



Vernene Rae Kress

July 1, 1937 - July 16, 2023

Vernene Rae Kress, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, died peacefully on July 16, 2023 in Chicago, IL. Born to Verne and Marjorie Walburn on July 1, 1937, in Chicago, Vernene was the oldest of five siblings. Vernene lived her life through two endeavors; loving her family and creating art. After meeting her husband in high school, they married in 1957 and went on to raise three children. Vernene then followed her passion for art and became a successful businesswoman who co-owned a storefront at the Landmark Department Store on Clark Street for numerous years, selling greeting cards and holiday decorations. If she was not at her shop, she was selling her art at craft fairs or painting, drawing, and crafting at her home. A connoisseur of classic films, games, and good restaurants, Vernene had an appreciation for beauty in life. That beauty touched her family deeply, as she was adored by her husband, children, and grandchildren. Vernene was survived by her husband of 66 years, Charles Kress. They shared a life of love that no matter the bickering, they still hugged and kissed at the end of each day. Vernene and Charles had three children, son Jeffrey (Debra) Kress, late daughter Lisa (Ronald) Hosman, and daughter Danielle (Thomas) Huber. Raising and loving her children was her proudest accomplishment. Vernene also had three grandchildren, Jacquelyn (Raymond) Taylor, Juliana (Jeffrey) Sattler, and Nicholas Huber. Her grandchildren could be found year round at her house baking chocolate chip cookies or losing to her at Yahtzee, but there was no place they would rather have been. Her vivacious personality, untouchable sarcasm, and generous heart made her home a place of gathering for family and many lifelong friends. To honor and celebrate a beautiful life lived, it is only fitting for her Celebration of Life service to take place at their home on Sunday, August 13th, 2023 from 1pm-6pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Vernene's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a cause that was close to her heart.

Tribute Wall



“ Vernene Rae Kress

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ She was always a pleasure to talk to. She was always upbeat. She was a very dedicated wife and mom. No matter how she felt she always had a positive attitude. We loved that lady. She's with her family passed members especially her beloved daughter Lisa. Godspeed Rip sweet lady. Next rainbow we see we will know it could be some of your doing. Especially the beautiful colors you liked to draw with. Until we meet again we love ya to the moon and back.

Mike Lisciandrello Sr. - August 09, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ Vernene was such a wonderful person. We always enjoyed the time that we were able to spend with her, Chuck and the whole family. We are sending prayers of love and peace to the whole family.
Sincerely, Robb and Carol Dickenson

Carol Dickenson - July 25, 2023 at 01:56 PM