



Lula "Irene" (Deckard) Arnett

March 27, 1935 - March 25, 2021

Lula "Irene" Arnett (nee Deckard) departed her loving family on Thursday, March 25, 2021 only two days before her 86th birthday. She was born in Bloomington, Ind., to George and Beulah Deckard on March 27, 1935.

Irene was the adored wife of Richard Arnett for almost 58 years and mother to Jeff Arnett of Austin, Texas, and Brian Arnett of Bloomington.

Irene started her life work at Indiana University and later was an administrative assistant at First Assembly of God Church in Bloomington, followed by several years of retirement and dedicated service as a Sunday school teacher then founding member of Cornerstone Church, also in Bloomington.

She is survived by her loving husband, Richard; son Jeff and daughter-in-law Karin Arnett, with grandchildren Scott and Carly Arnett of Austin, Texas; son Brian and daughter-in-law Linda Arnett, with grandchildren Caitlyn Arnett, Emily and Vivian Aiken, Luke, Jake, Elaine and Mallory Arnett, all of the Bloomington area; as well as her brother and sister-in-law, Phil and Glenda Deckard of Martinsville, Ind., with many nieces, nephews, cousins and their children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Beulah Deckard (later Beulah Bourke), her stepfather, Robert Bourke, her brother "Bucky" Deckard, and her in-laws Russell and Hallie Arnett.

The family is grateful to Irene's ladies' group and her Cornerstone Church family for their prayers and friendship, and also to the nurses on the third floor

of the Bloomington Hospital who took such good care of her in the final days. A funeral service will be held at 1:00pm Monday, March 29, 2021 at the Cornerstone Church 2655 S. Adams St Bloomington. With Rev David Wigington officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held from 10:00am to service time Monday at the church.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at

www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Church
2655 S. Adams St
Bloomington, IN 47403

Service

MAR 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Church
2655 S. Adams St
Bloomington, IN 47403

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Irene was such a blessing to our family. As my sister-in-law she was good to my brother Dick as he was to her. Ted and I used to visit them and always felt so welcome. I know Irene is in heaven with GOD. She was a lovely person inside and out. I will miss her too.

Judy Latz - June 05, 2021 at 12:44 PM

JG

“ Praying for God's comfort and peace for Richard, Jeff, Brian, and the extended Arnett family. Such sweet childhood memories from growing up with Jeff & Brian in the same neighborhood and church. Irene and Richard were such faithful friends to my mom during her last days. May her memory be a blessing to you until you meet again.

Jill Nikirk Goodman - March 29, 2021 at 12:44 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Irene's passing. I will miss visiting with her when we would run into each other at Cracker Barrel. My thoughts and prayers to the family. I am thinking of you, Justine Sansone

Justine Sansone - March 28, 2021 at 09:11 PM

DP

“ So very sorry to become aware of Irene’s passing. I have known her since I was a little girl of about 5 when I attended Southside Assembly of God Church in Bloomington. She was my Sunday School teacher in some of those years. Irene was such a worker in the church and one of the sweetest people. I remember sitting behind her and her parents at First Assembly of God Church. After she met Dick, he was an addition to their church pew. She has always been a beautiful person inside and out! She lived her faith and she will be celebrating Easter this year in heaven. Dick, I know how very much you are going to miss her and our thoughts, love and prayers go out to you. May God give you comfort and grace during this time in your life. Donna and Rich Pfaff

Donna Pfaff - March 28, 2021 at 08:21 PM

WF

“ We send our deepest sympathy to Irene's loved ones. We are grateful to have worked with her and known her for many years. She was kind, gracious, and generous always. She will always be a part of our memories of Bloomington. We look forward to the time we will be reunited. ~Rich and Wanda Ferguson

Wanda Ferguson - March 28, 2021 at 06:47 PM

WD

“ We were so sorry to hear of Irene's passing. Lynette had passed on to us the news that she was recently in the hospital but was back home. We send our heart-felt condolences and will keep you and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Willard and Mollie Duckett

Willard and Mollie Duckett - March 28, 2021 at 04:25 PM





“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lula "Irene" (Deckard) Arnett.*



March 26, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *I have known Dick and Irene for probably close to 50 years growing up with them through church. She had always been a supporter of me and I will miss her dearly. My love to the family.*

Sandy Hacker - March 26, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Irene's passing. She was one of the Sweetest people I have ever met. She never failed to send me Birthday and Christmas cards which I looked forward to. She will be missed. Prayer for comfort goes out to Dick and the family. Sadly I am currently out of town and can't make the funeral. RIP Irene !*

Linda Quillen - March 26, 2021 at 10:26 AM