



Irene G. Etzel

January 29, 1941 - April 19, 2012

Irene Geneveive Etzel, 71, of Clarion, died unexpectedly Thursday, April 19, 2012 in Allegheny General Hospital surrounded by her family.

Born on January 29, 1941, in Strattanville, she was the daughter of Paul Patrick and Alice Lorena Freeborn Clinger.

Irene was married on February 20, 1960 to William "Bill" Etzel, and he survives.

She attended Clarion-Limestone High School and was an active cheerleader. She was employed at the Owens-Illinois Glass Plant (Clarion, PA) in her early years. After the birth of her children, she devoted herself to being a full-time homemaker. She enjoyed crafts, painting, decorating and gardening. She loved serving as a den mother for her sons in the Cub Scouts and as a Brownie Troop leader for her daughter. Her pure joy was to be "Memaw" to her grandchildren.

Irene was an active and devoted member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion and served on various church committees throughout her life.

She leaves behind a loving and devoted husband of 52 years, William, "Bill" Etzel of Clarion, sons, David Etzel of Lamartine, and Brian Etzel and his wife, Laurie, of Austin, TX; and a daughter Lisa Etzel, of Austin, TX.

Also surviving are her brother, Jim Clinger, of Grand Rapids, MI; and her sisters, Nancy Duggan and her husband, John, of Charlotte, MI; Bonnie Jones and her husband, Bob, of Olivet, MI; Norma Martin of Clarion; Linda Shepard

of Lansing, MI; and her grandchildren, Jamisen Etzel, Spenser Etzel, Madelyn Etzel, Ezra Etzel and Kyle Etzel.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father Paul Patrick and Alice Lorena Clinger of Clarion; her mother and father-in law Albert and Sarah Etzel; her brother Lou Clinger; and her sister Mary Jones.

Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion.

Wake service will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012, in the funeral home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, in the Immaculate Conception Church, Clarion, with Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, presiding.

Entombment will be held in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery Mausoleum.

Memorials and donations can be made to County Homemakers, 213 Hahne Court, DuBois, PA 15801 or to the Clarion Forest VNA, 271 Perkins Road, Clarion PA 16214.

Tribute Wall

WB

“ *Bill, I am so very sorry to hear of "Rene's passing. You and the kids have my deepest sympathy. Winna*

Winnifred Williams Barrett - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Lisa--
You are in my thoughts. I am so sorry for your loss.
Mary Friedman*

Mary Friedman - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *We are sorry for your loss Etzel family. She will be missed.*

James & Rose Gould - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Etzel Family, We are so sorry for your loss. We knew Irene when we lived next door to Albert & Sarah. Our son Jason loved to play with Lisa & he still has the GI Joe dolls that Irene gave him that belonged to David & Brian! Our prayers are with you all. Kathy & Bernie Lahr*

Kathy Lahrt - April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Etzel family... i enjoyed crafting with Irene and her positive attitude....I have the santa i bought from Irene on my shelf...What a talented painter*

janet bonnett dunlap - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM