



Irene Lay

September 5, 1941 - May 13, 2025

Irene (Renie) Maxwell Lay, 83, of Gary, IN, transitioned to eternal peace on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Irene was born September 5, 1941 in Gary, Indiana to the late Alfonso and Dollena Maxwell. She graduated from Roosevelt High School, class of 1958.

Irene had a deep love for life and was known for her joyful laugh. She had a way of making everyone feel special and she loved to help others. In later years she enjoyed going to the Hobart YMCA, Seniors Library Club and playing Pokeno.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfonso and Dollena Maxwell; 2 sisters, Eileen Hughes, and Shirley Burns; 3 brothers, Alfonso Maxwell Jr., Marion (Sonny) Maxwell, and George Maxwell; cousin, Isabelle Buckner (Boyce)

Irene leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Cloe' Renee Lay; one grandson, Harrison Lee Lay; nieces, Mychele Byerson (Nolan), Andrea Hughes; LaShaune Rogers (Phill); nephews, Willie Coleman Jr. (Phyllis), Gregory Coleman (Lilynn), Terrence Rogers, Andre Hughes, and Troy Burns (Audrea); cousin, Ina Buckner- Barnett (Neal) and a host of great-nieces and nephews and friends.

As requested by Irene Lay there will not be any formal services. Burns Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *May the light of love and the warmth of memories bring peace to your world in this time of sorrow. Irene was a beautiful person with a hearty and joyful laugh. She will surely be missed. My heartfelt condolences to Cloe and Harrison*
Love Shirley Campbell

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“ *To Irene's Family,*
Please accept our heartfelt condolences in the transition of your Beloved Irene. May your fond memories bring you joy in the years to come.
Your Sisters in Christ,
Daisy and Dorothy Curtis



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