



Irene Spoerl

November 14, 1924 - January 9, 2024

Irene Spoerl

age 99, of Park Falls passed away on January 9, 2024, after a short illness. Irene was born on November 14, 1924, to Joseph and Mary Woodie of the Town of Eisenstein. She was a lifelong resident of Park Falls.

During her long life she had a many and varied work experiences. During WWII she worked at a munitions factory in Eau Claire, later she worked a Rabinowitz's clothing store, she was a receptionist at the Flambeau Paper company, and she worked at St. Croix Corp. Also, Irene and her husband, Arno Rickert, owned and operated a gas station in Park Falls. She and a friend owned and operated the Carefree Crafts Shop. She was a watercolor artist who had showings at the Park Falls Library and at a gallery in Door County, Wisconsin. She taught spinning, knitting and crocheting for the Wisconsin Technical College system. In later years she enjoyed part time work at the Park Falls Library.

She lived in her own home until age 94. Irene took every opportunity to travel and travelled extensively. She was an avid and formidable Scrabble and Words With Friends player. Irene was a voracious reader and appreciated her dear friends at the library who delivered and exchanged books for her. She enjoyed spending time with her many friends and had special affection for her

friends Rita Jeske, the Weiberg sisters, and Chris McGrath.

Irene is preceded in death by husbands Arno Rickert, and Gerald Spoerl, by special companion Merlin Boettcher, and by brothers, Dick, Clarence, Clifford, Jerome, and Raymond Woodie, sister Marion Zoesch and daughter-in-law Ruth Spoerl.

She is survived by sons Joseph "Buck" (Joan) Rickert, Stan (Robyn) Rickert, Scott (Gladys) Rickert, and Robert Spoerl. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, 2 great great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Irene led her life with strength, humor and grace and she will be missed greatly.

The family wishes to express their gratitude for the kindness and professionalism with which she was treated at Birch Street Funeral Service, Flambeau Heights senior apartments, The Waterford assisted living facility, Park Falls Hospital, and her physician, Dr. Danial.

Memorials may be made to the Park Falls Public Library.

A memorial service will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls on Saturday January 27, 2024, at 1:00pm. Deacon Chet Ball will officiate.

A visitation will be held at the church from 12:00pm until the hour of the service.

Interment will be at Nola Cemetery in Park Falls.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Cemetery Details

Nola Cemetery

Park Falls, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
276 5th Ave South
Park Falls, WI 54552

Memorial Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BZ

“ Irene was such a great lady. She will be missed .

Bonnie Zoesch - January 11 at 07:28 PM

BZ

“ Bonnie Zoesch lit a candle in memory of Irene Spoerl



Bonnie Zoesch - January 11 at 07:26 PM

JK

“ We shared so many things together, memories that I will cherish forever. We traveled, we crafted, we shared good reads, we had fun together and laughed, and laughed, and laughed. Irene will be missed. Rest in Peace my dear friend.

Jean Koller - January 23, 2024 at 04:22 PM

JB

“ Irene was a caring and loved companion with my Dad in his later years. I'm sure she extended his life and made them happy. And she beat me in Words with Friends until the day before she died. A real friend now missed. Jerrybee

Jerry Boettcher - January 14, 2024 at 02:08 PM

JR

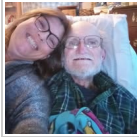
“ Loved playing words with friends with her. She was a very talented sweet lady. Joyce Rolnik

joyce rolnik - January 13, 2024 at 02:11 PM

JJ

“ Beautiful lady❤️

Joe and Bridget Jeske - January 12, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ Irene, I will always cherish the time we spent together in front of the fireplace.



Peggy Randell - January 12, 2024 at 05:42 PM

SS

“ Irene was such a wonderful lady. I got to know her when my mom would invite me along to Irene's "ceramic shop" as I called it. She always had a quick smile and hello when we met. My sympathy goes out to her family. She will be missed.

Sue Seidl - January 11, 2024 at 10:34 PM

JW

i will always have the memory of irene and my mother when they came to punta cana with us

john W weiberger - January 12, 2024 at 04:07 PM