by her everyday.
Miss and love you.
-Kendall

Kendall Crocombe - September 20, 2023 at 07:25 AM

AT

“ Thank you Irene for being such a dear friend for so many years. I will miss your calls and emails. I am so sorry that I missed the last luncheon of the Jim West Realtors/ Henry S. Miller Realtors group. I have so many fond memories of our time together in the Real Estate Industry.

Father Troy Gatily gave a wonderful sermon about you. You touched so many lives. I know your family must be very proud. Nat and I extend our deepest sympathy to Gene and the Family. We will keep you in our prayers.

Anita (Nina) and Nat Tamburello

Anita (Nina) Tamburello - August 28, 2015 at 08:37 PM

SJ

“ My dear friend - how I will miss you. I will miss our lunch dates, sipping a good glass of wine, our discussions about politics, spirituality and the rest of world problems. You were always so positive and ready for a laugh. You are leaving a big empty place in my heart.

To Gene and the rest of the family, my most sincere condolences.

solange jones

solange jones - August 26, 2015 at 04:57 PM

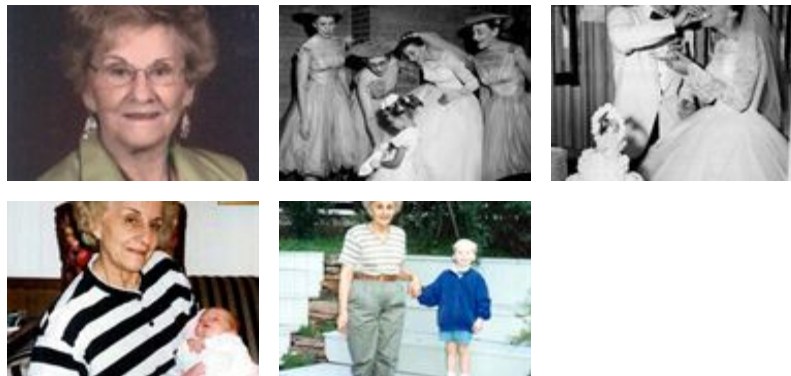
IR

“ Irene was a classmate of my husband Alfred Rader through grade school and Hoven High School. I met Irene when we both attended Northern College, now Northern University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. We lived in the same dorm on the same floor. We even had the same first name and almost the same birthday as she was born the day before I was, her birthday being September 26, 1931 and mine being September 27th. We both moved to California after we were married and got together a few times while they lived here, where we still lived, but after they moved to Texas we kept in touch at Christmas time and since the computer entered our lives we stayed in touch even more. Her H. S. class of 1949 was an especially close knit group that had many reasons to get together often. I know she will be missed by everyone who knew her. My husband and I extend our deepest sympathies to Gene and her family. May God comfort you all at this time and rejoice in the knowledge that she is safe in his arms now.

Irene and Alfred Rader - August 26, 2015 at 12:40 AM



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Dettling Funeral Home - August 25, 2015 at 12:14 PM

DW

“ Thank you Irene, for your life.
What a wonderful, gracious lady, full of fun, energy and talents.
Your contributions to the real estate industry as such a respected leader we so appreciated.
For the many luncheons you organized after we all retired, thank you for keeping us in touch.
You will be missed, and your light will remain in our hearts, as you step into your heavenly home.
Our loving prayers are with Gene and the family and friends.
DeLora Wilkinson

DeLora Wilkinson - August 25, 2015 at 08:42 AM

JM

“ My parents were good friends with Gene and Irene when they lived out in California (back in the late 60's and early 70's). Due to this friendship, Gene and Irene were chosen as my godparents. Boy was I lucky! Irene (and Gene) would often send me special things and notes on my birthday when I was growing up, and even sent a special note and books when my first child was born! Irene always kept me in mind, even though she was far away. She made me feel special. I was able to have dinner with her the last time she was visiting my parents in California (10 to 12 years ago or so). I had so much fun getting to know her and I was fortunate to have in my life. I am thinking of you all and I hope to be at the service. Love you all!

John Martini

John Martini - August 25, 2015 at 12:34 AM

SC

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Irene for 30 years. I know first hand that Karin and Mike could not have had a better Mother. Irene was a role model of what a parent should be. Her values, the way she loved her family, her marriage to Gene, the great advice and guidance that she gave and just her zest for life, travel, and adventure were examples that anyone would be lucky to have. As you can tell by the pictures Irene loved her Grandchildren more than anything in the world. So I guess if I had to pick a memory it would be that she left an impression on Zachary, Kendall and Ellen Rose that they will never forget and can try to live their lives by. Irene (Nana) is my children's Angel. Love, Steve Crocombe

Steve Crocombe - August 24, 2015 at 11:42 PM

CF

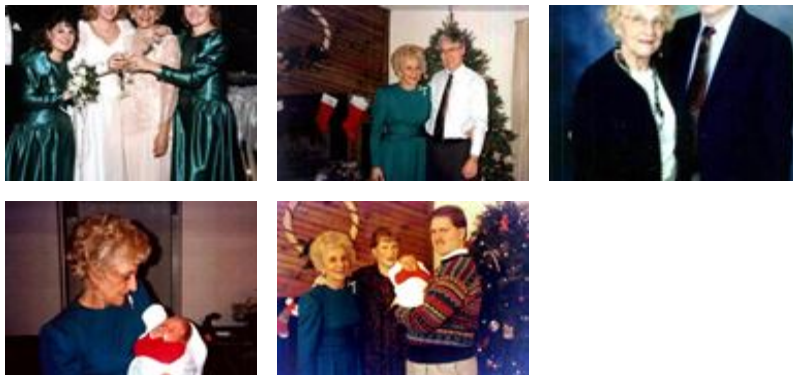
“ Cliff Meyer family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Irene Rose Lutz.



Cliff Meyer family - August 24, 2015 at 06:52 PM



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Detting Funeral Home - August 24, 2015 at 04:51 PM



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Dettling Funeral Home - August 24, 2015 at 01:11 PM



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Dettling Funeral Home - August 24, 2015 at 09:30 AM



“ *Our deep condolences. We will miss Irene's enthusiastic presence around SJV and her great singing voice.*
Roger and Judy Rolke

roger and judy rolke - August 23, 2015 at 01:00 PM