



Irene J Gabe

January 8, 1927 - April 29, 2025

Irene Gabe, 98, of Greene, passed away Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at the Clarksville Skilled Care and Rehabilitation Center. Visitation will be held 10:30 – noon, Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, Greene.

Irene Jeanette Gabe was born January 8, 1927, in Ortonville, Minnesota, a daughter of Darrell and Anna (Shaw) Merfeld. They later moved to Cloquette, MN where her father worked at the match factory.

Irene would visit family at Powersville, Iowa and at the Powersville Dance Hall. There she met the love of her life, Walter Gabe. They were married August 4, 1946, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

As a farm wife, Irene worked hard caring for her children, feeding hired hands, keeping a large garden raising cattle, hogs and chickens. And helping neighbors when the need arrived.

Irene and Walter were members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Charles City. They frequently went dancing and were in bowling leagues for many years. They were members of the Moose Lodge in Charles City and enjoyed card clubs with the neighbors, especially playing 500 and BINGO. Irene liked to embroider and made many table cloths and throws.

Family member include her son, Dennis (Linnea) Gabe, Greene; grandson: Eric (Bethany) Gabe, Fruitland, IA; great grandchildren: Leah & Landon; and many nieces and nephews.

Irene is preceded by her husband Walter, son Donald Gabe and daughter-in-law Sally, parents Darrell and Anna Merfeld, and her brother Wayne Merfeld.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Greene - Woodley Funeral Home
519 N 1St St
Greene, IA 50636
(641) 823-4457

Tribute Wall

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“ Love, Frank & Melissa Merfeld-Westland purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Irene J Gabe.



Love, Frank & Melissa Merfeld-Westland - May 07, 2025 at 10:18 AM

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“ John Hansen and Jennie Tunkieicz purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Irene J Gabe.



John Hansen and Jennie Tunkieicz - May 06, 2025 at 09:03 PM

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“ John Hansen and Jennie Tunkieicz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene J Gabe.

John Hansen and Jennie Tunkieicz - May 06, 2025 at 09:03 PM