



Irene Florence Michels

April 9, 1943 - November 23, 2024

Irene F. Michels, age 81, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2024, in Rochester Hills, Michigan, surrounded by her loving family. Born on April 9, 1943, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Irene was the cherished daughter of the late Maximilian and Evelyn Kasperski (Okalski). Irene was the beloved wife of the late Roger D. Michels, with whom she shared a beautiful 49 years of marriage. The couple exchanged vows on October 18, 1968, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. A devoted mother, Irene is survived by her children, Shari L. Michels, Shelley M. (James) Ryan, Shawn A. Ring (Kevin), Roger D. (Christine) Michels Jr., and Ryan B. (Melissa) Michels. She was the proud grandmother of Marissa, Tyler, Samantha, Brittany, Daniel, Benjamin, Christian, Dominic, Shane, and Jackie, and a great-grandmother to Carson, Kinsley, Liam, Evie, and Kyleigh. Irene embraced her role as a homemaker with dedication, always offering kindness, sweetness, and a helpful spirit to everyone around her. Known for her vivacious personality, she was a social butterfly who loved spending time with family and friends, whether playing cards, hosting gatherings, or simply enjoying their company. A hard worker, Irene also found joy and purpose in her work with Mary Kay and Shaklee, excelling in her efforts with grace and enthusiasm. A devout member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, she served as a Eucharistic Minister, reflecting her deep faith and commitment to her community. Irene's family will welcome friends and loved ones on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service at 6:30 p.m. at the

Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks east of Van Dyke on the north side), Utica, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alzheimer's Association in Irene's memory are appreciated. Irene will be remembered for her warm heart, generous spirit and unwavering love for her family and friends. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, and cherished memories that will forever live in the hearts of those she touched.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV 27. 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sandy, Dave, Chris, & Jenny purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Irene Florence Michels.



Sandy, Dave, Chris, & Jenny - November 27, 2024 at 11:55 AM

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“ From: Sandy, Dave, Chris, & Jenny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Florence Michels.

Sandy, Dave, Chris, & Jenny - November 27, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irene Florence Michels.



November 26, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Irene Florence Michels.



November 26, 2024 at 10:01 AM



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November 25, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ *Peggy Hodgson lit a candle in memory of Irene Florence Michels*



Peggy Hodgson - November 25, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ *Rene and I were best friends as newlyweds and young mothers. We gave each other baby showers, hosted family parties, shared recipes and decorating tips. Her support was a gift to me in those busy years watching our families grow. What a beautiful, lovely soul - a treasure to so many but especially to me.*

Peggy Hodgson - November 25, 2024 at 01:18 PM