



Irene Colligan

June 3, 1914 - April 8, 2008

Irene S. Colligan, 93, of Fort Collins, Colorado, formerly of St. Petersburg, Florida, died April 8, 2008 after a brief illness, at Poudre Valley Hospital. She had been a resident of Woodbridge Senior Apartments of Fort Collins since March 2006. Irene Sophie Colligan was born June 3, 1914 in Mancelona, Michigan, the fourth child of John and Mattie Grosskopf. Her mother died soon after Irene was born; she was then adopted by her Aunt Nellie Williams and husband Jacob. She grew up in Grand Rapids, MI. For many years she lived in the Detroit area, where she raised her children Irene was an excellent cook and a dear friend to many. She loved to travel and liked to walk for exercise. She was a very social person who enjoyed playing cards and participating in pot luck dinners. When her circumstances changed, which happened many times during her long life, Irene adapted well. She is remembered with love by her daughter, Suzan (and Gerald) Waskelis of Lisle, Illinois; son, Paul (and Irene) Overmyer of Fort Collins; step-daughters, Patricia (Colligan) and Fred Krause of Spring Lake, MI, and Kathleen (Colligan) and James Lauder of Minnetonka, MN; half-sister, Marguerite (and Francis) Dionne of Traverse City, MI; grandchildren, Lynn, John, Jerry and Dan and their spouses; great-grandchildren, Tyrone, Maggie, and Kira; step-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her three husbands, Charles Overmyer, Victor Deters, and Vincent Colligan. A private family gathering was held on April 10. Her cremated remains will be buried with her first husband, Charles, in Plymouth, MI.

Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Colligan*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *We send our sincere sympathy upon the loss of your mom . . . one fine lady she was. We're so glad she was chosen to live a long and fruitful life.
May your faith sustain you during this time of loss. Much love and prayers go with you, Henry and Georgina*

Henry & Georgina Hartwell - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Irene was a lovely and gracious lady. What a tribute to her to have such a devoted daughter who took such incredible care to help her get through the tough times of life. This picture of Irene really shows her shining personality. Our thoughts and prayers to the family and God Bless Irene.*

Ron and Fran Bolson - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *IRENE you will be missed walking the halls and providing us with your big smile. Tell the LORD hello for us*

Ralph Starck & Agnes Garrett - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Sue and Paul, I am sad at the loss of that dear lady who welcomed me back into her life so warmly just a few years ago. I had been out of touch with her, but that did not seem to bother her at all---she was glad to see me and in her time of remarkable health shared her optimism (and food). May wonderful memories and the knowledge that she loved you so dearly help to carry you through this time of painful loss. May the force be with you. Love, Linda

Bob and Linda Powless - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ From what we know about Irene, she was always a very vital woman. She was busy doing many things and never stopped living every day. She was loved by her daughter and her family. We are very sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers,

Joe and Judy Waskelis - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I remember when I first met my "new" Grandma. I was (I believe) in the second grade. Grandpa was coming home from Florida with his new wife, and my new Grandma. It was a beautiful spring day, and I think I ran home from school so that I could meet her.

I have many fond memories of Grandpa and Irene from eating dinner with them at their home in Spring Lake, watching them dance together, taking walks down to the river, and receiving Irene's newfound beach treasures found at North Shore Beach. I still have that pink towel! After they moved to Florida permanently, we still kept in touch through cards and phone calls, and each always ended with Irene saying, I'm still dancing!!

Well, now Irene, you're just dancing in a better place!

Love, Jen

Jennifer Prescott - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ We were friends and neighbors to Irene for many years in Florida. Irene was loved by all of her neighbors and friends.

It was our pleasure to send Irene a copy of our newspaper each month and she enjoyed keeping up with her friends and former neighbors.

We will miss her memory. Laverne and Frank Mogus

Laverne/Frank Mogus - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ The residents and staff of Presbyterian Towers were sorry to hear of Irene's passing. She lived here for over 25 years! Irene was always a pleasure to talk to and friendly to everyone. She was a very special lady and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Joan Petersen - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Paul,
What a wonderful picture of your mom. I know that you were close to her and will miss her.
My thoughts are with you and your family. Please take care.
Love,
Sue

susan ehrlich - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am sad for the loss of Irene and I will light a candle for her. My heart is with you.
Judith Roche

Jenny Stone - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ It was such a pleasure to know Irene even for the short time she lived "above" my apartment. I hope she enjoyed our pot-luck dinners and Friday morning donuts as much as we enjoyed having her there. Also was sharp at canasta games. We should all be so lucky to live the full life she had.
We will miss her. Pat

Pat Duhaime - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Paul and Irene, We were so sorry to hear about your loss. Just remember all the great times you had with her and all the love she she had for you and your family. God be with you and stay in touch.
Love, Jim and Judy

James e Blaharski - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM