



Irene Ann Muirhead

October 28, 1934 - May 25, 2026

Irene A. Muirhead (née Oakes), age 91, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 25, 2026, in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Born on October 28, 1934, in St. Charles, Michigan, Irene was the beloved daughter of the late Harry and Vida (née Martin) Oakes. She was raised with strong faith and family values that remained the foundation of her life. Irene attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School in Chesaning, Michigan, and continued her education at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, where she earned her teaching degree and began a lifelong commitment to education and service.

A devout Catholic throughout her life, Irene dedicated many years to shaping and guiding young minds. She taught for sixteen years with Utica Community Schools, where she was known for her care, patience, and commitment to her students. Later, after relocating to Longview, Texas, she continued her educational calling as Principal of St. Mary's Catholic School, where she provided leadership and inspired countless students and teachers.

Irene remained actively involved in her professional community and was a proud member of the Teachers Retirement Group through the Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System.

She was the beloved wife of the late Kenneth Muirhead and a devoted mother to Timothy Muirhead, Suzanne (Richard) Kuhn, and Daniel (Linda) Muirhead. She was a loving and cherished grandmother to James (Courtney) Muirhead, Jason (Tranell) Muirhead, Kate (Tyler) Kivi, and Spencer Kuhn, and was also blessed with eleven great-grandchildren who brought her great joy.

Family was among Irene's greatest treasures. She found her deepest happiness in the time spent with those she loved, celebrating milestones, sharing traditions, and creating lasting memories. Her faith, compassion, dedication to education, and unwavering love for her family leave a legacy that will continue through the many lives she touched.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate a mass for Irene on Friday, May 29, 2026 at St. Kieran Catholic Church 53600 Mound Road (Btwn 24-25 Mile Road) Shelby, a gathering will take place from 10:30am until the time of the mass 11am.

In memory of Irene's deep catholic faith donations to Capuchins 1820 Mt. Elliott Street Detroit, MI 48207
www.thecapuchins.org

Cemetery Details

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Instate At Church

MAY 29. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church
53600 Mound Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Funeral Mass

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church
53600 Mound Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Your mother was a very spiritual lady. She attended morning mass daily and we know being at 8 a.m. mass was not an easy task for her. Many prayers for her family. A very dedicated Mom. We have been missing her. However, in talking to her she was very comfortable at her new home. Many prayers for all of you. She was my children's teacher at Morgan Elementary. She was the best!, Very loved by all her students and respected by parents.*

*God's Blessings
Suzanne Souva*

Suzanne Souva - May 29 at 10:27 PM

JM

“ *Dan and Family, I'm sorry to see your mother passed. May peace be with her and all of you.*

Jeff McCluskey - May 28 at 04:17 PM

AS

“ *I knew Irene through the Resurrection Choir at St Kieran Catholic Church. She was my alto singing partner. I've missed her voice these past few years, but God's choir is gaining an alto. I am sorry I am out of town and will not be there to sing at here funeral and celebrate her life.*

Amy Smellie - May 28 at 02:53 PM

LJ

“ *She will be remembered for her patience and kindness as a teacher, and a lovely human being. May she be greeted by our Blessed Mother and God's Holy Angels. And, may her soul be at peace, as she rests eternally with our God, in Heaven.*



Linda R. Jozefiak - May 28 at 12:23 PM

SS

“ *Suzanne Suciu purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Irene Ann Muirhead.*



Suzanne Suciu - May 28 at 03:22 AM

SS

“ *Suzanne Suciu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Ann Muirhead.*

Suzanne Suciu - May 28 at 03:22 AM