



Iris Rowene Geisen

January 23, 1928 - December 3, 2018

Iris Rowene Geisen, 90, of Albion passed away on Monday December 3, 2018 at Oaklawn Hospital following a short illness surrounded by her family.

Rowene was born on January 23, 1928 in Marshall to George and Iris (Mulvany) Bosserd. She graduated from Marshall High School in 1946. On March 5, 1949 she married Joseph W. Geisen in Albion at St. Paul Lutheran Church parsonage.

Rowene started working in Marshall for the Cronin's, and also a switch board operator at Eaton's. After she and Joe were married, she stayed home and cared for her family and helped on the farm. Once her sons got older, she continued helping on the farm, but she worked for several years at Sears in Albion until the store closed. She was a member of the Calhoun County Farm Bureau Home Maker Club, St. Paul Lutheran Church, and was a 4-H Leader in Albion for many years. Rowene enjoyed gardening, working in her flower beds, playing cards, and square dancing. Caring for her family was important to her; she loved spending quality time with her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

She is survived by her husband Joe of Albion; sons, William (Vicki) Geisen of Albion and Gary (Loretta) Geisen of East Lansing; grandchildren, Shawn (Kelli) Geisen of Albion and Shelli (Chris) Schmechel of Noblesville, Indiana; great-grandchildren, Courtni, Tyler, Wyatt, and Whitney; a sister Mary Ellen Whitney of Arizona; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Alma Redfield.

Family will greet friends on Friday December 7, 2018 from 10am-12noon at the Marshall Chapel of the Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation 723 US 27 North with a funeral service taking place at 12noon with Pastor Steve Van Slyke officiating. Family will gather with friends following the services at the Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation Services Reception Hall Marshall Chapel. A private family interment will take place at Marengo Memorial Cemetery following the gathering. Family requests memorial contributions to Rice Creek Community Church or to the Calhoun County 4-H. Assistance with memorials is available at the Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation Services. Leave a personal

message for the family and sign the online guest book at www.kempffuneralhome.com

Cemetery

**Marengo Memorial
Cemetery**

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Events

DEC 7 Visitation 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Marshall Chapel of Kempf Family Funeral and
Cremation Services
723 US HWY 27 North, Marshall, MI, US, 49068

DEC 7 Service 12:00PM

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DEC 7 Luncheon Immediately Following Services 01:00PM

Kempf Family Reception Hall, Marshall Chapel
723 US HWY 27 N., Marshall, MI, US, 49068

Comments



“ Debra Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Iris Rowene Geisen



Debra Witherspoon - December 06 at 09:28 PM



“ Shelling, Chris and family, So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I know that she will be greatly missed by the whole family. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Diana Stuart - December 06 at 12:29 AM



“ Sorry, that is suppose to say Shelli not Shelling.

Diana Stuart - December 06 at 12:30 AM



“ So sorry to get a call from my brother Jim to let me know of Rowene"s passing. I remember a GREAT lady and a super cook. What great memories at the Geisen farm.

Even though I worked on the Don Geisen farm I have a lot of great memories at Jo and Rowene"s farm. I remember asking Jim if he would trade with me so I could work for Jo and Rowene. I always understood why he said NO. You were always treated like and felt like part of there family there.

Love you Rowene and thanks for all the great memories.

Jo and Family "So sorry for your loss".

Bob Winnie

Robert Winnie - December 05 at 12:13 PM



“ So very sad to hear of Rowene’s passing. It was so much fun at Christmas to get her wonderful Christmas card and a very long note. She loved her family and writing about them. And telling me about some Bosserd traditions, like the oysters! I can still picture sitting on Aunt Iris’ porch with Gma Withee. I’m so glad Rowene and I stayed in touch.

The pictures attached to the obituary are very special to me.

Our deepest sympathy to the Geisen family.

Jane (Withee) Pope and Bill Pope

Jane Withee Pope - December 05 at 12:04 PM



“ So many wonderful memories of Aunt Rowene, from summers & falls crops and picnics at Grandma’s farm, family holiday gatherings and her encouraging words and prayers. Her speciality dishes were oyster dressing, macaroni salad and sheet brownies. Receiving her letters were always a visit back home to this often homesick girl. She became my second mom after my mom passed away 24 yrs ago. My daughters have cherished memories of going to Aunt Rowene & Uncle Joe’s house every summer when we came to Michigan to visit. Her love was boundless and so warming during difficult times. Even when she was frustrated you could find humor ...as when she was tired of unloaded a packed dishwasher and had gotten down to the silverware to take care of, instead of putting each utensil in it proper place, she took the whole basket and just dumped it in the drawer muttering ‘oh to hell with it’ . I will forever remember her “oh the pity of it all” and “oh Joe”. She leaves a large family and friends who love her so much. You are with me forever Aunt Rowene.

Debra Witherspoon - December 05 at 11:14 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Debra Witherspoon - December 04 at 04:41 PM