



# Ilene May Green

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**L**akeview-Ilene Johnson Green of Lakeview passed away on May 19, 2021. She was born at home on the family farm in Six Lakes, Michigan on August 25, 1935 to Grover Cleveland Johnson and Grace May Shambaugh.

Ilene lived her younger life in Six Lakes and fondly remembered summertime swims with family and friends at 1st Lake, working around the family farm, driving a tractor, and herding cows. She attended local schools graduating from Lakeview High school in 1953 and after raising a family earned a Bachelor and Masters degree in Education from Central Michigan University.

Ilene's love for her family was only eclipsed by her love of God and her strong faith guided her throughout her life. As an active member of the Brockway Wesleyan Church, Ilene was involved in the Wesleyan Women's International Organization, and Women's Glow Meetings. She was an elected Lay Leader and served on the Local Board of Administration, taught Sunday school classes and Youth Groups, and played organ and piano.

She was one of the founders of Brockway Christian Academy in 1978, serving as Principal for 30 years before retiring in 2008. In 2015 the education building was renamed in her honor and she continued volunteering in the school and as a Foster Grandparent until her death.

Ilene was a woman of many interests. An avid reader, she most liked books about Michigan history and World War 2. She collected porcelain birthday angels, traveled to Russia and Israel and even rode on the back of a Harley to Yellowstone National Park. Ilene enjoyed genealogy and delighted in making discoveries about her family.

Her ancestors had deep roots in the Lakeview region and her Great Grandfather Caleb Johnson, was one of the earliest settlers and is said to have planted the first fruit trees in the area. She looked forward to family reunions and made research trips to Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana. As a member of the Alma Chapter of the DAR, she coordinated the Grade 12 Good Citizen Essay Contest for many years and served as State Officer and State Historian.



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Ilene was preceded in death by her husband, Clayton L. Green; by her daughter Rebekah Green Martens; by her parents; and by her four siblings. She is survived by her son, Gary Green and his wife Vicki Joy of Norton, OH and his daughter Elisabeth; daughter, Kathleen Olson of Howard City, MI and her daughter Carly; son, Timothy Green and his wife Karen of Meriden, CT and their children Benjamin, Sarah, Nicholas and Matthew; son-in-law, Jeffrey Martens of Lakeview, MI and his son Damon; and daughter, Carolyn Baird of Grand Rapids, MI and her children Seth, Ethan, Bethany, Levi and Jacob.

She is also survived by five great grandchildren. Graveside services will be private. A celebration of Ilene's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Brockway Wesleyan Church, 10951 3 Mile Road, Morley, MI 49336. Condolences may be made by utilizing the guestbook at [www.brighamfuneralchapel.com](http://www.brighamfuneralchapel.com)



## Tribute Wall

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TS

**Tribute Store** posted:

Time and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Praying for you and your family as you mourn her passing.

June 1 at 8:00 PM

LB

**Linda Baird** posted:

Remembering a sweet , lovely lady. Love and prayers to all her family. Linda Baird

May 20 at 8:00 PM

AM

**Angie Markcum** posted:

Prayers for the family 🙏🙏

May 19 at 8:00 PM

AM

**Andrea Mayer** posted:

Prayers for her family & loved ones 🙏

May 19 at 8:00 PM

HT

**Helen Wilkinson Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Ilene.

I'll always remember Ilene as a quiet, kind, caring lady. My memories of Ilene and Clayton riding my school bus when going to the Green's after school are still with me. She was a force to be reckoned with when the need arose. Her calling to be a teacher and leader in the community churches suited her very well. My sincere condolences to Ilene's family, each and every one. GOD has a special place for Ilene. She will rest in HIS loving arms in eternity. Love and Hugs to all.



May 19 at 8:00 PM

CB

**Carol And Russell Brookens** posted:

I was privileged to work with Ilene for five years at Brockway Christian Academy. Those were good years. She is a great lady and will be missed. Love and Prayers for her family. Carol and Russell Brookens.

May 19 at 8:00 PM



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**Janice (Eckert) Thornton** posted:

I was a student at Brockway Christian Academy for 10 years. I have many fond memories of Mrs. Green. Prayers for her family. 🙏🙏🙏 Janice (Eckert) Thornton

May 19 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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