



Irene Jessup

February 27, 1920 - November 25, 2013

Irene Weber Jessup passed quickly & peacefully from this lifetime on November 25, 2013 in Greenwood, IN. Irene was born 2/27/1920 in South Bend, IN to Fredrick & Myrtle (Fowler) Weber, the daughter of German immigrants. She graduated from South Bend Riley in 1938, along with her high school sweetheart Maurice E. Jessup. They married July 3rd, 1942 on a 3 day military pass in Fort Knox, KY. They enjoyed 57 years of marriage.

The couple soon began their military lives together. Their 36 years in the US Army spanned the WWII, Korean and Vietnam Era. They relocated to over 46 plus stations, domestically and internationally, including the Pacific, Germany, Korea, and as an Embassy Attache in Cyprus. During this time the couple rose from Lieutenant to the rank of Full Colonel, retiring in 1978. Irene fulfilled the duties as an officers wife in many untold ways of aid, sacrifice, and comfort. Wherever Irene was stationed she felt it was her duty to represent not only her family and the United States Army, but also the United States in a positive manner. After retirement in 1978, the couple moved to their permanent residence in

Bloomington, IN. There they settled into Civilian life enjoying family, weekly ballroom dancing, golf, gardening and expanding their circle of friends.

Irene is survived by 4 children,

Maurene Jessup of Nashville, IN; Gregory (Sue) Jessup of Greenwood, IN; Christene Jessup (Scott) Newlund of Columbus, IN; Kathlene Jessup (Paul) Maurer of Greenwood, IN; and family friend Robert (Sharon) Shaner of Charlotte, NC; 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

She wanted all of her Grand and Great Grand children to know how much she loved each of them. "Smile and the world Smiles with you " was her motto. She was predeceased by her husband Col. Maurice E. Jessup, parents, and sister Marie Weber Gruelle.

Irene will be interred next to her

Husband at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Irene's passing. I have thought of her often and also all of you children. I always felt like part of the family. Love you all.

Sharon King

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“ I am sorry to hear of Irene's death. I have many memories of her when she was young and going steady with Red (Maurice). Being a teen=ager I thought they were the two most romantic people I knew. We lost touch while our lives went in different directions, but it was a happy reunion when we found each other in our later lives in Bloomington. It was such a pleasure to meet with her family on her 90th birthday when her candles sent off all of the fire alarms at Bell Trace. Hold all of the memories of Irene close and dear to you. Know that she led a good life...may this help you in your grief and mourning. Sadly, Velma Fowler Harrison.

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