



Irene Troy-MacDonald

March 10, 1941 - July 9, 2020

Irene Troy-MacDonald passed away on Thursday morning, July 9th, 2020 at the age of 79. Irene is survived by her children Stacy and Mitchell, and her grandchildren, Makennah and Aubrey.

Irene was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1941. She graduated from Columbia High School in 1959. She married Alan Troy in January of 1961 and moved to California. She received her teaching credentials from Cal State Fullerton and taught elementary school for many years. She never lost her love for children or for watching them learn and grow. She continued to teach and educate children throughout her life.

After the loss of her first husband, Irene started a new adventure when she left California to move to Mobile, Alabama. She instantly fell in love with the South, the Bay and the great people. In 2006 she married Ken MacDonald, a lifelong friend from high school.

She fed her creative side painting beautiful pictures, taking amazing photographs, and creating gorgeous needlepoint pieces. Irene knit and crocheted everything from sweaters to blankets for babies and chemo patients.

She became involved with the Scottish society and quickly expanded her circle of friends. This included her knitting group and the standard Wednesday night gatherings of the neighbors at her house.

Through it all, Irene lived her life to the fullest; not letting her diabetes slow her down, much to her doctor's amazement. No matter what Irene was going through, she kept a positive outlook and always focused on others. Irene will be deeply missed by family, friends, and all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the American Diabetes Association
(<https://www.diabetes.org/donate/donate-memorial>)

The family invites you to share your favorite memories on this website.

Services will be on Monday July 13th at 2pm CST. Due to COVID restrictions it will be live streamed on this website and available for viewing after the ceremony.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Serenity Funeral Home - July 13, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Mitchell, that was a beautiful service. Thank you for sharing it with all of us!

Ellen Reinig - July 13, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ I was reminiscing about your mother today. I met her through the Mobile Scottish Society. She made me feel so welcome. Sweet, loving lady.

Patti McConnell - March 25 at 03:05 PM



“ Ellen Reinig lit a candle in memory of Irene Troy-MacDonald



Ellen Reinig - July 13, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ Mitchell and Stacey,

I'm so sorry for your loss! Your mom was such a strong, independent, yet loving person; I know she will greatly missed!

Rick and I pray that the Lord of Heaven and earth will comfort you during this difficult time.

With love, Ellen

Ellen Reinig - July 13, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ I have many childhood memories of Irene on sailing excursions and a holiday seasons.

Everyone was often amused when I called her Aunt Irene as she was only a year older than I. Irene and Alan were at our wedding. Pleasant memories go back a long way.

Sympathy and good thoughts to all her knew her.

Condolences and love

Fred and Sandra Chasalow

Fred Chasalow - July 13, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ I never realized that Aunt Irene, was a school teacher! Makes sense because she was always so nurturing to me and my sister, encouraging us to try new things and always had a great book or book series to read.

Ellen and I basically grew up with Mitchell and Stacey and Aunt Irene and Uncle Al on the island 26 miles west of Long Beach, Catalina Island.

We shared many summer days together on our parents boats.

And throughout summer Aunt Irene was there to encourage us to jump off the boat into the water, go explore the caves around the core, try rowing the dingy one more time.

My favorite memory from childhood is the time the dads went back to work and the moms were there with us kids on the boats.

Harbor patrol came and told our moms we had to move to a new mooring.

Aunt Irene didn't flinch. She said to my mom, You can do it Mary.

She was always the encourager when times were rough!

The last time I saw Aunt Irene she looked well, even though she was struggling with the decision of what now? I have cancer, how do I go on?

It took a lot of courage for her to go back to Alabama and live out her life on her terms!

I'm so glad she did. She told about her Wednesday night dinners and all her friends she had "at home".

Thank you all for being the lights in the reflection of her eyes when she talked of you!

I know she was at peace when she was with you xoxo

Love you Aunt Irene!

You're missed by many!

Nancy Presser - July 13, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Deb Salvaggio is following this tribute.

Deb Salvaggio - July 13, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Irene dealt with life's limitations so gracefully. She was open and loving, creative, with a keen sense of humor. She and Ken were a match set, and I am so thankful to have known them. I'd like to think of them now hand in hand...looking out over the bay...and both relieved of their pain and struggles.

Jo Ann Henderson

Jo Ann Henderson - July 13, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ I so sorry to hear of Irene's passing!
My condolences to her family!
The first time I met Irene was in a knit shop in Mobile many years ago. We talked for a long time sharing our Hobby in knitting and crochet for charity. Several years later I met her again in the Needlepoint group that we both attended. She was a nice person with lots of energy! I know she will be missed by many!



Gabi Stroud - July 12, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ I put this on Facebook, but will post something similar here, as well. I am so sorry to get this news. To Irene's family - I am actually a cousin - Irene and I were first cousins; her mother was Anna Chasalow (nee Zucker) - and my father was Anna's youngest brother Aaron. The only time I met Irene was at Ken's memorial, and we had a great conversation. My wife and I live in Slidell, LA, in the New Orleans area, so Mobile was a relatively short trip (no pun intended there with "relatively") - but I am glad we met. She seemed a very gracious woman - I'd like to believe "good genes" - but I'm sure it's much more than that.

Evan Zucker - July 12, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ It was just April Irene saved me! I fell and she got paramedics in my house to get me!
She was a wonderful friend and neighbor. We will miss her so much.
Sandra Vince & Victor Robinson

Sandra Vince & Victor Robinson - July 11, 2020 at 03:13 PM