



Ilene M. Deel

April 19, 1932 - September 17, 2022

Ilene Marie Deel passed away peacefully at her home on September 17, 2022. She was 90 years old. She was the loving wife of the late Jarel Deel.

Ilene is survived by her sister Shirley Blondia, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother Erma Catherine Woods (Howard), her father Alfred James Jones, her brother Alfred Jones (Marlene), her brother Robert Charles Jones, and her sister Dorothy Jones.

Ilene was a selfless, loving woman who was always there for her family. She had a heart of gold and everyone who knew her was touched by the warmth of it. There was never a time that a friend or family member experienced an illness without Ilene there to comfort them. Nor did Ilene miss a family wedding or other celebration. Family was important to her. Caring for people was important to her. She often hosted holidays, bringing people together. She was a gifted cook, and no one ever left her home without feeling well cared for.

Ilene had the ability to empathize with others and never failed to offer support, be it a friend or a stranger. She was meek and gentle and kind.

Ilene's sensitive spirit was also evident in her love of animals. She found great joy in caring for them. When a mother cat experienced the gentle kindness of

Ilene, she returned with her kittens. An animal's senses never lie. It had found a safe haven.

Ilene will be missed by all who loved her. We will always cherish our memories of her. How blessed we are to have known her. The world was a better place because she was in it. And the world will never be the same without her.

A visitation for Ilene will take place on Friday, September 23, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, 48067. Friends and family will gather on Saturday, September 24, from 11:00 am until time of funeral service at 12:00 pm at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, please return to our website for a livestreaming of the service. Interment to follow at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
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Funeral Service

SEP **24.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Ilene M. Deel*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - September 22, 2022 at 05:08 PM

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“ *Ms. Ilene was our neighbor here in Abingdon. We enjoyed visiting with her and Mr. Jeral. We loved hearing stories of their life over the years. She never let us leave her house without a snack for the kids. She was so kind and always stopped to speak when she saw the kids outside playing. We would take food down from time to time, to help with their evenings. We helped them anytime they called and we are so thankful for the time we had with them. I hate to hear of her passing, she will be missed in the neighborhood.*

*Love,
Matt, Amy, Brody, Jonah and Evie Jane*

Amy - September 21, 2022 at 10:50 AM

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“ I was once married to Ilene's brother, Robert Charles Jones (Chuck), and having Ilene as a sister-in-law was a wonderful memory. She was always kind and had a heart of gold. Most recently she shared her heart again to me when she learned that my present husband was suffering immobility issues and offered to help by giving us battery operated scooters to help him. I am so glad that my son, Steve, took me to Virginia to visit Ilene again. I was able to tell her once again how much I loved her and thank her for her generosity. I have so many great memories of her.



Norma Wirebaugh - September 21, 2022 at 08:47 AM