



Irene M. Freeborough

June 13, 1920 - October 26, 2018

LEXINGTON- On Friday, October 26, 2018, Irene Freeborough passed away peacefully at home at age 98.

Irene Margaret Jadron was born on June 13, 1920 in Detroit to Rose and John Jadron. She married William (Bud) Freeborough on August 28, 1948, and they had five children. Irene had a very active work life, first at Packard Automotive Plant, then getting her nursing degree from Sinai Hospital, and being the staff nurse and activities director for a nursing home for many years. She cared well for her elderly charges, and took them on field trips, even down in a salt mine. She served as president of the Womens Athletic Association and was greatly involved in building St. Eugene's parish and school in Detroit.

Her social life was even more dynamic, including pinochle groups, dancing, arts and crafts at her church, hosting luaus, bowling, golfing and travelling. She loved a good joke, had a very quick wit and was always very well-dressed, despite her age, she never "went gray", and even wore lipstick to the beach. She loved music, puzzles, old movies, playing Rummikub and gardening, she was an avid swimmer her entire life, and was often in and out of Lake Huron from Spring until long after Labor Day, and loved swimming to the "smiley face" and back. She willingly gave to many charities, and her pecan tarts were legendary.

Irene's family has had a cottage in Lexington for 86 years, with three cottages next door to each other at one point for the various family units. She and Bud made it their permanent home in 1990, and were very active in the community,

including St. Denis Catholic Church, bowling leagues and the K of C. She had a column in the Jeffersonian for many years.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband William and her son Bill. Her spirit is carried on by her children Judy (Kris), Jim (Sherrill), Nancy (Swiat), Mary (Bob), six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She will also be missed by her cat Jazzy, an adoption from the Sanilac County Humane Society who has been her faithful companion.

In lieu of lowers donations can be made to the SCHS-Sanilac County Humane Society.

Visitation will be from 2-9 P.M. on Sunday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Lexington. Rosary Devotions will be held at 4 P.M. on Sunday afternoon at the funeral home. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 A.M. on Monday at the St. Denis Catholic Church in Lexington, with visiting at the church from 10-11 A.M. on Monday. Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock will officiate. Interment will follow in the St. Denis Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Denis Cemetery

Harrington Rd.
Lexington, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington
5635 Main St.
Lexington, MI 48450
(810) 359-7700
pomeroyfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://pomeroyfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Denis Catholic Church
5366 Main St.
Lexington, MI 48450
(810) 359-5400
<http://www.avemariaparishmi.com>

Tribute Wall

BW

“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I am glad I got to see her a few times this past summer. Your mom always greeted me with a very warm hug, some of her great wit and always wanted to know how I was doing. Even as a child I was amazed how she would swim her MANY laps from dock to dock and as a kid I couldn't even do one lap. Your Mom, Dad, and entire family have made the many summers at the cottage as enjoyable as they have been (many great memories). There is going to be a big void at the cottage with the loss of her. You are all in my thoughts and Prayers
Bill Whiteley

Bill Whiteley - October 31, 2018 at 08:56 PM

JF

Thank you Bill for your kind words. Mom loved the Whiteley's as her "cottage family". We were so blessed to have her great love and spirit as long as we did

Judy Freeborough - November 10, 2018 at 02:39 PM

JP

“ I am Irene's nephew. Her beloved husband was my mother's brother. At 72 now, I can say I have known Irene my whole life. I have never known a more gracious, loving, and caring woman. After the death of my mother, I reconnected with Bud and Irene, and my cousins. I will b forever grateful for their love and assistance. John Prine sings "when I get to heaven, I'm going to have me a cocktail, and find me a band". I suspect Irene will be there, organizing the party, with a smile on her face and a drink in her hand.

jerry pasutin - October 31, 2018 at 12:58 AM

BJ

“ It was a privilege to know such a wonderful and vibrant woman. We are so sorry to hear of her passing. Our love and prayers go out to the whole Freeborough Family.

My she rest in pease!

Bernie Johnson and family

Bernie Johnson - October 29, 2018 at 09:38 AM

AL

“ I have wonderful memories of being in Lexington with family at the Pink Cottage. This special lady will always hold a special place in my heart and memories. She leaves those who love her here on earth to join those who love her in heaven.

Sending my prayers, Ann Marie (Saliga) Lumsden



AnnMarie Lumsden - October 28, 2018 at 04:04 PM

JF

Thanks for your kind thoughts Ann Marie...summer parties with the Saligas were important to Mom and to Nana (Aunt Rose)

Judy Freeborough - November 10, 2018 at 03:46 PM

LV

“ Our condolences to the entire Freeborough family on the loss of your matriarch. She was beloved by all and enjoyed a well-lived life. Your family and your love for her is the ultimate tribute to a lovely lady.

David & Linda Van Howe



Linda VanHowe - October 28, 2018 at 09:49 AM

JF

Thanks for your kind words Linda.

Judy Freeborough - November 10, 2018 at 03:43 PM

LH

“ *Such a great loss to all! We all strive to be as loving and caring as she. Our love and support goes out to all the family.
Laura and Jim Harper
part of the Appleton family*

Laura Harper - October 28, 2018 at 08:11 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Irene M. Freeborough.*



October 27, 2018 at 06:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene M. Freeborough.*



October 27, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irene M. Freeborough.



October 27, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Our last remaining APPLETON MOTHER. What a wonderful giving person. She'll be sadly missed Love to all. Kit (Gillis) Czapor

Kit Czapor - October 27, 2018 at 12:23 PM



“ My sympathy and prayers to the Freeborough Family in the loss of their loved one IRENE. I pray and say as we have been doing now for centuries: " Eternal rest give to her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on her forever. May she rest in peace!. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Sincerely:

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock, RC-Priest of Ave Maria/St. Denis Parish,
Lexington, MI

Fr. Donald J. Eppenbrock - October 26, 2018 at 08:49 PM