



Iris Joan Harkins

February 6, 1922 - May 8, 2020

Harkins, Iris Joan (nee Brooker) Age 98 May 8, 2020.

Beloved wife of the late Rev. Martin Francis Harkins. Loving mother of Pauline(Dennis)Delaney, Christine(Dr. Chuck)Reid, Linda(Mark)Mitchell, Janice(Rev. Gary)Dickinson and Grace(Paul)Hansen. Dearest grandmother of Matt, Meghan(John), Christopher, Erin(Justin), Lauren(Kyle), Marisa, Lisa, Emily(Logan), Shannon(Ben), Keaton, Iris Juliet, Ross and great grandmother of Elizabeth, Charleston, Micah, Adalynn and Audrey. Dear sister of Derek(Jeanne)Brooker. There will be a private family service and burial at Christian Memorial Cultural Center Cemetery in Rochester Hills, MI. The family will be having a public Memorial Service in the near future. Arrangements by Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I was one of many who was able to call Iris “mom”. I’m so sorry for your loss, all my sisters. One of my favorite memories of Iris was the little jig she used to like to dance where she put a finger on the top of her head and twirled. What a lovely godly woman. One of those I will look forward to seeing in heaven. Love you all so much, my sisters my family! Praying for you

Jan Dorman - May 16, 2020 at 09:34 AM

JJ

“ I have experienced such warm and comforting memories these many, many years of worshiping, praying and fellowship gatherings with mom and dad and the HARKINS girls.

Iris has lived a “FULL LIFE” in Christ. Now she is with him, ecstatically content in the very presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ....FOREVER!

Joanna Jones

Joanna Jones - May 15, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Iris Joan Harkins.



May 15, 2020 at 03:46 AM

BM

“ *She was a spunky woman, full of life and love! She had a quick wit and self-confidence. She wasn't afraid to speak her mind. She always made me feel welcome and at home. I loved to watch her and Frank interact. They made a good team. They loved their daughters in the fiercest way. I am happy for the grand homecoming that was celebrated for her in heaven, and for the long-awaited reunion with her one true love. She is gone from this earth, but not forgotten. My deepest condolences.*
Barb Morrish

Barbara Morrish - May 14, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Iris Joan Harkins.*



May 13, 2020 at 02:28 PM

SG

“ *My condolences to all of the many friends and family. Iris seems to have left her mark on all who she touched. A wonderful person, Mom, Grandmother, and friend...full of grace and love. I know she will be missed by many. All hail the Queen!*

Sherry Gabbard - May 13, 2020 at 11:36 AM

MS

“ Iris was a beautiful person. I had the pleasure of meeting her several times since her granddaughter Linda married my brother Mark. Iris was always so interested to hear how "I" was doing. She knew how to make you feel accepted. I found "her" to be the interesting one. So witty and friendly. Even though I had not spent a lot of time with her, I will have fond memories of Iris. Her children are lucky to have had her as a Mom.

Michele Spisak - May 13, 2020 at 11:17 AM

BB

“ We send with love our condolences. You have been blessed beyond measure to be the family of Frank and Iris. We have fond memories of their gifts of evangelism and humor. We attended a retreat with them and a knock came at our door. There stood Frank and Iris with nylon stockings over their heads, distorting their faces. Shockingly hilarious! We enjoyed her tales, especially of her experiences in the bombing of Britain. Iris-the grandest of ladies, is rejoicing with her adored Frank. Yes, Iris the Queen mum!

Bob and Judy Bogrette

Bob and Judy Bogrette - May 13, 2020 at 06:41 AM

RO

“ Loved being with your mom whenever I'd visit. She always made me laugh and showed me so much kindness and love. Just being in each other's company was enough to fill my heart. My love to you all. Xoxo Romana

Romana - May 13, 2020 at 01:53 AM

PH

“ I am so thankful that I was able to share many hours with the Queen Mum. She was a very special woman, sharp, wise, and polite. Whenever I peeked my head around the corner to see if she was awake, she graced me with a beautiful smile and the words, "Good Mornin'!
I loved her so much. I miss her! But rejoice with her for being with her Hubby, Jesus, and loved ones who've gone Before her.
PRAYERS FOR ALL FAMILY MEMBERS. GOD BLESS!

Pam Hottle - May 12, 2020 at 09:56 PM

DO

“ We are so happy to have been in Iris' friendship circle. The few times we were able to visit with her was so enjoyable because of her many life stories. What a fun loving mother, aunt, and grandmother. May God bless your family as you share stories of love of Iris. We are holding you all in our prayers. Thad and Dory

Dory - May 12, 2020 at 09:18 PM

SZ

“ To the family of dear Iris,



So lucky are those that had the chance to meet her, but luckier are those that got to know her. I was so fortunate to spend time with Iris nearly weekly for the past 10 years. We had beautiful conversations about many topics, but what shined through the most was her love for the Lord. From her story of how she came to know Him, to her many, many stories about church and reading her Bible each day, her direction was clear. Iris had a profound impact on my life in so many ways.

As her personal fitness trainer, I remember her reluctance to begin her weekly workouts, but after we came to know each other, she looked forward to it and I looked forward to seeing her. We often spent time before or after looking at pictures and talking about her growing up in England and meeting her dear Frank, then eventually, after having two children, moving to the US. We also talked about her daughters and her grandchildren and great grand children, as family was her life. She could not have asked for better daughters as they cared for her lovingly. Iris also had many, many friends and she cherished those relationships as well.

I thought about Iris a lot over the weekend and realized how difficult this is going to be since other than a few vacations early on, then a few hospital stays, we didn't miss too much time together. Iris shared her wisdom with me and for that, I will be forever grateful. She taught me that there is strength in the Lord and in prayer. Iris learned about me too. She was always interested in what I was doing and had a way with making one feel special when in her presence. We laughed, oh, did we laugh at some of the silliest things. I sure will miss those times, but they will always bring a smile to my face.

My good friend, my "second Mom" as I would sometimes call her, I will always miss you, but I have a softness in my heart knowing that

you have achieved your ultimate goal - to be with the Lord and those you love that had gone before you. You lived a wonderful and full life!

In love and peace,

Sydney Ann Zaremba aka Syd

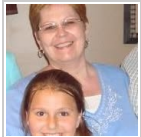
Sydney Ann Zaremba - May 11, 2020 at 09:08 AM

SZ

“ *Sydney Ann Zaremba lit a candle in memory of Iris Joan Harkins*



Sydney Ann Zaremba - May 11, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ *SISTER HARKINS, WILL BE MISSED. HER BEAUTIFUL SINGING AND HER LOVE FOR THE LORD AND PEOPLE. BUT SHE IS REJOICING IN HEAVEN WITH JESUS. AND SINGING WITH THE ANGELS...WE WILL KEEP THE FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS..*

JOE & TAMMY TROST

Tammy Trost - May 10, 2020 at 06:28 PM

LC

“ Well, the real Queen has died, and how grateful I am to have been part of her kingdom. Innumerable memories: all purely positive, all jammed with joy, all lilted with laughter. And her progeny know what they need to do to keep those Harkins homefires burning where the rest of us can warm ourselves. Much love and admiration, Linda Cadariu

Linda Cadariu - May 10, 2020 at 03:53 PM

FL

“ we loved your mother, she always had such a sense of humor. i am happy that I had a chance to visit her in December while in Michigan. All your girls are so blessed to have the deposit of both of your parents in your lives. Frank and I both miss them.

FRANK & CHRISTINE LAUNI - May 10, 2020 at 03:35 PM

KJ

“ I know her and her husband Rev Frank Harkins for years at Bethesda. Iris was so sweet and gentle and a quiet lady. She would always greet me with a smile and speak so nice to me. I can see why she is loved by her family and so many of her church family. I will miss her and Rev Frank for they played a role in all our lives they touched.

Karen Jones - May 10, 2020 at 02:42 PM

NC

“ Dear "Harkins" family, What a dynamic mentoring you have from a dear mother (and father) who loved the Lord and saw the world through a lens of humor, graciousness and a deep desire to win souls for the Lord. We rejoice with Iris as she is again reunited with her adoring husband. Our prayers and deep sympathy are with you as you adjust to a world without your mom's enthusiasm for life and fellowship with family and friends and her wonderful sense of humor with which she blessed all of us! Love, Nick and Carol Chupick

Nick & Carol Chupick - May 10, 2020 at 01:47 PM

ES

“ This precious woman became my friend many years ago when I met her at Bethesda Missionary Temple. She was such a delightful, full of life and love for her Lord and her family. She and her beloved Rev. Frank made a dynamic duo for the Kingdom of God...he with his flamboyant vibrant zeal and quick wit and she with her lovely sparkling eyes and welcoming ways will forever in my memory and our hearts until we join them in the presence of the Lord whom they were faithful to serve. Their love of their girls and subsequent increasing family was a delight to behold. Our prayers for those who bid farewell to this beloved mom, mother-in-law, grandchildren and greats continue.

Elaine and Bill STODDARD - May 10, 2020 at 01:38 PM

FP

“ What a dear sweet lady we had the privilege of knowing; a Godly woman of great wisdom and love. We extend our condolences to the family at this season of great loss. We also rejoice in the joy of her homegoing as the gates are open wide to welcome her home. God bless all those left behind who are anticipating that great reunion.
Much love, fred and florence parker, Victoria, BC

fred and florence parker - May 10, 2020 at 12:37 PM

PL

“ *A beautiful life well lived. Iris always smiling & joyful. A great role model for women of all times. Comforting prayers for the children and family. love, Peggy Nash Lowery. AL*

peggy Lowery - May 10, 2020 at 12:08 PM