



Irene Helen Cordes

April 17, 1926 - October 25, 2021

Irene Helen Cordes, 95, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away peacefully at Vancrest Nursing Home with family by her side on Monday, October 25, 2021. She was born April 17, 1926, in Monroe Township, Henry County, Ohio, to the late Albert and Ella (Schwiebert) Kestner. On November 26, 1944, she married Elmer "Pete" Cordes who preceded her in death on August 14, 1974.

Irene was a proud retiree of the Campbell Soup Company, retiring in 1983 after 25 years of service. In her retirement years she enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren, many casino trips, polka dances, and playing cards, especially Rummy in her later years.

Irene is survived by her daughter, Mary (Michael) DeWit; son-in-law, Kenneth Smith; and daughter-in-law, Sue (Terry) Sheedy. She will also be missed by her grandchildren, Laurie (Tim) Thayer, Amy (Mark) Morman, Ben (Breezy) DeWit, Adam (Whitney) DeWit, Gretchen (Michael) Skaggs, Katie (Omar) Munoz, Joe (Jayde) Cordes, and her fourteen great grandchildren, Emma, Ruby, Karys, Kamden, Brooks, Alexandria, Adriene, Tommy, Madison, Mollie, Emma Irene, Ezra, Elijah, and Elia. In addition to her parents, Irene was preceded in death by her husband; son, Thomas Cordes; daughter, Linda Smith; close friend, Norbert Brandt; sister, Gertrude Kurtz; and brother, Lawrence Kestner.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church or Henry County Relay for Life. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

500 E. Maumee Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Public Viewing

NOV **1**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

NOV **1**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary,*

My deepest sympathies at the passing of your mother. I remember her as always having a smile and a friendly greeting whenever I would see her.

Diann Michaelis Johnson

Diann Sue Johnson - November 03, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene Helen Cordes.*



October 29, 2021 at 03:33 PM

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“ *Sweet, sweet Irene was a joy to talk with. She was always upbeat and shared stories of her children and grandchildren's lives when we chatted. She was so proud of her family.*

*Our sincere sympathy ,
Tom and Susie Snyder*

tom snyder - October 28, 2021 at 08:38 AM

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“ Irene was such an amazing person to know and be with! I know you will miss her! Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers!
Love,
Greg ❤️ Diane

Diane - October 28, 2021 at 01:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene Helen Cordes.



October 27, 2021 at 04:50 PM

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“ Love you grandma you will be missed ❤️ ❤️



Omar Munoz - October 27, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Irene Helen Cordes.



October 27, 2021 at 12:44 PM



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October 27, 2021 at 12:28 PM