



## Irene Lucille Durtsche

May 28, 1921 - January 7, 2023

### Obituary for Irene L Durtsche

Our dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother (GG) Irene Lucille (Brekke) Durtsche, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday January 7, 2023 at the age of 101. She was born in Blaisdell, North Dakota on May 28, 1921, and grew up on a farm in Blaisdell, ND, attended a one-room schoolhouse., and worked for her room and board to go to high school. She completed her RN nursing degree at Trinity Hospital in Minot, ND in 1943. She met Allen Durtsche and they were married in 1944. They moved to Minneapolis for Allen's work with the Soo Line Railroad in 1948. Irene was a nurse at Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis and later at the University of Minnesota Boynton Health Service. At her death she was the oldest living member of Nativity Lutheran Church. She would say, "At 101, I've had a very good life and I'll be joining my Lord and Allen and Barbie Kay soon." She had a strong Christian faith, with the gift of hospitality and service to others. You never left her home without being offered a meal, a cookie, or a cup of coffee. She was a mother of four, a grandmother to nine, and a great-grandmother to fourteen. She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Walter Durtsche, her daughter Barbara Kay, her parents, Ole and Malina Brekke and four siblings. She is survived by her sons David (Susan K), Timothy (Susan J), and Richard (Åsa) and nine grandchildren Karin Tooze (Colin), Blake Durtsche (Britta), Kerstin Mabie (Joshua), Daniel Durtsche (Nancy Tovar), Matthew Durtsche (Mindy), Kristina Durtsche, Anna Sprague (Trevor), Barbara Fahlen

(Arne] and Erik Durtsche; and her fourteen great grandchildren. Additionally, her sister-in-law, Phyllis Durtsche, cousins, Sylvia and Ambrose Zeller, Bud and Kay Bjorke, her many nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life Service will be held at Nativity Lutheran Church 3312 Silver Lake Rd NE, St Anthony, MN 55418 at 11:00AM on Saturday January 14th with visitation at 10:00 AM. For those unable to attend in person, the services will be on live-stream at <https://www.nativitychurch.org/worship/live-stream/> Memorials can be directed to Nativity Lutheran Church or the University of Minnesota Friends of Lillihei Heart Institute Foundation (Number 20012)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nativity Lutheran Church  
3312 Silver Lake Road  
St. Anthony, MN 55418

## Church Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

JAN 14. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Park (Minneapolis)  
2250 Saint Anthony Boulevard  
Minneapolis, MN 55418