



## Maudie Irene Hibdon

January 23, 1928 - February 25, 2024

Maudie "Irene" Hibdon, age 96, a cherished resident of Shelby Township, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 25, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on January 23, 1928, in Woodbury, Tennessee, to her adoring parents Alfred Cornie and Hannah Mae (nee Ferrell) Gunter.

At a very young age, Irene embarked on a journey of nurturing and caring becoming a beloved nanny for the young children in town, later after getting married she working at the Shirt Factory sewing button holes in shirts, and still raising her young family. It was through these experiences that she discovered her innate gift for compassion and care giving. Irene had a profound love for gardening, nurturing flowers, and fondest for birds, even collecting small bird figurines. Irene could often be found working on a puzzle, and as she got older she found joy in creative coloring. She cherished spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, whose joy brought her endless happiness.

She dedicated her time and efforts to various charitable causes, volunteering with organizations such as the March of Dimes and Easter Seals. A skilled notary public and exceptional bookkeeper, Irene's dedication to her work was matched only by her warmth and kindness towards others. Her Southern charm, humbleness and genuine hospitality was one of her outstanding

qualities, "once you met her you loved her." Anyone who truly knows Maudie Irene will agree that she was given the perfect name. Maudie-as a girl's name is of old German and French origin. The meaning of Maudie is "Mighty in Battle." Irene meaning "Peaceful" from the Greek goddess who personified peace. The following attributes of her name are a perfect example of who she is.

Irene enjoyed many passions in her life, she was fond of many sporting activities, especially watching NASCAR and Sunday afternoon football with her boys. Often, when you stopped by to visit especially in the evening you would find her watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, they were her favorite TV programs.

In a beautiful twist of fate, Irene found true love in James Edward Hibdon, with whom she celebrated 64 years of marriage until his passing in 2009. Together, they built a life filled with the love of eight children sharing laughter, and countless cherished memories.

Irene will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her children: Kenneth (Tonya) Hibdon, Priscilla "Jean" (Dennis) Wood, James Michael (the late Debbie) Hibdon, Terry (JoAnn) Hibdon, Phyllis (the late Stephen) Lyles, Gary (Linda) Hibdon, Ronald (Monica) Hibdon, and Robin (Edward) Gross. She was a proud grandmother to 21 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her siblings Elsie Pauline (Andy) Smithson, Chole Evelyn (Calvin) Bogle, and Thad (Mary) Gunter.

Irene's legacy of love, compassion, and generosity will forever live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Family and friends will be gathering for a visitation and service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke), Utica; Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm with her Funeral Service at 5:00 p.m. Additional visitation will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024 at Dekalb Funeral Chapel 863 South Congress Blvd., Smithville, Tennessee from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Her burial will be Banks Cemetery, Smithville, Tennessee. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

Family request donations to Banks Cemetery Fund 3084 Banks Pisgah Road, Smithville, TN 37166

# Cemetery Details

## Banks Cemetery

Smithville, TN 37166

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB **29**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

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MAR 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Dekalb Funeral Chapel  
863 South Congress Blvd.  
Smithville, TN 37166

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ After reading your beautifully written obituary, I want to add that you have blessed so many lives, especially my life. You were always there for me from my birth to the day you left me on my 82nd birthday. You were always there for me when I lived in Tennessee and Michigan.

You and Uncle James were always there for me with an afternoon cup of coffee on my many visits to McMinnville with Mom.

By phone, you were always there for me to let me know you received my letters from Texas.

As we lose the most respected and loved lady on earth, with love in our hearts, your Texas family rejoices as you join your Heavenly family. You will always be here but missed by me. I love you Aunty.

🙏 Ann and Larry

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**Ann Garner** - March 03, 2024 at 05:39 PM

JL

“ You were a very special woman to so many and how I know this is by the way you showed your love and kindness and respect to me and others.

You always made me feel right at home the second I walked in the door, it brought back my own memories of my Grandmother.

I enjoyed your cooking and playing cards I'll miss those moments with you, your laughter and smiles brought me so much happiness.

Say hello to my brother Steve until we meet again.

Love Jeff

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**Jeff Lyles** - February 28, 2024 at 08:29 PM

TF

“ The Visconti Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maudie Irene Hibdon.

The Visconti Family - February 28, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maudie Irene Hibdon.



February 28, 2024 at 07:13 PM

CD

“ Colin, Kate, Jacob, Megan and Max Drewek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maudie Irene Hibdon.

Colin, Kate, Jacob, Megan and Max Drewek - February 28, 2024 at 06:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maudie Irene Hibdon.



February 28, 2024 at 06:41 PM

AC

“ Aunt I Kathy Chapman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Maudie Irene Hibdon.



Aunt I Kathy Chapman - February 28, 2024 at 02:55 PM

PF

“ Phipps family and Conley family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maudie Irene Hibdon.

Phipps family and Conley family - February 28, 2024 at 01:38 PM

PF

“ Phipps family and Conley family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maudie Irene Hibdon.



Phipps family and Conley family - February 28, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Maudie Irene Hibdon.



February 28, 2024 at 12:14 PM

TC

“ *The R.S .Dale Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maudie Irene Hibdon.*

**The R.S .Dale Company** - February 28, 2024 at 12:14 PM

JE

“ *There are not enough words to express how much I'm going to miss you mom, you were my best friend. All the times I visit you in Tennessee. We had so much fun. When you moved to Michigan after dad passed, we really became close. I will never forget all the fun times we had, and the love that we had, I love you mom very much and I will miss you. You taught me about the Lord. And you were the perfect example of a wonderful mom. I love you, your daughter, Jeannie*

**jeannie** - February 28, 2024 at 10:47 AM

RS

“ *Irene was a great example to everyone! She was always so kind, helpful, loving and hospitable. I grew up knowing this wonderful family and have many fond memories of our times together. Rest in Peace sweet Irene, you left a wonderful legacy for us all.*

**Rebecca Selaty** - February 28, 2024 at 09:01 AM

KF

“ *Kate Folz purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Maudie Irene Hibdon.*



**Kate Folz** - February 27, 2024 at 07:32 PM

JE

“ I had the privilege of meeting Irene and her husband James on a trip to Tennessee with their daughter Jeannie I was warmly welcomed into their home and experienced 1st hand their warm hospitality. It was a pleasure to know her.

Joan Evennou - February 27, 2024 at 06:26 PM

JG

“ Dear Grandma. The sixteen years you were in my life was not enough. I remember when I first stayed the night at your house when I woke up in the morning you made me waffles I knew instantly I will be coming back. You were the classiest women I've ever met. Till we meet again grandma I know you'll be watching my journey. I love you and always will



Jacob Gross - February 27, 2024 at 06:12 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maudie Irene Hibdon.



February 27, 2024 at 04:41 PM