



Irene Thomas

November 28, 1913 - August 6, 2010

Irene Thomas, age 96 passed away August 6, 2010 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas. She was born November 28, 1913, in Fairland, Oklahoma, to John and Maude England. Irene enjoyed growing up on a farm and has had a life-long love for animals. Her cat “Jake” in Indiana and puppy “Lucy” at her son’s home in Bella Vista were dear to her heart. Most of her adult life was spent in Gary and Hobart, Indiana. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Lake Station, Indiana. She moved to Bella Vista the spring of 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Herbert, her son Donald, four brothers, and two sisters. She is survived by her son Herbert, Jr. and wife Babs of Bella Vista, her daughter Renee and husband Chris of Valparaiso, Indiana, grandchildren Faith Weaver and husband William of Columbus, Georgia, Donald Thomas and wife Brandie of Pinellas Park, Florida, Elizabeth Reaves of Baytown, Texas, John Thomas and wife Stefanie of Baytown, Texas, Laura Paluch and husband Dan of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Jim Reynolds and wife Katie of Palatine, Illinois. She is survived also by eleven great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Family members would like to thank the staff of Concordia Retirement Community, Highland Healthcare and Rehabilitation, and Circle of Life Hospice for their loving care of Irene.

Visitation will be a Cooper-Althouse Funeral Home in Fairland, Oklahoma, on

August 7 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM with a service at 11:30. Graveside services will be held At Fairland Cemetery immediately following the services. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 2945 New Jersey Street, Lake Station, Indiana 46405; Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas, 72762; or the Bella Vista Animal Shelter, 32 Bella Vista Way, Bella Vista, Arkansas, 72714.

Online guestbook and condolences are available at www.cooper-althousefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ I'm the volunteer Ombudsman for the Highlands Healthcare facility, acting as an advocate for the residents. I visit weekly, and I always enjoyed my time with Irene. She was a lovely woman who always brightened my day, even when hers wasn't so good, toward the end. She reminded me of my own mother, who died last year at 99 but was still sharp and elegant. I'll miss her very much when I visit room #318.##imported-begin##Charles Breitzke##imported-end##

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“ It was a blessing to know Irene. We will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all her family.##imported-begin##Bella Vista Beauty Salon##imported-end##

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“ Herb and Babs, we are very saddened for the loss of your mother and want you to know how much your freindship means to us. Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences. You are in our prayers.
Love Gene and Joan##imported-begin##Gene and Joan Mladucky##imported-end##

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