



Ilene Kennedy

September 19, 1941 - February 9, 2021

Ilene Francis Kennedy, was a resident of Shelby Township, passed away February 9th, 2021. Ilene was 79 years of age.

Ilene was born September 19th, 1941 in Detroit to Duncan Allen and Sylvia Kennedy. She was a graduate of Dominican High School and upon graduation realized her true passion lay in teaching. Ilene began her career in Germany teaching American soldiers' families. After several years of teaching in Germany she landed at Harsens Island. Ilene quickly earned the position of lead teacher and advocated for her peers as a union representative. She was held as a pillar of the community and held in high esteem of those who knew her.

Ilene enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She will long be remembered for her lavish gourmet parties, patronage of the arts, membership of the Red Hat Club and other organizations where she could socialize among kindred spirits. She's remembered fondly for her exploits in globetrotting around the world. She visited such exotic places as Antarctica, Egypt, Brazil, and even walked along the Great Wall of China. Strongly devoted to her family, Ilene cultivated many loving memories with each generation by celebrating themed parties for Holidays several times a year over many decades.

Ilene is survived by her three younger siblings: Kathleen Viviano, Mary Rucinski, and Stephen Kennedy. But her true love and joy were her nieces and nephews; Peter Viviano, Kimberly Barrett, Elizabeth Munro, Jessica Marshick, Angela Kennedy, and Joseph Kennedy. In addition, she rejoiced and reveled in the love and affection of 11 great grand nephews and nieces. She will always be remembered by her family, friends and countless children who prospered in her classroom.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 03:00PM - 08:00PM

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Mandziuk and Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI, US, 48314

FEB **Prayer service** 06:00PM

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Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ilene Kennedy.



February 11 at 03:18 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ilene Kennedy.



February 11 at 02:37 PM



“ Sue and Darcy purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ilene Kennedy.



Sue and Darcy - February 11 at 01:52 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ilene Kennedy.



February 10 at 04:12 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ilene's passing. My sincere condolences to all her family and friends. She, and her family, will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Stiltner - February 10 at 12:25 PM



“ Ilene was a dear soul whom I met through her long time friend Gaynelle. When I visited them it was always an adventure, especially when my children were young. May she rest in peace knowing she made such a difference to so many people. Sincere sympathy and blessings to the family. Glenda from Ohio college roommate

Glenda Sclater - February 10 at 10:36 AM



“ Left out Gaynelle 's college room mate.

Glenda Sclater - February 10 at 10:39 AM



“ My heart goes out to all the original Kennedys as they mourn the loss of Ilene. It's so difficult to say good-bye to such a beloved sibling so hold on to each other now more than ever. My sincere, heartfelt sympathy to Cousin Mary Rucinski on the loss of Ilene. I love you.

Cousin Linda Brady - February 10 at 03:57 PM