



Irene Mildred Panayi

November 1, 1932 - March 17, 2012

Irene Mildred (Rothenberg)(Primack) Panayi passed away at the home of her daughter on March 17, 2012, from Pulmonary Fibrosis. Irene was born on November 1, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Samuel and Ida (Case) Rothenberg. She was preceded in death by Sheldon Primack and Ted Panayi; sisters: Dorothy Schwartzman and Theresa Worblite; niece Julie Rothenberg.

Irene attended Central High School in Detroit, Michigan, and in 1949 married Sheldon Primack. They moved to Chicago, Illinois, and then to Miller Beach, Indiana, where they had 3 children.

Irene was the head cashier for Wilco foods where she met and married Ted Panayi. She also managed Giordano's Restaurant in Merrillville until her retirement.

She is survived by Cheryle ((Ronald) Easton of Michigan City, IN, Ronald (Marlene) Primack of Frankfort, IL, and Jerri Primack of Chesterton, IN. Grandchildren: Jared (Amanda) Easton of Chicago, IL, Danielle Easton of Michigan City, IN, Joshua and Ilana Primack of Frankfort, IL. Brother, Jerry (Marlene) Rothenberg of Miller, Beach, IN, and many nieces and nephews. Close and dear friends, Dr. Gene Leman and Phyllis Green.

Irene enjoyed travel, theatre, family, life, games: duplicate bridge, poker and

mah jongg. She was a member of Temple Israel for nearly 60 years, the Temple Israel Sisterhood and was past president and Life Member of Hadassah.

Funeral services will be held at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Rabbi Stanley Halpern officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Burial will take place at Temple Israel Cemetery in Portage, IN. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Julie Rothenberg Fund at Temple Israel, Gary, IN, Hadassah, or the Porter County VNA Hospice in Irene's name.

Tribute Wall



“ *To Irene's family. We are so sorry for your loss. Irene was a wonderful person, and she was always kind to us. We knew her thru Jerry.##imported-begin##Tom & Shirley Sourounis##imported-end##*

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