



Irene Maxine Popson

April 16, 1922 - February 25, 2016

Irene Maxine Popson, age 93, of Albia, died Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Homestead Assisted Living in Albia surrounded by her family.

Irene was born on April 16, 1922 in Hiteman, Iowa to George and Anna (Bobby) Biros. She graduated salutatorian from the Hiteman High School with the class of 1939. On June 21, 1941 she was united in marriage to John Popson at St. Peters Catholic Church in Lovilia. To this union 8 children were born, John, Helen, Kathryn, Bill, Shirley, Bob, Joyce, and Jeanne.

She was a homemaker but also helped John on the farm. She went to work at Trophy Glove for a time before taking a job at Trojan's door factory. Irene then went to work at several other jobs including J.C. Penney's, Monroe County Hospital, and the group home with the Monroe County Professional Management.

Irene was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Weller before becoming a member of St. Mary's Church in Albia. She was a member of St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society She also taught catechism. Irene loved being a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother. While raising her family she had a large garden where she grew and canned many fruits and vegetables. Irene could always fix a bite to eat with fried chicken and angel food cake being 2 of her favorites to prepare.

She lived her entire life in Monroe County. She enjoyed playing cards, reading, being outdoors, taking bus trips, watching wheel of fortune, attending concerts and plays, watching her grandchildren's sporting events and traveling. Irene had been from coast to coast and to both the north and south borders while also traveling to Europe twice but Iowa was always "home". Her real joy in life was spending time with her family and friends.

Irene is survived by her 7 children, John (Martha) Popson, Helen McDowell, Kathryn (Matt) Cernic, Bill Popson, Bob Popson, Jeanne Popson and Joyce (Terry) Shaw; 17 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; and 3 great-great granddaughters. She is also survived by a brother-in-law, Tom Fangman and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Anna; her husband, John; a daughter, Shirley Playle; 2 great grandchildren, John Michael and Katelyn Kay; 2 sisters, Ruth Fangman and Agnes Bertogli; and a brother George Biros.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 3, 2016 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S and Father John Bertogli officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's Cemetery in Weller.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Irene's family present from 4 -8 Wednesday evening. A 4:00 p.m. rosary will be led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society and a wake service will be held at 6:00 p.m.

A memorial has been established to St. Mary's Cemetery in Weller or to the family's wishes.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.tharpfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Irene Maxine Popson

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Thinking about you as you process the loss of your Mother, She was always so friendly and had a smile on her face. I always enjoyed visiting with her and she was so proud of all her family. she was so full of life, it is hard to believe she was 93., But has lived her life to the fullest! May she rest in peace.

Marilyn Larson - Albia, IA - Acquaintance - February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ A great Weller lady who loved her God and Family

Don and Mary Carr - Urbandale, IA - Friend - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ The Dorothy family wants everyone know you are all in thoughts and prayers. She was an amazing woman and will be greatly missed.

Vicki Clark - Design Moines, IA - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I just saw on FB of your Mom's passing. I want you all to know that i am so sorry for your loss and you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your Mom was always so kind and said hi to me whenever she saw me. A very nice and kind lady.

Mary Jo Wright - MT.PLEASANT, IA - Friend - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Irene i wish i could have told you in the latter days of your life that you were the best friend i have ever had. but you knew that lol. i wanna thank you irene for loving me when no one else would, thank you for all the hours of talking and laughing with me you will always make me smile i want you to know that you will always be loved and remembered for the rest of my life. save me a spot at the card table!!!

Connie shortridge - albia, IA - Friend - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Jean, Joyce and family. I am so sorry for your lose. A mother is the hardest thing to go through. You will be in my prayers.

Kathy Griffin - Albia, IA - Classmate - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ To Jean,Kay,Joyce,Helen,Bill,John

I love you guys very much, your mom was the world to me.. I hope that all of you can make it thru this time of loss, big hugs and lots of love for you all !

cONNIE SHORTRIDGE - albia, IA - Friend - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ God bless you, Aunt Irene. Say hello to my mom, Grandma, Uncle John, Aunt Agnes, Uncle George, Aunt Liz and Uncle Vic for me.

Michael Fangman - Midlothian , IL - Family - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Irene was a wonderful friend, we had a lot of fun, will miss her.

Carol Gardner - albia, IA - Friend - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Rest in peace Irene. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I always lived visiting with you. An awesome, funny lady.

Patti See - Albia, IA - Acquaintance - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I loved every mealtime visit each time she was in the hospital... She was easy to get attached to! So very sorry for your loss.

Debi Reed - Albia, IA - Friend - February 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM