



Irene M. Merrill

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Irene M. Merrill passed away Sunday, May 10, 2015, in Haslett, MI. A Memorial Mass will be held Friday, May 15, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Michael Catholic Church in Remus with Father Aaron Ferris, Celebrant. The family will greet friends from 10:00 a.m. until the service on Friday.

Irene was born on September 26, 1928, in Flint, MI, the daughter of Arthur and Florence (Flanagan) Jaques. She was a “tiny red-headed Irish gal” that was known to be both spunky and feisty. She loved babies and children which was evident by the activities she joined in on with them. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her life and she adored every second spent with them. Irene enjoyed reading the newspaper every morning (front to back), camping, eating lobster (two at a time), and teasing family and friends. She was a great cook especially known for her goulash, macaroni salad, deviled eggs, and lemon meringue pie.

Words used to describe Irene were loving, caring, happy, social, very generous and always focused on enjoying life. She was also known to be very patriotic and was said to be a great companion to her late husband, Robert.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter Becki (Felix) Ortiz; her son Robin (Ellen) Merrill; one sister, Joyce Curry; sisters-in-law, Margie (Jerry) Stoughton and Beverly Olson; grandchildren, Chris Ortiz (Jennie Hamel), Sean (Anne) Merrill, Heidi (Robert) Bobeda, and great-grandchildren, Joseph, Max, Linden and Violet.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Robert; her parents, and six siblings.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Washington Woods Senior Citizen Apartments at 821 Cambridge St., Midland, MI 48642.

Irene's family would like to send a special thanks to Washington Woods for their wonderful friendship and to A Family Affair for their special care.



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Friends may share a memory with the family at church or online at janowiczfh.com.



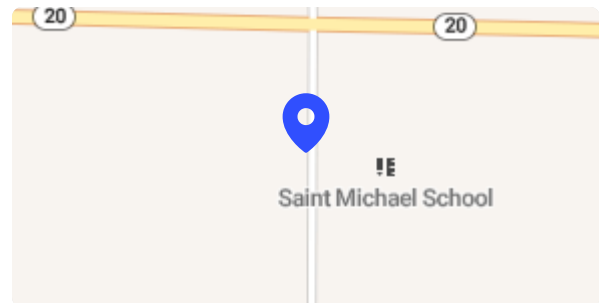
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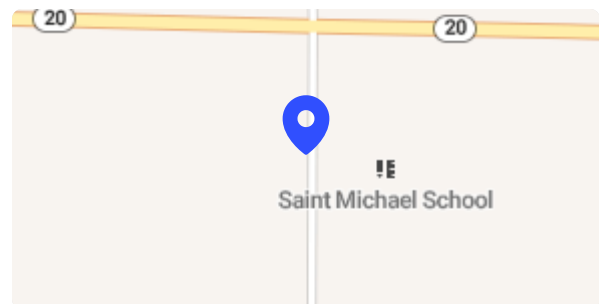
Visitation

- Friday, May 15, 2015**
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St. Michael's Catholic Church**
8929 50th Ave., Remus MI 49340



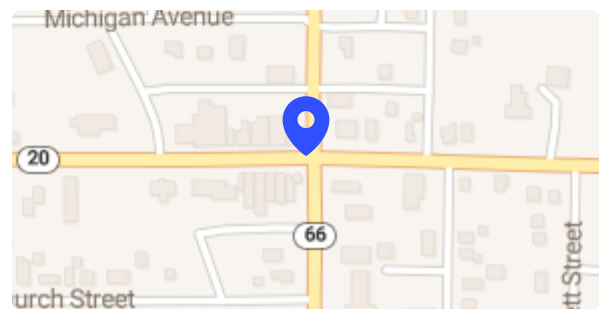
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Cemetery Details

- St. Michael's Cemetery**
Remus MI





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PE

Peggy posted:

Irene and Becki always brightened our office when they came to visit. Irene was such a sweet patient. We will miss her visits very much. Dr. Sternberg, Peggy and the office of Midland Family Footcare

May 13 at 3:02 AM

JB

Joann Barlow posted:

I was fortunate during the many years Robin and Ellen have been married to share family times and special occasions with Irene. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren and will be greatly missed by all of us whose life she touched. My condolences to all the Merrill family. Joann B

May 12 at 4:15 PM

TB

Trish Breen posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Irene's passing. She was such a kind, dear lady and we loved when we would get to see her at our Ortiz family gatherings. Prayers for comfort and peace to her family and friends at this time.

May 12 at 7:34 AM

GS

Ginny Smith posted:

So sorry to hear about your mom. Our heart goes out to you at this time. Losing a parent is difficult. Just know She is now with God and your dad smiling down at all of you, knowing what a great family they had. Love you Ginny & Gary

May 12 at 7:20 AM

TO

Todd Ortiz May 13 at 1:11 PM

Very sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom Irene. We will all miss her, she was a joy to visit with at our Ortiz family parties, and she was a very nice lady. On behalf of Aunt Becki, Uncle Felix and the entire Merrill family, my condolences to you all and you will be in my prayers. God bless, Todd



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Irene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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