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Irene Margarete Schackman, 92, of Plymouth, Minnesota, peacefully went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 20, 2024.

Born on July 20, 1932, in Regent, North Dakota, Irene was the fourth of eleven children born to Jacob and Eva (Schauer) Wolf. In 1948, the family moved to Park Rapids, Minnesota, where Irene met the man of her dreams.

On June 28, 1953, Irene married the love of her life, Alan W. Schackman. Together, they built a life rooted in faith, family, and unwavering devotion to each other. Irene took great pride in her role as a homemaker and mother, raising their five children: Trent Alan, Anthony Dale, Tami Lynn, and twins Melanie Kay and Mark Kevin. Irene's nurturing presence and steadfast love were the foundation of her family, shaping a legacy of faith and unity that will endure for generations.

Irene and Al's journey together took them to Michigan and Wisconsin before they settled in Apple Valley, Minnesota, in 1969. There, they raised their children in a home filled with love, laughter, and the guiding principles of their Christian faith. Once their children had grown and left the nest, Irene and Al

relocated to Plymouth, Minnesota, where they embraced a new chapter of life and found a spiritual home at Revive Church in Brooklyn Park.

Irene will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her compassionate heart, and her talent for making everyone around her feel cherished. She had a knack for creating a warm and welcoming home, whether through her delicious cooking, her beautifully tended garden, or her ability to listen and provide comfort.

Above all, Irene found her greatest joy in her family. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a proud grandmother, and great grandmother who delighted in the accomplishments and milestones of her children and grandchildren. She also maintained close bonds with her many friends, siblings, nieces, and nephews, cherishing the sense of connection and community that family provided.

Irene is survived by her children, Anthony Dale (Kelly), Melanie Kay (David) Altonen, and Mark Kevin; her 14 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, whom she adored; her remaining siblings Arlin (Wanda) Wolf and Clyde (Bev) Wolf; and countless other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Eva Wolf; eight of her siblings; her husband, Alan; and her children Trent and Tami.

A celebration of Irene's life will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Washburn McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W Broadway, Crystal MN 55429, with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to; Revive Church / Missions [revivechurchtwincities.org/give](https://revivechurchtwincities.org/give)

Irene's legacy of faith, love, and devotion will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her. She is now at peace in the presence of her Savior, whom she served faithfully throughout her life.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
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## Chapel Service

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## Reception

JAN 11. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Tony, Melanie and Mark - My sister just discovered Irene's obituary. We are so sorry for your loss. Our mom, Inez, and Irene were friends since their early days of youth when your mom lived with my mom and her family for a time. They always felt like sisters and we always felt very close to Irene because of their special bond. She will always be part of our family memories. Deepest condolences. Connie Kotula, Kathy Ivanca and Amy Nelson (the Kusi sisters)

Connie Kotula - August 11, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irene Margarete Schackman.



January 03, 2025 at 02:53 PM

RF

“ Tony, Melanie, and Mark - I'm sorry for your loss and also happy that Irene is at peace and with Jesus, Alan, my mom, and the rest of her family and loved ones that passed before her. Irene and Roxane had a special bond as Aunt and niece so I'm sure they're chatting up in heaven. You wrote a lovely tribute to Irene and her life. She was a loving person and always made me feel special. She will be missed.



Robin Franko - December 24, 2024 at 10:55 AM

MA



**Melanie Altonen** - December 25, 2024 at 07:15 AM

MP

*Irene was most definitely a very sweet woman. She is greatly missed.*

**Mark Pietari** - December 27, 2024 at 08:04 AM

ME

*Irene was an employee at the bridges child care center and preschool in Rosemount minn in the 1970s the children and parents all adored her. She always came to work with a smile on her face and gave 100 percent.i can truly say she was one of my best teachers.we had a core group sue Kathy and Jane . We have remained friends all these years getting together twice a year.irenes strong faith and trust in the lord made an impression on all of us. May you rest in the arms of the good shepherd and reap your rewards in heaven for being one of Jesus followers. Our deepest sympathies and prayers to the schackman family cal and Mary Kaye Ervasti*

**Mary Kaye Ervasti** - December 28, 2024 at 01:42 PM

MA

*Thank you, Mark!*

**Melanie Altonen** - January 10, 2025 at 09:58 PM

MA

*Thank you, Mary Kaye! Irene absolutely loved her time w/you and 'her kids' at the Bridges. We love that your love for her, and the yearly 'get togethers,' continued for all these years since her tenure w/you. ❤️*

**Melanie Altonen** - January 10, 2025 at 10:02 PM