



Irene Lucille Will

March 6, 1920 - February 13, 2020

Irene Lucille Will, 99, of Murphysboro, passed away at 11:25 a.m. Thursday, February 13, 2020, at Integrity of Carbondale, Illinois.

Irene was born on March 6, 1920, in rural Murphysboro, to Thomas Luther Butcher and Ida May (Jarrett) Butcher. She married Clyde Will on April 14, 1946, and he preceded her in death on October 17, 1980.

Irene was a graduate of the Chicago School of Nursing. She worked at the former St. Andrew Hospital in Murphysboro, St. Anthony Hospital in St. Louis, and St. Joseph Hospital in Murphysboro, where she retired on July 3, 1985.

Mrs. Will was a member of the First Lutheran Church and the Murphysboro Garden Club.

Irene was preceded in death by three brothers George and Lutheran Butcher and Leonard Butcher in infancy, and her parents.

She is survived by a few nieces and nephews including Gerald (Charlene) Butcher of Pinckneyville and Georgia (Gary) Hefler of Makanda; and several great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 17, 2020, at Pettett

Funeral Home with Rev. Melissa Waterman officiating and burial at Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Caring and Sharing Thrift Store in Pinckneyville. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Irene Lucille Will

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ I stumbled upon Irene when I was a hospice volunteer doing nursing home visits with my German Shepherd. I had been to see my most recently assigned patient only once previously, and did not realize that there were 2 wings in the nursing home. On my second visit there, I mistakenly went to Irene's room (wrong wing), and told her that I was her hospice volunteer. She said "I'm not on hospice!" We had a good laugh, and I visited with her for a bit. She thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the dog.

I continued going to visit her once a week, always taking the dog. Irene loved giving her dog treats (which I always had in my pocket). We talked about a variety of things, and I continued to visit her until I moved away from Illinois in 2014.

My dog recently died, and for some reason, Irene came to mind, and I did a search for her obituary. My sincere sympathies to her family. She always spoke very highly of her nephew.

Linda Preece - April 29, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ Irene was a caring soul and always had a smile on her face. She definitely loved her St. Louis Cardinals baseball. Sending sincere thoughts and prayers to her family. So, until we meet again, we love you dear friend. Eleanor Ann & Jill Wilson

Jill Wilson - February 14, 2020 at 12:41 AM