



Irene Theresa Wilken

October 25, 1932 - March 7, 2019

Wilken, Irene Theresa Terry Age 86 of Crystal passed away March 7, 2019. Preceded in death by parents, Joseph and Mary Carvalho; and husband, Robert H. Wilken. Survived by daughter, Ellen (Scott) Girling; son, James (Starla) Wilken; granddaughter, Jennifer (John) Mason; great-grandchildren, Ethan, Sam and Anna; and her beloved cat, Sophia. Terry enjoyed her career at District 281 where she worked over 25 years. She retired from Plymouth Junior High in 1995. She also found pleasure in gardening and traveling in retirement. The family would like to acknowledge and thank all the in-home care support who provided humor, love and kindness. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Celebration of Life to follow at the family's residence.

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“ A View From The Top

A little note from mother. The master of living in the moment, you know me, when I made decisions then I would act quickly. I learned very young when I lost my mother that I should not delay for tomorrow because tomorrow may not come. I would like to start with a note to Jim.

Jim, things were not always cake and ice cream and sometimes difficult, but I would not change anything. I am proud to have you as my son and love you very much. You are the pillar of strength for the family, the foundation and someone we can depend on for help when needed. Thank you Jim.

Ellen, you are the sunshine. The sun does not shine tomorrow, the sun does not shine yesterday, it shines now. Be radiant now, feel the moment, it is the gift for you. I am proud of you and the warmth you have, release it, share it. The world will be better for it. It is time for you to shine.

Jenny, oh Jenny, I love you more than you will ever know. You are the spitball of energy for the family and full of life, you travel 95 miles an hour and never skip a beat. I am most proud of you that you are a wonderful mother. It is no surprise that you ended up with the most kids. Your children will be strong, responsible adults because of the love and support you gave while raising them.

Now to my friends, caregivers and special people in my life. Thank you for being the icing on the Irene cake. You all added flavor to each of my days that I would not have had otherwise. We laughed and we cried, we shared and we danced. Each and every one of you made each and every day of my 86 years worth living.

Finally, a note to Scott, Starr and John. I want to thank the three of you for loving my family. You see the special gifts of my family that you did not want to live without. You add to their lives as they add to your lives. The fact that you found love with my family confirms to me that I did something right while being a mother. Hey Scott, I am depending on you to take care of my Sophia. I love my kitty and I will be watching.

I will end by telling all, that if you find it necessary to cry a little today, do it with happy tears. Be strong in knowing that I am with loving family and friends that have arrived before me and I will be there to greet you when it is time.

Go Patriots!!

Love,
Mother.



“ My mother,

The most important person in my life. Her strength, belief, supportive, reassuring nature, trusting, guidance, all features she has.

Her devotion to her children, sometimes seen and other time not seen was always there.

I remember her desire and devotion to helping her friends through life. I watched her help Maddell, Helen, Lois, Loraine, driving them everywhere and many more pleases. Giving pleasure also on the go. Swimming, shopping. Taking her granddaughter everywhere, traveling and giving her heart and love to her only grand child.

And finally what she gave to me, the honor of being my mother.

The honor of taking care of her and the pleasure we both received! She will be with me till I see her again.

I love you Mother.



Ellen Girling - May 21 at 10:09 AM