



Irene Glenn

August 12, 1922 - April 29, 2020

Irene Glenn, 97, of Oskaloosa passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Irene Mary Glenn, daughter of Alphonse and Christine Wernimot Heinrichs, was born August 12, 1922, in Bridgewater, South Dakota. When she was eight years of age, Irene's family moved to Carroll, Iowa, where she graduated in 1940 from St. Angela Academy. In 1943, Irene moved to Waterloo, Iowa, to work in the Hinson Manufacturing Company, where she helped produce ammunition belts for the WWII armed forces. While in Waterloo, Irene met the love-of-her-life, Wesley Glenn of Ottumwa, Iowa. Wes was stationed at the Naval Air Base in Ottumwa at the time. May 13, 1944, Irene and Wes were united in marriage in Norfolk, Virginia. Shortly after that, Wes was sent to France, and Irene returned to Waterloo to work and wait for Wes's return. Following Wes's discharge in 1946, Irene and Wes made their home in Oskaloosa, where Irene was a homemaker, and Wes worked for Sears. In 1951, Irene and Wes opened the Gambles store in Oskaloosa with Irene's brother and sister-in-law. They owned and operated the store together until 1963. At that time, Wes went to work for the Gambles Corporation, and Irene focused her time on her family. Following Wes's retirement in 1982, Irene and Wes assumed the management duties at the Oskaloosa Retirement Home, "Shady Lodge"; together, they managed the retirement community until 1993. Irene was a member of St. Paul Congregational United Church of Christ, over a 60-year member of Bramith Circle of King's Daughters, a member of Chapter X P.E.O. and she also served on the Mahaska Hospital Auxiliary for many years.

Irene's family includes her children: Renee and Bill McKee of Indianapolis, IN and Gary and Jane Glenn of Ankeny, IA; four grandchildren: Matthew and Patti McKee of Mesa, AZ; Missy and Joe McIntire Indianapolis, IN; Brian and Laura Glenn of Ottumwa and Karissa and Jeff Kime of Pleasant Hill, IA; six great-grandchildren: Isabella and Ryne Ruscheinski, Evan McKee, Leah, and Lily Glenn, and Kaylee Kime; and a sister-in-law, Jean Heinrichs of Spencer.

Besides her parents, Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley, on June 25,

2001; her sister, Barbara Heinrichs; and five brothers and sisters-in-law: Alvin and Irene Heinrichs, Edward and Joy Heinrichs, Roman Heinrichs, Virgil and Louise Heinrichs, and Fritz and Billie Heinrichs.

Private Graveside Funeral Services will be held for Irene on Friday at Forest Cemetery with Rev. Carol Immatteo-Code of St. Paul Congregational United Church of Christ officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to Mahaska Health Foundation to be used for the Mahaska Hospice Serenity House. Langkamp Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Private Graveside Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Irene Glenn

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ Julie Adams Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Irene Glenn



Julie Adams Armstrong - May 01, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ Nancy Kelderman lit a candle in memory of Irene Glenn



Nancy Kelderman - May 01, 2020 at 06:15 AM



oh what a blessing Irene was to so many people throughout her lifetime! I remember, not only were we all neighbors, but Fritz and Billie, Wes and Irene, and my Father, Harold Kelderman and my Mother, Elsie Kelderman were always busy promoting Oskaloosa and the citizenship of Mahaska County thru many organizations there. I remember Renee was a little older than I am and Gary was my sister's age. I know I got a lot of Renee's clothes as she grew out of them and I remember our Mom's getting together a lot while raising us kids. When our Mother had her stroke and could no longer talk, it was such a wonderful blessing to her to find Irene at Homestead. They smiled and laughed a lot and got together for meals and the fun things they do over at Homestead. while Irene was there, I thought a lot about Renee and Gary and remembered them in our prayers when we shared meals with Mom and Irene. Now I pray that as God surrounds you with comfort and encouragement that you will accept and cherish the Love that comes from a Wonderful Savior that we share. Irene is with her Lord where Joy abounds far greater than anything we will ever know in this life. She was a true servant and known for her Gracious acceptance of everyone around her. We will miss her very much!

Nancy Kelderman - May 01, 2020 at 06:33 AM

PA

“ Irene was such a sweetie. I loved visiting with her and my Mom, Darlene Strasser, who also lived at Homestead. Irene and Mom had nice visits together and shared stories of how to adapt to living with Macular Degeneration. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Penny Jean Adams - April 29, 2020 at 03:34 PM

MB

“ Irene was a Gem of a lady. I got to know her through Golf at Elmhurst CC. And friends of my in laws.
Caring and gracious was her style and I enjoyed being with her. Her prayers have been answered (maybe a couple years late but still)
Blessings for Irene and may your family enjoy your memories!

Madonna Bowie

madonna Bowie - April 29, 2020 at 03:08 PM

MW

Our sweet and gracious Mrs. Glenn, you are finally at the feet of your Savior! You made it!!
Our Mother (Elsie Kelderman) will miss you terribly! You were so kind and loving to her after her stroke. You raised two great kids that will carry on your legacy! 'Well done thou good and faithful servant'!

Mary Kelly Madison, Wi - April 29, 2020 at 05:46 PM

CK

I knew Irene when I was a kid and reconnected with her again when she was at Homestead. What a wonderful lady. She is now at peace and with her Lord and Savior and can rest in peace.

Carole Kelderman - April 29, 2020 at 06:09 PM

JK

The Glenn Family and ours made many memories thru the years. Mom and Irene were dear friends thru the years. Gary and my brother Randy were always going to farm together and never marry .
Renee and I spent many great times together excluding being neighbors as young kids and being neighbors again in Omaha when our kids were small!

Thanks for the friendships!

Janet Kool - April 29, 2020 at 09:16 PM

CB

My condolences to Renee and family. Mrs. Glenn made the very best apricot pie.

Cherol DeGeest Brown - April 30, 2020 at 12:16 PM