



Irene Schmitz

July 14, 1937 - August 14, 2019

Service Saturday is at the funeral home. We will then go to Rosehill Cemetery in procession for the graveside committal service.

Irene Yvonne Schmitz was born in France, on July 14, 1937 to Antonio and Maria Postregna. Her family was originally from Italy but lived in France as migrant farm workers. After World War II started, the family moved back to their home in Italy in 1939.

The war was difficult for her and the family. The family experienced poverty and hardships. The family experienced bombings of their village, shootings of neighbors, and soldier's stealing little food they had.

Irene had a older brother named Agostino, older sister Elvira. She also had younger brothers named Giuliano, Damiano and younger sister Teresa who died at just three months old.

Irene came to the United States when she was 18 in 1955. She met Thomas John Schmitz and was married on September 13, 1958. They had five children Paul, Thomas, John, Lisa and Mary Ann.

While in the United States, Irene became a welder at Hammond Organ for a short time. Irene eventually started working at Glen Crest Nursing Home. Irene

retired as a housekeeping supervisor there.

Irene was a strong woman with a warm heart. She always had a smile and was welcoming to everyone. She spent her life giving to anyone who crossed her path and was the heart of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite cancer society appreciated.

A Heart Of Warmth

A warm heart is a wonderful thing
A gift from God most fair;
For the seed of a warm heart
Sprouts and grows in love
And beauty rare,

There are those who open their
Hearts to others, who never think twice
about giving of themselves to others.

They are the wonderful warm hearted
Who make days a little brighter,
Who make hearts a little happier.

For a warm heart like hers will
Never be forgotten,
For only God creates a special
Warm heart.

That was Irene's heart of warmth.
So true and pure.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Cemetery

5800 N Ravenswood Ave
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 561-5940

Previous Events

Visitation / Viewing

AUG 16. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Barr Funeral Home
6222 N. Broadway
Chicago, IL 60660
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info@barrfuneralhome.com
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Service

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Irene Schmitz

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ I met Irene back in 2008 ~ after the passing of her daughter Mary Ann, and grandchildren Jeremy and Cassidy. I live in Iowa and was the first responder to the accident on June 20, 2007. I was lucky enough to find Irene - a connection to the survivors of the accident. ~ I needed her friendly voice, as my life changed on June 20, 2007 also. I talked to Irene once a year - for about an hour or more. I didn't get a Christmas card from her this year, so worried, that maybe she wasn't alive anymore. I'm sad, she was always so kind. I think we made each other feel better. She will be very missed.

Joan Hilligas - January 27, 2020 at 09:54 AM



Hi Joan, I'm Irene's son Tom. My mother was a truly a remarkable woman. She always exhibited love to all the people around her. As you said, she is very much missed. She was the nucleus for our family and other families. Thanks for what you did that day on June 20 2007. It was a tragic date for our family. We are grateful for people like you, who helped our family in a time of need.

Thomas schmitz - May 30, 2021 at 03:42 AM



This site is not the best in terms of Woking poperly. So if you didn't receive the entire message: Thank you for what you did on the date of June 20 2007. I think your connection with my Mother helped her mentally. I'm not a social media person. I'm sorry I didn't see this page sooner.

Thomas schmitz - May 30, 2021 at 03:56 AM

TS

Any hoot, I would like to hear from you.

Thomas schmitz - May 30, 2021 at 04:01 AM

JH

Thomas Schmitz - You can reach me at 319-430-1223

Joan Hilligas - January 13, 2023 at 11:58 AM

JB

“*Irene was a lovely woman and mother who had a talent for nurturing life. Her cooking and garden were legendary in our neighborhood. For me, I remember her stories of how she would help her geraniums and oleander trees go dormant in the winter time, bringing them into a cool space that wouldn't freeze, and then she would take them back outside at just the right time, bringing them all magically to life as spring warmed the Earth. Irene had so much caring for all of us, and I am filled with sadness at a loss that came too soon. When my own mother passed, Irene's presence in my life was steadying and loving. I picture her on her bicycle waving goodbye to us all as she rides up into the clouds. Good-bye, Dear one, we will miss you much. ~ Joni Beigh*

Joan Shapiro Beigh - August 16, 2019 at 04:47 PM



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Barr Funeral Home - August 16, 2019 at 03:41 PM

ZB

“ I met Irene at Galter center, she always was smiling and friendly will miss her a lot.

Zita

Zita Baltramonas - August 16, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Irene Schmitz.



August 16, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Irene Schmitz.



August 16, 2019 at 10:13 AM