



Irene H. Romke

January 10, 1926 - November 24, 2021

Irene Hattie (Pelletier) Romke, 95, of Burlington passed away Wednesday morning, November 24, 2021, at Oak Crest Residence & Atrium Apartments in Elgin.

She was born January 10, 1926, in Elgin the daughter of August Friedrich Heinrich Max and Grace Greta (Garrelts) Pelletier. Irene was a member of the 1944 Class of Elgin High School and married Marvin Floyd Romke on June 24, 1944, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Elgin. Irene and Floyd farmed the Romke family farm all their married life. She had also worked at Montgomery Wards in DeKalb and then at the State Bank of Burlington for many years. She was a longtime member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Burlington. As an active member of the church, she made confirmation stoles beginning in 1962 and made bakery goods for many special occasions. She was a talented sewer, knitter, and crocheter, known to be a good cook and was an expert at canning. Irene had also been a longtime supporter and leader of the local 4H.

Surviving is her daughter, Susan (Ronald) Wells of Bartlett, son, David (Joyce) Romke of Elgin; four grandchildren, Deborah (Doug) Lee of Ft. Myers, FL, Richard (Jill) Wells of Elburn, Elizabeth (John) Davis of East Moline, Fr. Keith Romke (Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) in Crystal Lake; four great-grandchildren, Kyle & Andrea Wells, and Serafina & Angela Davis.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Floyd on May 14, 2007; brothers, Harvey, Lester, and LeRoy Pelletier; sisters, Renata Riebock, and Bernice Becker.

Services will be at 12 Noon, Thursday, Dec. 2 at St. John Lutheran Church, 13N535 French Rd. in Burlington with Pastor Patrick Pinion officiating. Burial will follow in the Burlington Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be prior to services at the church from 11 – 12 Noon.

This service will be live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnBurlingtonIL>. If this site asks you to log in or create an account, scroll down further on the page to see the live video.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name should be made to St. John Lutheran Church, PO Box 85, Burlington, IL 60109

Cemetery Details

Burlington Twp. Union Cemetery

McGough and Peplow rd
Burlington, IL 60109

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St John's Lutheran Church
13N535 French Rd
Burlington, IL 60109
(847) 683-2338

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Peace Hospice, Three Oaks family wishes to express our sincere condolences to Irene’s family and friends. We are honored that we could provide care and companionship to Irene and her family on her final journey. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Peace Hospice, A Three Oaks Company - December 23, 2021 at 12:10 AM

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“ *Irene was a coworker in the 70’s, and I appreciate the crocheted afghan our uncle bought our Mom from Irene’s church function years ago. I wish I had known she was at Oakcrest, as I have often visited there. Amazingly I came upon her grandson’s youtube posts...she must have been so proud of the wonderful priest he has become. I see her smile, God bless.*



Kathryn Gorenz - December 01, 2021 at 05:25 AM