



Irene M. Jensen

November 26, 1946 - June 10, 2025

Irene M. Jensen, age 78, of Kankakee passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the Villas of Herscher. She was born November 26, 1946 in Kankakee, the daughter of Edward & Arlene (Berns) Devine. Irene married Dr. Danny J. Jensen on August 11, 1973 in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on December 4, 2014.

Irene is a retired educator at Shapiro Developmental Center in Kankakee and also had taught Special Education at Bonfield and Clifton schools. She graduated from Clifton Central High School and received her BS and MS at Illinois State University. Irene enjoyed bowling, cooking, crocheting, and gardening. She always supported her children's activities including wrestling, soccer, band, etc. Irene enjoyed traveling with her children to Hawaii and Arizona.

She was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee, where she had also belonged to the CCW.

Surviving are twin boys, David Jensen and Dean Jensen, both of Lombard; four sisters, Agnes Rivard of Bradley, Barbara Devine (Joe) Nitz of Bourbonnais, Angela Devine of Kankakee, and Rose (Gary) Mitchell of Kankakee; four brothers, Gerald Devine of Chebanse, Edward Devine Jr. of Bradley, Gregory (Marla) Devine of Chebanse, and Maurice (Valerie) Devine of El Paso, TX; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Dennis & Linda Jensen of Bourbonnais, Mary Ann Devine of Big Spring, TX, and Gary Lanton of Kankakee, special friends, Molly Jones and Rhonda Berns; and many nieces

and nephews. In addition to her husband, Dr. Danny Jensen, Irene is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Joseph Devine and Robert Devine; one sister, Beverly Lanton; and one brother-in-law, Michael Rivard. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the 11:00 a.m. funeral Mass on Monday, June 16, 2025 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Interment will follow at Sts. Mary & Joseph Cemetery in Chebanse. Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, Shapiro Developmental Center, or Foundation for Fighting Blindness.

Cemetery Details

Sts. Mary & Joseph

Chebanse, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-6716

Funeral Mass

JUN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TH

“ Tracey Houde lit a candle in memory of Irene M. Jensen



Tracey Houde - June 14, 2025 at 05:30 PM

SB

“ Irene had a very kind heart ❤️ Enjoyed setting down and talking with her at mealtime, at Harvest Veiw. It was my great pleasure serving her. She will be greatly missed. Praying for the family



Sherry Bowen - June 13, 2025 at 05:01 PM

MM

“ Michael & Rita Morris lit a candle in memory of Irene M. Jensen



Michael & Rita Morris - June 13, 2025 at 03:47 PM

JE

“ My condolences to Irene's family. She was a very kind person with a good sense of humor who will be missed.



Julie Enright - June 12, 2025 at 10:08 PM

MM

“ *Michael Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Irene M. Jensen*



Michael Mitchell - June 12, 2025 at 05:01 PM

PA

“ *My you rest peacefully.*



Paul - June 12, 2025 at 01:20 PM