



Irene Hargraves

May 16, 1928 - December 23, 2022

Irene Ball Hargraves, of Rose Hill, VA, passed away peacefully on December 23, 2022 at the age of 94.

Irene loved serving her community; she was the longest-standing member of the original Rose Hill Christian Church, and an active member of the Rebekah Lodge for 50 years. Irene was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a true patriot. She retired from the Department of Agriculture.

Irene loved to travel and kept a ready-packed suitcase under her bed for many years. As the matriarch of her family, she enjoyed cooking and hosting "Sunday Dinners," working in her beautiful garden, breaking beans and canning her bountiful harvest. She was an avid reader and diligently worked daily crossword puzzles.

She is reunited in heaven with her husband, Emerson, daughter Carol (Theo; the late Ray McKeen), sons Ronnie (Tammy) and John, and brothers Rufus Jr. and Frank Ball.

Irene loved her family fiercely. She is survived by her daughters, Janet Dowling (Mike) and Eva "Babe" Carpenter (Tom); sister, Annie Gardener; thirteen grandchildren: Melissa Tipton (Jack), Matthew (Lisa) and Michael McKeen (Amanda), Abigail Barnes (Keith), Brad and Sam Long, Leanna and

Michael Hargraves, Gracie Hounshell, Angie Jessee (Norman), Crystal Burlison (Brandon), Leah and Alex Carpenter (Katlyn); nineteen great grandchildren: Rachel Keene, Madeline, Bryan-Matthew (Lindsey), Elizabeth and Sofie McKeen, Chloe and Max McKeen, Olivia, AJ and Kaleb Long, Brooklyn Long, Ethan Hargraves, Emily and Eli Hounshell, Haley Good (Ben) and Andrew Jessee, Madison, Megan and Catelyn Burlison; and five great-great grandchildren: Kinsley Good, Evangeline Bea, Matthew James, Olivia Irene and Henrietta McKeen.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 27, at Robinette Funeral Home in Rose Hill. The funeral service will follow at 7:00 p.m. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28, in the Ball Family Cemetery. Everyone is asked to meet at the cemetery by 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

Cemetery Details

Ball's Chapel Cemetery

Rose Hill, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Rose Hill)
207 DeRoyal Industries Drive
P.O. Box 388
Rose Hill, VA 24281
(276) 445-5101

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ball's Chapel Cemetery
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Everyone is asked to meet at the cemetery for graveside services.

Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Hargraves*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Jan and Babe, I was very sad to hear of your mother's passing. I know she will be missed by your entire family. She was a dear lady and always treated me like I was part of your family. My love and prayers go out to you. Love and hugs, Diane Toscano*

Diane Toscano - December 26, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ *Sorry to learn of Irene's passing. I knew her best as Carol's mother and as a DAR member. She was a great lady.*



Augusta Sinon - December 24, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. Jan and Babe my love to you all. Hugs*

Audrey

Audrey Cope (Harris) - December 24, 2022 at 07:39 AM

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“ *Jan and Babe, I am so very sorry to learn of the passing of your precious mother. I will be thinking of your families during this sad time.*

*Much love,
LaVerne (Hargraves) Brown*

LaVerne Brown - December 23, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Irene Hargraves.*



December 23, 2022 at 03:04 PM