



## Irene Margaret O'Donnell

March 12, 1935 - November 30, 2023

O'DONNELL, Irene Margaret Hill O'Donnell passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early hours of November 30, 2023. Irene was born in Strong, PA. on March 12, 1935 to Irene Mary Hill and John Hill. Growing up in the coal mining region of Pennsylvania, Irene had one sister (Mary Ellen) and 4 cousins who were like siblings all being raised together (Anna, Mary Lou, Bernard and James). Irene was an adventure seeker which led her to moving from PA to Detroit, Michigan after graduating from Mount Carmel High School in 1952. Irene worked for Alexander and Alexander Insurance Company starting at the young age of 17 years, and then later on at Great West Life Insurance Company as a claims auditor in the famous Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit. It was in this bustling city that Irene met her match in the young Irishman Michael O'Donnell. They married 65 years ago on a hot summer day July 5, 1958. Irene shared a life full of hard work, travel adventures, lakeside living in Indiana and beachside lounging in Florida with her husband Michael. Irene was ever present and always engaged in her daughters' (Maureen and Megan) lives. An avid quilter, Irene loved making quilting creations for all. Irene volunteered at the hospital and made pillow cases each year for ill children through the local senior center. Irene was generous with her time, her efforts and always wanted to give and do for those who didn't have as much as she did.

Irene enjoyed coffee, crafts, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, watching cash cab

on the game show network and long chats with good friends. She soaked in time with anyone who came to visit her. And most of all, Irene loved her grandchildren Dane and Griffin. She relished in their accomplishments big and small and was able to be there for baseball games, school events and high school graduations. Her presence in their lives was constant and consistent making beautiful memories with them.

Irene lived a full, loving life for 88 years and never took a day of that for granted.

Irene is survived by her husband (Michael) of 65 years, her daughters Maureen (John) Cargill and Megan (Wendy Deppe) O'Donnell and her sweet grandchildren Dane Cargill and Griffin Cargill.

Visitation will be 3pm Friday, December 8th, until the 5:30pm Funeral Service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons. 36900 Schoenherr Rd. at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

## Funeral Service

DEC 8. 5:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LB

“ I'm so so sorry girls, she was the baby of her crew. We had a wonderful childhood with the best teachers you could ask for

Lil Bit - March 16, 2024 at 01:43 AM

TW

“ Tanya W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.

Tanya W. - December 15, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.

December 08, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.



December 07, 2023 at 08:33 PM

BH

“ Betsy Padamonsky and Ian Harvey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.

Betsy Padamonsky and Ian Harvey - December 07, 2023 at 08:33 PM



“ Love Terry and Jim Kane their "Kids" purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.



Love Terry and Jim Kane their "Kids" - December 07, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Love Terry and Jim Kane their "Kids" planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.

Love Terry and Jim Kane their "Kids" - December 07, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.



December 06, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.



December 06, 2023 at 02:24 PM

TF

“ *The Bennis Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.*



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**The Bennis Family** - December 06, 2023 at 01:52 PM

DL

“ *Don and Letty purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.*



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**Don and Letty** - December 05, 2023 at 04:39 PM

LH

“ *Love, Heather & Haley purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.*



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**Love, Heather & Haley** - December 05, 2023 at 12:32 PM



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December 05, 2023 at 10:03 AM

MM

“ Mikey and me.... purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.



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**Mikey and me....** - December 04, 2023 at 05:14 PM

LM

“ Love, Bruce and Ginni McNally purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.



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**Love, Bruce and Ginni McNally** - December 04, 2023 at 01:58 PM

BJ

“ Bernadette&Joe, Dan&Connar, Joe&Bridget purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.



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**Bernadette&Joe, Dan&Connar, Joe&Bridget** - December 04, 2023 at 11:35 AM

BJ

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**Bernadette&Joe, Dan&Connar, Joe&Bridget** - December 04, 2023 at 11:35 AM

SB

“ Dearest Reeny, I couldn't have ever gotten a better BFF..God Blessed me the day we met..With all of my Heart, there is a piece missing now,...

Sylvia Buckman - December 04, 2023 at 02:19 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.



December 03, 2023 at 09:55 PM

CL

“ Cathy and Paia LaPalombara purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.



Cathy and Paia LaPalombara - December 03, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.



December 03, 2023 at 07:00 PM

JM

“ *Jeff, Wendy, Connor and Taylor McNally purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Irene Margaret O'Donnell.*



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**Jeff, Wendy, Connor and Taylor McNally** - December 03, 2023  
at 03:34 PM