



Irene Bennett

November 19, 1934 - March 20, 2021

On March 20th, Gladys “Irene” Bennett finished the race and entered the gates of Heaven. She was 86 years old.

Irene was born in Brownsville, Oregon on November 19, 1934 to Hollis and Edna (Elston) Bones. She, along with her older brother, Harvey, grew up on the farm in Brownsville, learning the value of hard work. At the age of 16, she moved to Corvallis where she graduated from Corvallis High School in 1953. While living in Corvallis, she met the love of her life, Roy Bennett, and they married on June 11, 1953. They shared 41 years together before Roy passed away. Together they created a beautiful home. They welcomed a son, Rick, in April 1957 and a daughter, Candace, in February 1961. Life was all about family as they took on the role of dedicated and loving parents.

Irene worked for many years at Richey’s Market and then at 26th Street Superette where she became a “second mom” to a multitude of college students. She was an avid gardener. Her pristine yard and flower gardens were enjoyed and admired by many. There was no missing the gorgeous pots of red and white geraniums while passing their house on Highland Drive. In her younger years, she enjoyed bowling, both on women’s leagues and on mixed leagues with Roy. She also loved going on camping adventures in the family trailer. Those adventures took her clear across the United States. However, no matter where she went, home with family was always her favorite place to be. Irene was a gracious hostess, who could always make room at her table for guests.

She is survived by her son, Rick Bennett and wife, Danielle, of Philomath; daughter, Candace Trower and husband, Andy, of Albany, 5 grandchildren Brianna, Amy, Cara, Koeby, and Spencer, and 2 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and her brother.

Irene was a long-standing member of the Corvallis Evangelical Church, teaching Sunday School for a number of years. Her faith sustained her throughout life in both her sorrows and her joys. Although her family will miss her tremendously, they are rejoicing that she has reached her final reward and that she and Roy are dancing their way through Heaven together.

A graveside service will be at Oaklawn Memorial Park Cemetery on Sunday March 28th 2 pm with Pastor Ron Johnson officiating. Family & friends are welcome.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR **28**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Oak Lawn Cemetery
2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-4532

Tribute Wall

PR

“ Dear Rick & Candace and family, we were so sorry to here about the passing of Irene. She was such a great lady and we have many good memories of her! She was a memorable part of Richey’s Market. The customers loved her as well as our whole family. I know she will be sorely missed by many! Please know that our family sends their deepest sympathy and love! Sincerely, Pam & Ron ,Katie & Aaron, Rieseberg , Terry Richey and Steph & Tom Appelman❤️🙏❤️

Pam Rieseberg - March 28, 2021 at 02:40 PM

TW

“ So sorry for your loss, but thankful for the hope we have in Christ. I have very fond memories of Irene from time in high school and college. She was so friendly and kind, whether at church or at Ritcheys Market. She was also a fun, creative Evangelical Church "secret mom".

Tim Walters - March 27, 2021 at 08:26 PM

LT

“ My memories of Irene were sweet memories of times when we were young. She and Roy would take the three of us and give us fun adventures. Our Mom was close with Roy and Steve mentioned how they kidnapped the three of us from our yard. Irene loved to tell that story! I believe the sweetest memory as an adult was the time Aunt Irene called me to set up a time where she wanted to bring me something. Well, that something was a cacti that was a start from Grandma Bennett's. When she opened up the trunk, it filled the entire trunk. I couldn't stop laughing and wondered where I was going to put it. She assured me that it was happy outside in the summer and happy inside the rest of the year. The cacti 🌵 is now blooming, but the Christmas cacti is messed up in this Pandemic and thinks it is Christmas. Thank you Roy and Irene for loving the three Corbett kids. 🥰

Linda Thomas - March 27, 2021 at 01:06 PM

SG

“ Irene was a beloved client of mine for over 35 years. I always looked forward to her visits. She spoke lovingly of her family and how good they were to her, she appreciated them so much that she would sometimes get emotional when speaking of them. I will miss her dearly. My condolences to all who loved her. Sincerely, Shirley Girouard Hairstylist

Shirley Girouard - March 23, 2021 at 12:09 PM

NG

“ I will always remember Aunt Irene and her sweet hugs and smile. I went to Oregon State and when I told her I was a Steve Corbett's daughter, she came running from behind the counter of the Superette and gave me a ginormous hug. My friends and I were regulars for our afternoon soda stop and always enjoyed chatting with her.

Nicole Guttridge - March 22, 2021 at 11:23 PM

SC

“ My Aunt Irene made you feel so loved the moment you walked into the room. Arms reaching out to give you that heart felt hug and a whopper of a kiss. Always so glad to see you. Great memories were made as we grew up. Numerous beach trips and picnics to Waterloo park with our family. Aunt Irene and Uncle Roy played quite a prank on my parents when we were little. They came to our house and quietly kidnapped us and took us to their house. Irene called our house and asked my mom how are the kids and could they come over and play. Of course my mom said I'll get them ready and Irene said don't bother, we already have them at our house. Of course there was a howling of laughter by both my mom and Irene. She treated us like we were her own. Aunt Irene you will be missed so much. Thanks for all the great memories you helped to create with Uncle Roy, Rick, Candy and my family. Like Rick said, you are dancing in Heaven with Uncle Roy. That warms my heart. You will be missed by us all. Nephew Steve Corbett

Steve Corbett - March 22, 2021 at 04:29 PM