



Irene M. Bacvar

November 23, 1927 - February 24, 2026

Irene M. Bacvar, age 98 of Crown Point, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on February 24, 2026. She was born in Gary, IN, attended Lew Wallace High School, Class of 1945. Irene was married to Steve Bacvar for 52 years. Together they ran a business, Stevens Cleaners, in Glen Park for years. She had many nieces, nephews, great and great- great nieces and nephews. Irene loved fashion and was an amazing seamstress, making her own clothes that would look like a professional designer. She eventually opened her own boutique, The Ivy Tree, in Merrillville, which she enjoyed for many years. But her greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends. A memorial visitation will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 12:30 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home and Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Rev. Gerald Schweitzer officiating. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WB

“ Holding you close in thought and wrapping our arms around you all. Auntie was so special to our entire family! Much love, The Behrens Family

Weletta Behrens - March 06 at 03:10 PM

WB

“ Weletta B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene M. Bacvar.

Weletta B. - March 06 at 03:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.



March 06 at 12:30 PM

LD

“ Love, JoAnn and Donn Davies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene M. Bacvar.

Love, JoAnn and Donn Davies - March 05 at 12:33 PM

LD

“ Love, JoAnn and Donn Davies purchased the *Serene Reflections Bouquet* for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.



Love, JoAnn and Donn Davies - March 05 at 12:33 PM

JP

“ Jack and paul planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene M. Bacvar.

Jack and paul - March 05 at 08:34 AM

JP

“ Jack and paul purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.



Jack and paul - March 05 at 08:34 AM

JG

“ Joy G. purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.



Joy G. - March 04 at 04:41 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.



March 03 at 08:57 PM



“ The Ziegler Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene M. Bacvar.

The Ziegler Family - March 03 at 11:41 AM



“ The Ziegler Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.



The Ziegler Family - March 03 at 11:41 AM



“ Tim, Amberle, and kids! purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.



Tim, Amberle, and kids! - March 03 at 10:35 AM



“ Tim, Amberle, and kids! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene M. Bacvar.

Tim, Amberle, and kids! - March 03 at 10:35 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.*



March 02 at 01:39 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.*



March 02 at 01:28 PM



“ *Todd, Angela, Kennedy, Blakely, Everly purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.*



Todd, Angela, Kennedy, Blakely, Everly - March 02 at 01:06 PM



“ *Todd, Angela, Kennedy, Blakely, Everly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene M. Bacvar.*

Todd, Angela, Kennedy, Blakely, Everly - March 02 at 01:06 PM

NA

“ Irene was the loveliest model for all of the Fashion Affair fashion shows! Nobody rocked the runway more beautifully and gracefully than Irene! She was the kindest lady and I loved to see her at Fashion Affair! She will truly be missed!

Nancy Anglis

Nancy Anglis - March 02 at 09:26 AM

CP

“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Irene was beautiful person inside and out. Fun times being around Irene, my mother-in-law, Martha Pruitt and Evelyn Pasteur. May her memory be eternal.

Chris and Doug Pruitt

Chris Pruitt - March 01 at 08:36 PM

JZ

“ I met Irene and Steve at my inlaws Gordan and June Ashely who had a summer party at their house. Well Ashely's had a pool party and cookout and Irene and Steve were invited. Tim and I were friends growing up and Deb, Doreen, and Rose were neighbors and also at the party. Tim and I fooling around were throwing kids in the pool. I remember Irene saying there not a man here can throw me in that pool. Well you know Tim can't resist a challenge, so he picked her up and threw her in the pool. Good thing he had long arms because she couldn't swim and was beginning to sink. He reached over and grabbed her bun and pulled her to safety. She will be deeply missed. Our condolences. Joe Zych and family.

Joseph Zych - March 01 at 05:08 PM



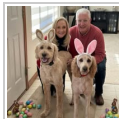
That was such a great memory!!!

Doreen Payton - March 05 at 07:04 PM

JS

“ *I knew Aunt Buff thru my oldest and dearest friend Joni Mazzaro. I was always in awe of her. She reminded me of a celebrity with her perfect hair and fashionista clothes. Always ready for a chat with a smile. And that meant alot when you got attention from an adult as a teen. I so admired her. I believe she's dressing the angels now. My condolences.*

Jan Iwan Stuber - February 27 at 04:44 PM



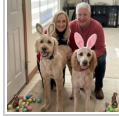
Thank you for the kind words.. I am sure she is dressing everyone!!

Doreen Payton - February 27 at 10:46 PM

PN

“ *Doreen, Debbie and family, There are SO many memories of 'Auntie' that I treasure from the time I was a young adult to present day. She was ONE OF A KIND and never met a stranger. She always made a Stunning entrance and always knew at least half of the people in the room! Her Big, Bold laugh is something I can hear now as I write this and will never forget. I missed talking with her these past few years but grateful for the times we did spend together. She will be deeply missed by so many but it makes me happy that she is with her STEVE after all their years apart. Heaven has a new Angel and ALL the Girls were waiting to welcome her. Blessings and Prayers for your families. We were all blessed to have her in our lives. Love you ~ 'Auntie I' until we meet again ~*

Pamela Dawn (Pollitt) Norfleet - February 27 at 03:41 PM



Thank you for those wonderful words!!!

Doreen Payton - February 27 at 10:43 PM

JS

*Beautiful Auntie Irene! We spent many afternoons having lunch when we lived in LOFS!! Auntie and my mom, MARY, were dear friends! They loved being together and would spend so much time laughing, that it took 3 hours to finish lunch! I know mom is happy to be back with her dear friend in their heavenly home!
Hugs for Debbie and Doreen and the entire family during this difficult time! Rest in Peace, Auntie!*

Joni Sepiol - February 28 at 10:57 AM

SS

“ Sean, Brittany, SJ, & Crew Schafer purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Irene M. Bacvar.



Sean, Brittany, SJ, & Crew Schafer - February 26 at 07:49 PM