



Irene Diederichs

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Irene Diederichs, 81, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2022 at the nursing home where she resided in Kannapolis, NC with her daughter by her side, holding her hand as she transitioned to the presence of her Lord and Savior. Born at the Lyon Family Homestead on Main Street Dolgeville NY December 6, 1940, She was the 6th of 14 children of the late George and Grace (Cramer) Lyon.

Irene graduated from Dolgeville Central School in 1959 and later that year married Ralph Sterusky. They had five children together and were divorced in 1969. She worked at Lyon Greenhouses in Dolgeville for many years and then obtained her license to drive a tractor trailer. She then worked at Baker's Greenhouse in Utica, NY until she secured a job with the DOT in Herkimer NY where she drove a snow plow. Irene married Paul Diederichs in 1991 and together they ran the Windy Tavern for several years. Her last employment was working at Dopp's Inn in Dolgeville, retiring and moving to NC in 2004.

In NC she attended the Cove Church in Mooresville and served the Lord on the Baptism Team. She was part of a Life Group with many wonderful ladies from the church. They enjoyed studying the Bible and serving others in the community. Even after she was no longer able to join them in person, their love and prayers followed her.

Irene enjoyed collecting bells and making latch hook rugs/wall hangings. She was also a good cook and baker. She made and decorated birthday and wedding cakes for many years.

Irene is survived by her 6 children, Lora (Sterusky) Rehm and her husband Paul of Apex, NC, David Sterusky of Little Falls, NY, Christopher Sterusky and his wife Brenda of Radcliff, KY, Ralph Sterusky of Little Falls, NY, Paula (Sterusky) Cramer and her husband Bruce of Sanborn, NY and Leslie (Lyon) Hicks and her husband Greg of NC. Also 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Additionally, she is survived by 2 sisters and 5 brothers, Grace Anna Eggleston of Dolgeville, Bruce Lyon of Dolgeville, Marsden Lyon of Whitesboro NY, Noreen Crane and her husband Jim of Dolgeville, Duane Lyon and his wife Donna of Flowery Branch GA, Daryl Lyon and his wife



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Julia of Dolgeville and George Lyon and his wife Char of Sauquoit NY and a sister-in law Donna (Arndt)Lyon of Dolgeville along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Irene was predeceased by her husband Paul Diederichs, her siblings Shirley Williams, Craig Lyon, Merwin Lyon, Arlene Stacy, Waldo Lyon, Nadine Spencer, a special sister-in-law Annette Lyon and three grandchildren Ashley Sterusky, Amanda Sterusky and Christopher Michael Sterusky.

Family will receive visitors at James Funeral Home in Huntersville NC April 23, 2022 at 1pm and services to follow at 2pm.

Memorial gifts to the Alzheimer's Association can be made in lieu of flowers.

A graveside ceremony in NY followed by a celebration of life is also being planned for family and friends in NY.




James Funeral Home, of Huntersville, is serving the family and obituary lovingly written by the family.

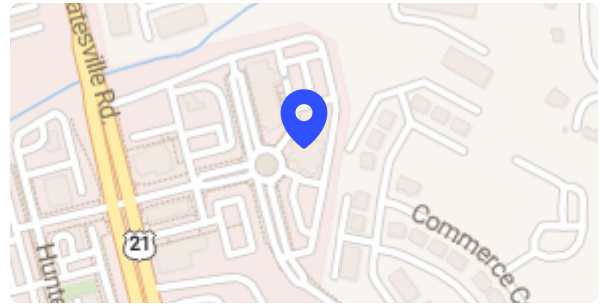


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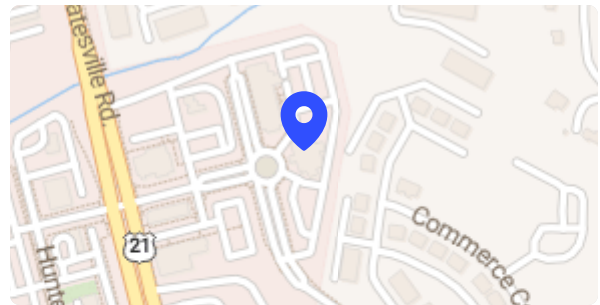
Visitation

-  **Saturday**, April 23, 2022
-  1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
-  **James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078



Memorial Service

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Georgette Dobson posted:

Rest in Peace Aunt Irene as you join other family in Heaven. I have so very many memories I would fill this page. Condolences to the family for their loss.

April 22 at 7:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Diederichs family.



April 20 at 1:32 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Diederichs family.



April 20 at 7:02 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Diederichs family.



April 19 at 8:53 AM



Maureen Nicholas posted:

I had the privilege of meeting Irene while attending a ladies Life Group together. I admired her faith and determination to join with us in sharing our walk with Our Lord together. Despite failing health, she continued on that mission as long as she possibly could. Her dedication and strength is a memory that will last with me forever. I believe she has entered into her new heavenly home with Jesus! I pray for peace and comfort for all her family and loved ones♥.The Cove... Ladies Life Group
Maureen Nicholas

April 18 at 9:26 PM



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Maureen Nicholas sent a virtual gift in honor of Irene.

I had the privilege of getting to know Irene as we attended our ladies Life Group together in recent years. I will always remember her for the faith and dedication she exhibited and her determination to join us in sharing her walk with Our Lord through life. Even facing failing health, she continued on her mission. I believe she has arrived at her final heavenly home with Jesus!!Praying for peace and comfort for all her family and loved ones♥ The Cove....Ladies Life GroupMaureen



April 18 at 8:43 PM



Bruce T. Lyon posted:

My Sister Irene Next In Line Above Me Out Of 14 Children. A More Wonderful Person Would Be Hard to Find. I Know My Late Wife Annette Loved Her Beyond Words. She Is In Heaven Now With Many That Have Gone On Before Her. You Are Not Hurting Anymore And Did Not Deserve To Hurt As You Did. You Are Missed Already By Many. Love You And Will See You Again Some Day. Your Brother Bruce.

April 18 at 5:58 PM



Donna, Val And Lance, And Wally & Karen sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Diederichs family.



April 18 at 9:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Irene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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