



Iris Walter

May 21, 1943 - December 3, 2008

Iris Victoria Walter, 65, of St. Anne, died Wednesday (Dec. 3, 2008) at Merkle-Knipprath Countryside in Clifton, following an extended illness. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 9 a.m. Monday at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene, until the 10 a.m. funeral service. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Bonfield. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes. She was born May 21, 1943, in Lawrenceville, the daughter of Vance and Mildred Eagleson Wright. Surviving are her loving husband of 38 years, Donald Walter of St. Anne, whom she married June 6, 1970, in Kankakee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Kelly Walter of Kankakee, Jeff and Joette Walter of Bourbonnais; four precious grandchildren, Colton, Cassidy, Jacob and Ella Walter; five brothers and four sisters; and many nieces and nephews. Iris was a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University. She was a registered dietitian. She retired from Merkle-Knipprath Countryside in Clifton, after more than 25 years of service. She was a member of Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed reading, sewing, cooking and gardening. She will always be remembered for her soft-spoken, kind-hearted ways. She is admired as a wife, a mother and a special friend. Most of all, she always considered others' needs before her own. Iris' grandchildren brought her immense joy, whether they went for a walk, worked on a craft or baked cookies together. They all loved their Nana. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.



“ IRIS AND I WERE ALWAYS GOOD FRIENDS AND SHARED SO MANY OF THE SAME INTERESTS. WE MET AT EASTRIDGE CHURCH. I WORKED ON A LOT OF WOMEN'S COMMITTEES TOGETHER. SHE AND DON WERE IN OUR HOME SEVERAL TIMES AND WE THEIR'S. DON TOOK ME TO THE AIRPORT AT LEAST 3 TIMES. I HAD THAT NEAT CAR!!! I IRIS AND I LOVED TO SHARE RECIPES AND TALK MARY KAY. I LOST MY FIRST HUSBAND WHO KNEW DON AND IRIS WELL. I HAVE SINCE REMARRIED AND AM IN OHIO NOW. I SPENDING WINTERS IN FL. I WAS SO SADDENED TO HEAR FROM SON THAT IRIS HAD BEEN ILL SO LONG. I DID NOT KNOW. HER DEATH MAKES ME VERY SAD AND I KNOW SHE IS WITH JESUS NOW. WE'LL MEET AGAIN. THE FAMILY IS GATHERING AND WE ARE TO BE FAITHFUL TO OUR OWN END AND HOME GOING. DEAR DON MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. MANY HUGS AND SYMPATHY. CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND YOUR SONS AND GRANDCHILDREN. I KNNOW HOW PRECIOUS THEY ALL WERE TO MOM. HOPE DON IS OK. I KNOW HE'S BEEN CHALLENGED PHYSICALLY HIMSELF. LOVE, HUGS, AND PRAYERS , MARILYN##imported-begin##MARILYN STARK##imported-end##

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“ Don & Family
I am so sorry to learn of Iris' passing.
I often think of my former co-workers from the Armstrong family.
Please know that I am thinking of you in this sad time.
Frances Haase##imported-begin##Frances Haase##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family,

I met your dear Iris at provena Our Lady while my sister, Barbara, shared the room with her for a while at Our lady. My impression of her, without really knowing her, was that she was a Christian and had a very strong faith. That was the first impression I had of her. She and I talked quite a bit, she told me about her family, and her husband also being a resident and that she would go visit him. Then my sister got moved to another wing, but I would purposely walk past Iris' room. However, I never talked to her again, because every time I stepped into her room she was sleeping and I didn't want to disturb her. Now how I wish I had stopped in!! Next thing I knew, she and her husband had both been moved to Clifton. I am very sorry for your loss, I know how much she loved each and every one of you. She was a very graceful, classy lady you should all be proud of. I have no doubt in my mind that she is with her Lord right now. I pray that God will continue to bless your family and will give all of you peace at this time. ##imported-begin##Lois Garst##imported-end##

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“ Greg I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will not be able to attend the service, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Let me know if there is anything that I can do for you. ##imported-begin##Stacie Styck##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Iris. ĩ½It brought a sadness to our hearts. ĩ½Iris always walked in our office with a smile on her face and lightened the room. ĩ½She talk about Don, her sons, daughter-in-laws, and grandchildren all the time. ĩ½They were so precious to her. ĩ½Iris was a fighter and I remember her telling me (the nurse) that if the doctors give her a month she will take two. ĩ½What an amazing person. ĩ½Iris would tell us how much Don ment the world to her. ĩ½She will always be remembered in our hearts. ĩ½You all will be in our thoughts and prayers during this hard time!!!##imported-begin##Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Zackariya's Office Girls##imported-end##

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“ Jeff, So sorry to hear about your mom. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Would love to hear from you.

God Bless, Sarah Lemenager Barnard##imported-begin##Sarah A Barnard##imported-end##

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“ WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS##imported-begin##D'Arcy and Denise Ballinger##imported-end##

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“ Dear Don, Greg and Jeff - What a really wonderful wife, mother, & nana and friend our Iris was and all the very treasured memories and pictures and things now will forever be with each of you her Very Loved Ones - Our memories will be there to help. Don I just know how your heart hurts now and may you find and have the care and comfort you need. You were so special to us 14 year's ago when we needed you to drive our precious one's to the airport for a very "BIG" flight to Pa. So, you Don are always's thought of when our memories of that flight to and back from Pa. with our LOVED ONES is remembered. Thank you for being there for us then and the friendship we have with that memory. ĩ½Greg - we just saw you last Sunday. ! ĩ½I have always's loved you and that love came from your Mom way back in 3rd grade when I met your Mom in the hallway at GBA and we talked of her care for you and I became 'her watchful eye' for you there at GBA and all the years you were there - I have always cared about you and You know I still do - I hope we keep being in each other's life. You and yours are in my thoughts now and always. ĩ½Jeff - You too are remembered in a special way as you and yours now remember a wonderful Mom who LOVED her son's so VERY MUCH and I know how grandma's LOVE their grandchildren !! ĩ½and she had LOVE for all - ĩ½keep her LOVE ĩ½with each of you and I will keep ĩ½you in my daily thought's -With love Judi and Chuck###imported-begin##Judi & Chuck###imported-end##

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“ What a wonderful lady! ĩ½She was a good friend and will be sadly missed.###imported-begin##Marla Beedy###imported-end##

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