Irene Ida Foley

August 18, 1934 - March 3, 2021

A link to Irene's livestream can be found by clicking this link: https://youtu.be/LvKuEDkTs6g

Irene Ida Foley, age 86 of Carroll, died on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at St. Joseph’s Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Friday, March 12, 2021 at St. John Paul II Catholic Parish – Holy Spirit Church. Fr. Kevin Richter will be the celebrant. Music will be provided by Jane Heithoff. Lectors will be Kim Wallace and KayLynn Lofgren. Kelly Foley will be the Eucharistic Minister. Casket Bearers will be Kenny Foley Jr., Kelly Foley, Jake Foley, Mark Uhlenkamp, Ron Uhlenkamp, and Jim Uhlenkamp. A burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

A visitation will be held on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. An additional visitation with no greeting of the family will be on Friday from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church.
Memorial donations may be made in honor of Irene to Kuemper Catholic Schools.

A live-stream of the funeral mass will be available on the “Sharp Funeral Home – Carroll” YouTube page. A link will be available the day of Irene’s

service.

Those in attendance of Irene's services are required to wear a face covering and abide by social distancing guidelines. Arrangements are under the guidance of Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Irene's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Irene was born on August 18, 1934 in Dedham, Iowa, the daughter of Louie and Francis (Willenborg) Uhlenkamp. At the age of four, Irene's mom passed away and their family moved to Templeton where Irene was raised for most of her childhood life. She graduated high school in Templeton. Irene married John "Jack" Foley, her neighbor, on December 19, 1954. This union was blessed with seven children. While Jack spent three years in the service, Irene moved to Carroll to live with her in-laws. She was a stay-at-home mom until all of her kids were old enough to go to school. Then she spent a majority of her life working as a secretary at Holy Spirit School. She held this position until her husband Jack was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in the 90's. After Jack died, Irene began working for Caring Hands in 2003. As a longtime member of Holy Spirit, she was part of the Ladies Guild, the Catholic Daughters, and many times she would help out at the Knights of Columbus when her husband was there.

Some of Irene's hobbies included reading, puzzles, and traveling. She loved taking care of her grandkids and great grandkids. The thing about Irene was she loved her family. She was a "me too" kind of person, meaning she was always going where someone in her family was going. Irene wanted to make memories that could last a lifetime not only for herself, but for her family. So whether it was traveling or at home, she cherished every moment she spent with each and every family member.

Irene is survived by her children Carolyn (Wayne) Smith of Ankeny; Rick

(Cherie) Foley of Carroll; Bob (Georgia) Foley of Omaha, Nebraska; Jacqui (Steve) Scharfenkamp of Lidderdale; Vicky Foley (special friend Marty Rath) of Storm Lake; Cheryl (Scott) Raverty of Farmington, Minnesota; and Tami (Mike) Bernholtz of Lincoln, Nebraska; 17 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; brothers-in-law Bernie Foley of California; Kenny Foley of Carroll; and Malick (Rosie) Foley of Texas; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Jack in 2002; brothers Hank Uhlenkamp and Joe (Shirley) Uhlenkamp; sister Delores (Norbert) Brincks; nephew Tom Brincks; parents-in-law Sally and Ed Foley; sisters-in-law Colene (Bill) Beidler, Marilyn “Tots” Foley, and Connie Foley.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Carroll, IA 51401

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **11**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sharp Funeral Home ~ Carroll, Iowa
226 W. 8th St.
Carroll, IA 51401
(712) 792-4301
info@sharpfuneral.com
https://www.sharpfuneral.com

Visitation with No Greeting the Family

MAR **12**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. John Paul II Parish-Holy Spirit Church
421 Bluff St E
Carroll, IA 51401-3099
(712) 792-9244

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **12**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SW

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I enjoyed Irene each time I saw her from the time she was so helpful to me at Holy Spirit when I moved to Carroll and enrolled by children. I loved seeing her smiling face at Holy Spirit Church and when I was fortunate to run into her on her walks. She was a kind and giving woman, so in love with her family. I feel blessed to have known her. God Bless all of you in your loss. Sincerely, Sue Way

Sue E Way - March 16, 2021 at 01:58 PM

RM

My deepest sympathy to Irene's family. What a lovely lady! Always so friendly. You will all be in my prayers.
Renee Mueggenberg

Renee Mueggenberg - March 16, 2021 at 08:57 AM

NI

Irene was a kind soul. Who we all knew was always lending a hand. Irene went to Grandparents day at the school with my daughter after my mother past away. It was so nice of her to take time out of her day to attend that event to make my daughters day. That is just one of the kind things she did. She made many smile and was a Blessing to us all. She won't be forgotten. God Bless the family if Irene your in my thoughts and Prayers.
Natalie I and family

Natalie Irlbeck - March 12, 2021 at 09:37 AM

MG

Mark Goetziger lit a candle in memory of Irene Ida Foley

Mark Goetziger - March 11, 2021 at 06:42 PM

MG

Sympathy to the Foley family.

Mark Goetziger - March 11, 2021 at 06:43 PM

Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 11, 2021 at 03:02 PM

KN

Irene was such a kind lady. Always asked about the rest of our family whenever we saw her. She was such a great Grandma and would help out however she could. A wonderful role model. I will miss her smile and her presence. ~Kathy Noble~

Kathy Noble - March 11, 2021 at 02:50 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 10, 2021 at 03:42 PM

Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 10, 2021 at 01:19 PM

Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 10, 2021 at 12:30 PM

Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 10, 2021 at 12:23 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 10, 2021 at 12:16 PM

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 10, 2021 at 10:11 AM

MF

We have fond memories of Irene. She was a special lady; very kind and considerate of other's feelings. She always watched out for Stacy and Ryan at school. She was quick to help Ryan when he wouldn't finish his lunch and insisted he was sick. May precious memories of treasured times together help you through these difficult times.

With our love,
Mal, Rosie, Stacy, Ryan and Keelie

Mal and Rosie Foley and family - March 08, 2021 at 06:44 PM

SG

Sympathy to the Foley family. Grandma and Grandpa Foley were our aunt and uncle. Sally was our mom, Irene Backhaus' sister. Visited them alot when we were younger. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Sandi, Rachel and Faye (Backhaus)

Sandi Gruhn - March 08, 2021 at 04:41 PM

MH

Mike And Patty Heuton lit a candle in memory of Irene Ida Foley

Mike and Patty Heuton - March 08, 2021 at 12:36 PM

SS

Sandie, Laurie, Rob, Gary, Deb, Chris & Shelly purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

Sandie, Laurie, Rob, Gary, Deb, Chris & Shelly - March 08, 2021 at 11:45 AM

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 08, 2021 at 11:25 AM

KG

Kristin & Dave Graham purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

Kristin & Dave Graham - March 07, 2021 at 08:51 PM

KG

Kristin & Dave Graham lit a candle in memory of Irene Ida Foley

Kristin & Dave Graham - March 07, 2021 at 07:49 PM

CG

Cheryl and family,

It's clear that your mom, Irene, had many family and friends who loved her and whom she blessed while on his earth. May your memories of special times with her bring you peace. --The Gehl family

Cindy Gehl - March 07, 2021 at 01:08 AM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 06, 2021 at 11:51 PM

MF

Mal & Rosie Foley lit a candle in memory of Irene Ida Foley

Mal & Rosie Foley - March 06, 2021 at 09:28 PM

MF

Irene was a caring and thoughtful person. She will be missed.

Mal & Rosie Foley - March 08, 2021 at 06:34 PM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 06, 2021 at 09:11 PM

CF

Chris Toby and family. purchased the Medium Dis h Garden for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

Chris Toby and family. - March 06, 2021 at 08:34 PM

PS

My sympathy to Irene's family. Worked with her at many CDA functions. Always pleasant to be with.
Pat Sanders

Patricia Sanders - March 06, 2021 at 03:08 PM

PP

We will miss our cousin Irene. She was such a warm & caring person. We send our love & sympathy to Irene's family & all our Foley relatives who knew & loved her.
Love, Steve & Pam (Foley) Palmer

Pam Palmer - March 06, 2021 at 11:18 AM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene Ida Foley.

March 06, 2021 at 10:46 AM

JD

Irene treated us just like Family. She was always happy, smiling, & had kind words to everyone. We well really miss her. she was a true friend.

Jean Daniel - March 06, 2021 at 09:02 AM

DR

My sympathy to the entire Foley family. Irene was a special lady. RIP

Denise Riddle - March 06, 2021 at 08:02 AM

CB

Cindy Becker lit a candle in memory of Irene Ida Foley

Cindy Becker - March 05, 2021 at 11:45 PM

KN

She was a special lady a smile always and how are the boys was the question. Hugs to you all

Kris Nagl - March 05, 2021 at 09:02 PM

Dawn Uhlenkam

Dawn Uhlenkamp lit a candle in memory of Irene Ida Foley

Dawn Uhlenkamp - March 04, 2021 at 05:30 PM

TE

Sending extra love today as you celebrate and honor the life of your mom, Cheryl. We are lucky she was such a wonderful part of our neighborhood, too! We are all with you in spirit, filling up the pews! Julie and Todd

Todd and Julie Endersbe - March 12, 2021 at 09:24 AM

DR

You have my sympathy as you grieve the loss of your mom. She was always supportive and helpful to me when I worked at Kuemper Catholic Grade School, and she always had a smile on her face to greet every student and employee with whom she came in contact. A great lady who will be missed! Doris M. Riesselman

Doris Riesselman - March 16, 2021 at 11:15 PM