



Irene Koczeniak

October 24, 1920 - August 18, 2019

Irene Koczeniak, beloved wife of the late Joseph Koczeniak, went to Heaven, as she always described it, on August 18, 2019, in her 99th year. A lifelong Stamford resident, Irene was one of six daughters born to the late Anthony and Frances (Romski) Serafin.

Irene is survived by her children; Joan Hume-Cohen (Marvin), Joseph S. Koczeniak, Jr. (Tina), and Patricia Heinzer (Mike), her eleven grandchildren; Jennifer Serafin Hume Craig (Lathrop), Benjamin Hume, Ethan Hume, Dawn Hadden (Mike), Christian Koczeniak, Mikey Koczeniak, Elizabeth Hallstrom (Chris), Michael Heinzer and Kathryn Costa (Allan), and Jason Koczeniak (Lauren) and Erin Ray (Adam). (eight great-grandchildren; Hannah and Julia Craig, Ruth, Irene, Matthew and Luke Tvrdy, Eleanor and Beaumont Hume, and Connor Ray; sisters; Adele Gill and Matilda Jaworski, and many nieces and nephews whom she always enjoyed seeing. Irene always talked about being related to so many people in Stamford. Mostly because she considered everyone she met as family. The many stories Grandma Irene told about her time growing up in Stamford, and the escapades throughout her life, will keep her memory alive for generations to come.

In addition to her parents and beloved husband, Irene was preceded in death by her son; Michael Koczeniak, her great-granddaughter; Brianna Bennett, and her sisters; Julie Baran, Genevieve Piorkowski, and Eleanor Rotkewicz.

Irene, a true Stamford native, was proud of her city and all the changes she saw over the years - from dirt roads to the towering buildings that exist today. She graduated from Stamford High School with the class of 1938 and Short's Business School with the class of 1939. She was a life-long member of Holy Name of Jesus Church, and a member of the Holy Name Rosary Society, and proud of her life-long membership in the Knights of Columbus Columbiettes. She enjoyed attending the Stamford Old Timers Annual Dinners in Stamford and Greenwich, and was the first woman ever to attend. When the Old Timer's learned that she sold ads for their program book when her husband Joe was too ill to do it, they broke with tradition and invited her to their annual dinner, which she continued to attend until this past year. Like all good athletes in that fine organization, no matter the hardship she faced - she kept the ball in play! In her late 80's, she went to work at Lord & Taylor where she enjoyed working in the men's department where she could talk with customers about her love of New York Yankee baseball.

The family is grateful to all of Irene's neighbors on Hirsch Road for the kindness shown to Irene. Over the years they kept her involved in the neighborhood by stopping by to say hello, and would lend a helping hand when needed by shoveling her walkway and mowing her grass. She loved her neighborhood and looked forward watching the kids come to the door on Halloween with joy. She will be missed by so many.

The family will receive family and friends at the Bosak Funeral Home 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902 on Sunday, August 25th from 2 pm to 6 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Church 4 Pulaski Street Stamford, CT 06902 on August 26th at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery 25 Camp Ave, Darien, CT 06820. Donations may be made in her name sent to Holy Name of Jesus Church Restoration Fund, 4 Pulaski Street, Stamford, CT 06902.

The family has entrusted Irene's final arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. If you would like to leave an online condolence message for the family, please visit the family guestbook hosted on bosakfuneralhome.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 325-9300
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

Service

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Name of Jesus Parish
325 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 363-0381
info@holynamestamford.org
<http://www.holynamestamford.org/>

Burial

AUG **26** (ET)

St. John R.C. Cemetery - Darien
25 Camp Avenue
Darien, CT 06820
(203) 322-0455
http://www.ctgenweb.org/county/cofairfield/pages/cemetery/cm_darien/stjohn1.htm

Tribute Wall

EH

“ Irene, my beloved great grandmother. Who shared her kindness with everyone she knew. Brought a smile to everyone she met, and when ever we went to see her she would always take us to the Bulls head Dinner. I was lucky enough to go on a cruise with Grandma Irene along with Irenes daughter Joan, Joan’s husband Marvin and my brother Beaumont. It was grandma Irenes first cruise, and it was also my first cruise. That trip is something I will never forget. She will be missed dearly.



Eleanor Hume - April 18, 2020 at 12:22 PM

RH

“ Mrs. Koczeniak was a wonderful woman. She always welcomed our family as if they were her family. My friendship with her daughter Pat Heinzer is what brought us together on many holidays throughout the years. She made us smile, laugh and feel loved. She will be dearly missed by her beautiful family, friends and our family as well. Rest with the angels Mrs. K.
Rose Anne and Fred Von Hollen
Loveland, CO

Rose Anne Von Hollen - August 27, 2019 at 12:25 PM

IS

“*Joan Hume-Cohen, Irene's daughter and our next door neighbor in Fairfield, Ohio, invited us to meet her mother when she visited Fairfield/Cincinnati a few years ago. What a lovely lady! Irene was energetic, lively, conversational and charming. We enjoyed our visit with her and know that she will be missed. Our condolences go to the family. Know that you and Irene are in our prayers.*

Ida and Tom Schick

Ida Schick - August 21, 2019 at 08:33 PM

MS

“*We had the privilege of meeting Irene when she visited Cincinnati. She held her own in lively conversation with a quick smile and energy beyond her years. Felt we had known her like a neighbor. Heartfelt condolences and prayers to the entire family.*

Mike and Pat Snyder

Mike and Pat Snyder - August 21, 2019 at 05:14 PM

DM

“*Irene will always be special to me.....I called her " my hero" because I hoped I would be able to be as vital, charming, fashionable, and physically fit as she was all her life! (I struggle with some scoliosis.) We so enjoyed the stories she shared with us about her life when she visited in Cincinnati. I will greatly miss her. It just seemed like she would go on forever! May she rest peace along with my dear Husband Hank who was totally charmed by her Too!*

Dee Cianciolo Joe's Mother-in-Law - August 21, 2019 at 04:18 PM

EM

“ It was with great sadness that I learn3d of the passing of the beloved Aunt Irene from my Daughter in law, Debbie MacKay. I met her on a few gatherings in Stamford on several occasions. Irene had the biggest smile, the kindness of heart and an abundance of love to share with me and to all those who were blessed to call her family and friend. May we find comfort in knowing she is at rest and at peace and in the company of her Lord and Savior and united with all those she knew and loved who joined the Church Triumphant before het. RIP beloved daughter of God. Elaine MacKay

Elaine MacKay - August 21, 2019 at 01:35 PM

MJ

“ Dear Koczeniak Family,

I am very sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with your family at this time. Mrs. Koczeniak and Mrs. Rotkewicz were both lawn customers of mine for many years. We had many discussions about the Yankees and I will miss that. May God bless you.
Mike Colabella

Michael Colabella, Jr. - August 21, 2019 at 08:14 AM

PB

“ Mickey’s children, Jason Koczeniak (wife Lauren) of Fairfield, CT and Erin Ray (Koczeniak) (husband Adam) of Bethel, CT and grandchild Cooper Ray send their love & will sadly miss their Grandma Irene. Jason, Erin & their mom Peggy Boyle (Danbury, CT) have many fond memories of Grandma Irene & Grandpa Joe. The visits to the attics with all the treasures, the trips to the Pocono lodge & the sticky buns, Sunday donuts at the donut shop & Irene talking to them about their dad & making Irene’s special recipe for 7 loaves of Babka & her fancy meatloaf that she called ‘French Loaf’ will all be kept close to our hearts as fond memories. May you rest with the Angels Irene!

Peggy Boyle - August 21, 2019 at 08:04 AM