



Irene Semadeni Larson

October 13, 1936 - August 27, 2025

Irene Alice Semadeni Larson, formerly of Plymouth, Minnesota, passed away on August 27, 2025, in Layton, Utah following a brief illness. She was born October 13, 1936, in Cedar Point, San Juan County, Utah to Aldeberto Lorenzo Matteo Semadeni and Margarita Compagnoni, who had immigrated to the United States from Switzerland. She talked frequently of her days on the farm in Cedar Point and her fun experiences with her siblings and parents. She graduated from Monticello High School in 1954 and Brigham Young University with a major in Home Economics Education and a minor in English in 1958. She taught English and Home Economics at Crete-Monee High School and Hubbard Trail Junior High. While at BYU, she met Alan William Larson, and they were married in the Manti, Utah Temple on December 19, 1958. Alan's employment took them to Chicago and then to Minneapolis, where they spent 48 years raising their family of five girls. Four years after Alan's passing, she relocated back to southern Utah, living in Washington where she made several wonderful friends. She spent the final year of her life at Fairfield Village Assisted Living Center in Layton, Utah; and the family is grateful for the good care they gave to Irene.

Irene was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and enjoyed serving in many different callings over the years, including Relief Society and Young Women President, ordinance worker in the St. Paul, Minnesota and St. George, Utah temples, and full-time senior missionary with Alan in the Hawaii Honolulu Mission.

Irene was a life-long learner who loved literature and read broadly. Later in life she earned a Master's degree in English from the University of Minnesota, writing a thesis on the poetry of Edmund Spenser. Irene created beauty wherever she was. She always looked her best and acted with poise and grace. She loved flower gardening (especially her roses), listening to classical music, making cookies for grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and hosting events in her home. She was proud of her Swiss heritage and enjoyed the opportunity to keep in touch with and visit her Swiss cousins.

Irene is survived by her five daughters and sons-in-law: Roxanne & Delon Williams (Bountiful, Utah), Valerie & Earle Anderson (Orangevale, California), Vivianne & Kerry Schoenecke (Farmington, Minnesota), Adele & William Winkleman (San Diego, California), and Margo & Clifford Blair (Kaysville, Utah); 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her sister Dahlia Dutson (Leamington, Utah) and brother and sister-in-law Lorenzo (Hank) & Virginia Semadeni (Farmington, Utah). She is also survived by a brother-in-law, David Larson and his companion, Margot Palmer (Fisher's Landing, upstate New York). She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Alan, and her siblings William Semadeni, Oscar Semadeni, Margaret Fury, Emily Garchar, and Dora Sorenson. A viewing will be held in Utah on Sunday, September 7th from 5 to 7 pm at the Serenity Funeral Home, 13863 S. 2700 W., Bluffdale, Utah 84065. The memorial service will be at the Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel, 5000 West 50th & Highway 100, Edina, Minnesota 55436 on Friday, September 26th at 10:30 am. A viewing will be held beforehand at 9:30 am. Interment will be in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, next to her husband Alan. Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com or <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com>.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Christina & John Haynes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Irene Semadeni Larson.*



Christina & John Haynes - September 24, 2025 at 03:27 PM

RF

“ *Roxanne, Dee & all the Williams family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Semadeni Larson.*

Roxanne, Dee & all the Williams family - September 22, 2025 at 03:12 PM

RF

“ *Roxanne, Dee & all the Williams family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Irene Semadeni Larson.*



Roxanne, Dee & all the Williams family - September 22, 2025 at 03:12 PM

TH

“Roxanne and I were best friends throughout high school, and her family always welcomed me with open arms; especially Irene, who always made me feel special. I used to joke with Roxanne that I got along better with her mom than she did during some of our more turbulent teenage years. :-)

Some of the special things I remember about Irene include the warmth of her smile, how happy she always was to see me, her genuine interest in how I was doing, her fabulous dinners, and her strawberry freezer jam (I've never tasted anything better).

Irene was one of the most caring people I have ever known and although we lost touch over the years, she will always have a place in my heart. I am sad that I won't be able to see her warm smile again, but I am happy that she and her beloved husband, Alan, are together again for eternity.

With deepest sympathy,
Tracy (Tra) Davis Howard

Tracy Howard - September 18, 2025 at 03:44 PM

DW

“ We love Grandma (Granny Great) and are going to miss her dearly. She was so loving, kind, sweet and caring to all of us. We are going to miss her big, warm hugs and her cheerful spirit. Here are some memories we'd like to share of her.

Grandma loved to read. I remember as a child being excited to tell her about the latest book I had read. Without fail, she had read it and would ask me engaging questions on what I thought of the book. She enjoyed reading children's books to our kids. I will forever treasure the image of her sitting on the couch, surrounded by great grand children, reading to them from Corduroy or Berenstain Bears. Although she didn't have the same passion for Calvin and Hobbes as Grandpa Alan Larson did, I still think of her and him when I read that comic strip.

Grandma loved to cook. Grandma was so kind to prepare delicious meals for us. She introduced me to Monkey Bread for breakfast when I was a child. I remember her bringing a box of cookies in her suitcase when she'd fly from Minnesota to Utah to visit. Once in St. George, she always had a plate of warm cookies, brownies or pie for us when we came to visit. When my friends and I would go hiking in Zion National Park, she would invite us to dinner and make a fabulous meal. My friends still talk about those visits with fondness. Our family treasures memories of having dinner with Granny Great around her elegant table or a relaxed lunch on her outdoor patio in the warm Southern Utah winter weather.

Grandma loved to serve. She was happy to serve her family, friends, and neighbors. She enjoyed serving in her church callings. She and Grandpa served a faithful mission to Honolulu, Hawaii. She enjoyed attending the St. George and Cedar City temples. When our two oldest girls were able to visit the temple a couple of years ago, Granny Great was excited to be present.

Grandma loved to love. She had unconditional love for me, Amy, and our girls. Because I have a summer birthday, a handful of my

birthdays were celebrated in Minnesota or at our Larson family reunions, with Grandma getting a special cake for me. One time at a family reunion we were surprised to find out that the Costco cake she had purchased wasn't a cake at all, but was a chocolate shell with marzipan on the inside. We all had a good laugh when the cake shattered when we tried to cut the first piece. Our newly-formed family loved celebrating the 2019 New Years with Granny Great. She made it special by getting New Years hats, glasses, kazoo's and sparkling cider to ring in the new year with us. In conversations, she was sincerely curious to learn how we are doing. Her hugs were like a warm, comfy blanket.

*We love you and will miss you!
Dave, Amy, Keira, Jessy, Gabby, and Bella*

Dave Williams - September 16, 2025 at 07:43 PM

RW

“*My memories of Mom include her welcoming kindness to my friends in my youth. She was welcoming to our family, our children and our grandchildren through the years. She enjoyed cooking meals and baking cookies. Her love of cookies and kindness shown as she volunteered to be the cookie chairman while I was a Brownie girl scout. She even went on a girl scout campout with me.*

Her love of reading was shared throughout the generations when she would snuggle and read with a child on her lap.

I am grateful for her love of the gospel and hope our family can continue putting Christ first in our lives.

As I have gotten older, I have come to more fully appreciate her and the challenges of being a parent.

Love- Roxanne

Roxanne Williams - September 09, 2025 at 12:55 PM

AT

“ I have many wonderful memories with Grandma Larson. Whenever I smell fresh peanut butter cookies, I think of her. She was always prepared with a fresh plate of cookies and glass of cold milk whenever she visited. I loved sitting at her kitchen table and chatting right when we arrived at her home, as we ate our cookies and milk.

I am grateful how she was extremely patient with me when I accidentally broke one of her Indian pots. She was willing to help me and be patient with me as I put it together. And even though it was glued back together, she put it back in its place on the center of the mantel. It taught me many valuable lessons that I hope to use with my own children, but most importantly that people are more important than things.

The last memory I want to highlight is from my two daughters. They always watching the coo-coo clock go off every 15 minutes and swimming in her community pool.

Thank you Grandma/Granny Great for the memories and life lessons you taught us through your example. We love you!!

Kendall, Alyssa, McKenna, Janae and Clayton

Alyssa Thacker - September 07, 2025 at 12:53 AM