



## Evelyn "Irene" Flattery

April 14, 1939 - November 11, 2018

Evelyn "Irene" Flattery, age 79, of Albia, passed away at Monroe County Care Center in Albia from an unforgiveable disease, Alzheimer's, on Sunday, November 11, 2018, surrounded by her family.

Irene was born on April 14, 1939, to Harold and Evelyn (Estlack) Gardner at home on the farm in Monroe County, Iowa. She grew up and attended school in Albia, graduating from the Albia High School with the class of 1957. After graduating from high school, Irene moved to Des Moines where she worked at Northwestern Bell telephone and made some lifelong friends, but she did not stay long. Richard "Dick" Flattery was an enticing reason for her to come home. On October 28, 1961, she was united in marriage to Dick and to this union, 4 children were born, Michael, Patrick, Patricia, and Michelle. Irene and Dick shared 38 years of marriage prior to his passing on March 20, 2000.

Irene worked at AYM in Albia retiring in 2005, which gave her more time to do all of the things she enjoyed: eating chocolate, taking pictures of old barns, playing Canasta (with the same group of ladies for over 50 years), sewing, gardening, reading, traveling, and most importantly, spending time with her 7 grandchildren, Dustin Klein, Keshia Barbaglia, Kelsey Smith, Wyatt Flattery, Lexie and Jade Van Polen and Dylan Everett and 4 great grandchildren, Ruger Smith and Isabella, Jaxson, and Casen Barbaglia. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, as well as the Altar and Rosary Society

and Parish Counsel.

Irene is survived by 2 sons, Michael (Amber) Flattery of Moravia, IA and Patrick (Connie) Flattery of Marysville, IA; 2 daughters, Patricia (Ryan) Everett of Grimes, IA and Michelle (Jeff) Van Polen of Albia, IA; 7 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. Irene is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

Irene will be united in heaven with her husband, Dick Flattery; her parents, Harold and Evelyn; and a brother, Everett Gardner.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Michael E. Volkmer C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Irene's family present from 5:00-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to the Alzheimer's Association or to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **13**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV **14**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
730 Benton Ave W  
Albia, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ Evelyn "Irene" Flattery

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Evelyn "Irene" Flattery

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ My sincere sympathies go out to Mike, Pat, Patricia, Michelle and all your family.. seems like I've known Irene all my life as she was a part of a very special card club..she had a heart of gold.. rest in peace Irene and I know your up there dancing with Dick and playing cards with my mom.. you were truly a special person.

Debbie Williams - November 17, 2018 at 03:16 PM

KF

“ Dear Cousins Michael, Patrick, Patricia and Michelle:

*Aunt Irene was a beautiful person. Gentle, kind and a very dignified lady.*

*My earliest memories of her were at her wedding to Uncle Dick. She was a vision. And again on those hot Iowa summers when my parents would bring us up to the family farm. We would sit out under the shade of tree and eat her chocolate chip cookies. Later at Labor Day Georgetown reunions her smile and greeting made the trip worthwhile. My father Paul was particularly fond of his sister-in-law Irene.*

*I and my wife Karen were grieved to hear of her passing. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend her funeral. However, we wanted to express to you and all your family our most heartfelt sympathies. She was a wonderful person and aunt, and the world will be a little less without her presence.*

*May her memory be a blessing.*

*Peace.*

*Your Cousin Kevin Flattery*

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**Kevin Flattery** - November 13, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery.



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November 13, 2018 at 02:11 PM

MP

“ *Those we love can never be more than a thought away...for as long as there's memories they live in our hearts to stay!*”

*Thinking of you all. And sending my love and prayers!*

*Morgan Van Polen*



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**Morgan Van Polen** - November 13, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ *Evy Embree sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery*”



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**Evy Embree** - November 13, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ It saddens me to say I didn't get to know her as well as you all did, but I know you're going to know the feeling I am about to share. I am happy to say that I do remember a moment with Evelyn....



*I remember going over to her house for some reason, (and it slips my mind what it was for) but I just remember the feel of her presence in the door way and her eyes bending down and saying, "Awe, you're an Evelyn too, Doug and Jana's daughter!" Then she leaned in and gave me the warmest huge. A huge that does more than just let you feel them there. She had a soul moving way about her. It was truly beautiful. And again, I was still pretty young and I somehow never forget those few minutes and the warmth she gave.. It was such a sweet hug and soft smile. Truly a wonderful woman. She completely gave her all to me for those small minutes and the rest of the time there. It was so genuine and real! Hard to explain in words. But I am positive you all know what I am expressing.*

*I love that our minds and our hearts remember moments like that. And how fast they can come back to your mind after so long. I had to share this because yet it was so long ago, it stuck with me from that one day of being around her. You're all so lucky and blessed to have had her!*

*Proud to say I knew her.*

*"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal....but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal"*

*Thinking of you all at this time.... Sending Loves and Hugs your way!*

*From all of us,*

*Scott and Evy Embree (Van Polen) Colby, Lucy, Nora*

**Evvy Embree** - November 13, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery.



November 13, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ Love, the Shade Tree Auto Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery.



**Love, the Shade Tree Auto Family** - November 13, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery.



November 13, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery.



November 13, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery.*



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November 13, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery.*



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November 12, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ *Mike, Pat, Patricia and Michelle, we are sending our heartfelt sympathy to you and your families. Your mother was a graceful and beautiful woman. ~ Michelle and Steve Chambers*

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**Michelle Chambers** - November 12, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ *Patricia- I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Allison Piazza** - November 12, 2018 at 11:28 AM

BB

“ BNI Lunch Bunch purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery.



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**BNI Lunch Bunch** - November 12, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery.



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November 12, 2018 at 10:36 AM

JL

“ John And Tena Lee lit a candle in memory of Evelyn "Irene" Flattery



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**John and Tena Lee** - November 12, 2018 at 07:56 AM

RR

“ Sorry Patricia for the loss of your mother. No one is ever ready to loose their mom. I'm sorry she had that sad terrible disease. Our prayers are with you and your family.

*Rosalie and Roger Ranker* 🙏

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**Rosalie Ranker** - November 11, 2018 at 11:48 PM

DS

“ Patricia I'm so very sorry for your loss. Your Mom was definitely a lady of integrity and I'm sure will be missed by many. Moms are so special. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏

Debbie Sears - November 11, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Patricia. Prayers to you and your family.  
John and Maureen Mitchell

Maureen Mitchell - November 11, 2018 at 09:53 PM

LC

“ Irene was a wonderful lady, a true friend, she will be missed by all.  
My Sympathy to her family.

Lisa Cornelison - November 11, 2018 at 06:59 PM

NL

“ Sorry to hear she passed away. Sending prayers for the family.

Nancy Stocker Langstraat - November 11, 2018 at 06:52 PM

LK

“ Irene was such a wonderful person. I would see her at the Post Office several evenings when I worked for the schools and she for AYM. She was always smiling and so kind to others. So sorry she had to endure this disease. Friendships like hers are one in a million. My sympathy, love and prayers to you all. Lana Kaldenberg

Lana Kaldenberg - November 11, 2018 at 06:09 PM

MB

*Jack & my sympathy & love go out to Mike, Patrick & Patricia, & Michele in the loss of your sweet mother. She was such a lovely, kind, and happy person! I remember when I was a little girl St Pat's in Georgetown had lots of dances. I loved to watch your Mom & Dad dance - - they were such an inspiring couple! May God Bless you all with His love & comfort as you send your dear mother to Heaven to rest in God's loving arms. 💕 Mary Baker*

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**Mary Baker** - November 12, 2018 at 08:19 AM

KO

*My deepest sympathies to Mike, Patrick, Patricia and Michelle for the loss of your mother. I remember her as a lovely lady, who was admired by many.*

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**Kimberly O'Brien-Wolett** - November 12, 2018 at 09:32 AM

MM

*Irene was a special lady with a special family. Blessings to each of you.*

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**Margaret Mordan** - November 12, 2018 at 09:53 PM