



Irene Christine Erard

September 30, 1950 - April 8, 2026

Irene Christine Bernadette Erard, age 75, passed away on April 8, 2026.

Born on September 30, 1950 in Detroit, MI, Irene was raised in East Detroit and graduated from Pershing High School, Class of 1968. She went on to earn her Bachelors Degree in accounting from the Detroit College of Business, where she shared her knowledge by teaching classes, as well as at Dorsey Business Schools.

Irene dedicated 58 years of her life work as an accountant and tax preparer, serving her clients with diligence and integrity. Her strong work ethic was matched only by her deep faith.

A devout Catholic, Irene attended Mass nearly every day – weather, health permitting and except during the busy tax season. If she was unable to attend in person, she would worship virtually.

She spent many cherished hours at the Capuchin Retreat Center, one of her favorite places. Irene hosted the Christmas breakfast multiple times. Alongside her beloved sister Louie, she also helped create the docent program there.

Irene had a passion for sports and was an avid fan of hockey, baseball, and

football – famously taking only Super Sunday off from work. She also enjoyed watching MASH, especially Season 9 Episode 10 “Blood Brothers” and found deep meaning in Father Mulcahy’s words: “God didn’t put us here for that pat on the back. He created us so he could be here himself. So he could exist in the lives of those he created in his image.”

She was preceded in death by her loving parents, Rose and Fabian “Gene” Erard, and her dear sister Louise “Louie” Erard.

Irene will be remembered for her unwavering faith, dedication to her work and the quiet strength and kindness she shared with those around her.

Visitation for Irene will be held on Thursday, April 16, 3 – 7 p.m. (Rosary at 7:00 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. The funeral Mass for Irene will be celebrated on Friday, April 17 at 10 a.m. (9:30 visitation) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 12 Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Interment will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Rosary

APR 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

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705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Mass

APR 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Rest in Heaven Irene, I wish I would have known earlier to pay my respects. You were always a good, kind, and hard working woman. I'm sorry that you had so many health issues and suffered for so long.

Branden Seal - May 13 at 01:32 PM

KB

“ Very sorry to hear this. Irene did my taxes for more than 20 years although with the rate she charged and the sound advice and kind honesty she always gave, I considered her more of a friend. Glad I could help her and bring her some clothes and items from Walmart when she was in the rehab center last year. Would have surely attended her service had I known sooner. Heaven has truly gained an angel. RIP Irene!

Kurt T Brown - April 30 at 03:05 PM

KS

“ I only met her a couple years ago, she was so kind and gentle, i was just so shocked to hear of her passing, may she be back with her family

Kathy S - April 30 at 12:03 PM

DJ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Irene was a beautiful lady she was such a blessing to everyone who knew her. She will be missed ❤️ Deborah James

Deborah James - April 18 at 11:12 AM

KY

“ *Kimberly York lit a candle in memory of Irene Christine Erard*



Kimberly York - April 17 at 06:10 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Irene Christine Erard.*



April 16 at 01:18 PM

HR

“ *Irene was a great friend in high school. I remember her at the sr. prom when she was John Catau's date and we went out to Carl's chop house after the event. We were in constant contact over the years. I did her printing for her business and was a great customer to work with. Her office was just down the block from mine. She even dated my cousin for awhile. God bless you, Irene. I'll plant a tree at my property in her honor Go Doughboys.*

Harry Radtke - April 16 at 10:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irene Christine Erard.*



April 16 at 08:56 AM



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

April 16 at 08:56 AM



“ Irene lived her life as a true reflection of Jesus' love. She was an absolute blessing, and it was an honor to know her". I will miss you.

MaryEllen Gelardi - April 15 at 07:48 PM



“ Irene, my dear dear friend, I was so sorry to hear of your passing. I know you are finally getting your well deserved rest in the arms of God.

You were a Godsend to me from the moment we met over 20 years ago,during the Notary Signing Agent boom . we had some crazy times but we pulled it off. I will never forget. I am glad I had the opportunity to tell you that I loved you when we last talked. You were a kind, gentle,giving caring friend that gave your all I will miss you . Rest well. Maria King

MARIA KING - April 15 at 05:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Irene Christine Erard.



April 14 at 11:35 AM

EM

“ Elizabeth Modlinski lit a candle in memory of Irene Christine Erard



Elizabeth Modlinski - April 14 at 08:17 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. She was a very kind and giving person. ❤️



JoAnn Ann Ward - April 13 at 04:13 PM

MN

“ I can't say enough about Irene. She was an amazing and kind individual. I met her through my mother she had been handling my mother's tax needs over 20 years. And I started gpind to her myself over the past ten. She was so easy to talk to and smart as a whip. I enjoyed going to see her and our conversation. I would call ahead on my way to see if there was anything she needed/wanted. I would bring her holiday dinner from our house during the holidays and all the goodies my mom baked every year. I loved doing that for her. We love you Irene! Rest In Peace. We are going to miss you.



Michael Norman - April 12 at 08:22 PM

CL

“ Cheryl Laban lit a candle in memory of Irene Christine Erard



Cheryl Laban - April 12 at 08:07 PM

RJ

“ Rhoda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Irene Christine Erard



Rhoda Johnson - April 11 at 09:58 PM

TW

“ Oh Irene....so very sad....I remember meeting you thru our taxes and getting to know and love you. My dear friend, you will be so very missed. Going to miss talking and visiting with you. May the Lord give you peace and comfort in his arms. Love you.....

Trish Walker - April 11 at 01:31 PM

KR

“👉👑🦋 My Dear Friend Irene I Know You Are Rejoicing In Heaven With Taking The Hand Of Jesus To Walk With & Have Eternal Life In God's Kingdom 👑👉

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I Love You My Dear Friend 👉🦋👉🦋 God Bless,
Kimberly Robinson 👑👉👑👉

Kimberly Robinson - April 11 at 12:36 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene Christine Erard.



April 11 at 09:45 AM



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

April 11 at 09:45 AM



“ Irene and I met over fifty years ago at a Halloween party. I was a pirate she was a bumblebee. We shared a lot of lively times. She also became good friends with my daughter, Rachel. Rachel was sorry to hear of Irene's passing. May Irene rest in peace.

David Pierson - April 11 at 09:34 AM



“ Kimberly White Robinson lit a candle in memory of Irene Christine Erard



Kimberly White Robinson - April 10 at 11:13 PM

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KV

God only takes the best. You will be missed Irene. Rest in God's Kingdom dear friend.

Karen Edwards and Vivian - April 11 at 06:49 PM