



Irene D. Kukkola

January 30, 1923 - January 1, 2016

The loving and fun-loving Irene Dolores Kukkola passed away at home in Benicia on January 1, 2016 at the age of 92. She was proud to have been born and raised in Montana and always remained a Montana girl at heart—loving all the family gatherings, camping, fishing, card playing and beautiful outdoors in the Big Sky State. After graduating as Valedictorian from high school, she went to secretarial school and began a long career of challenging work which she balanced with her number one priority, her family. At the age of 72 she retired as a legal secretary for the California State Banking Department.

In 1946, she married her high school sweetheart, Adolph Kukkola, and they had five children together to whom Irene was a deeply devoted and loving mother. She is survived by her children Nancy Kukkola, David Kukkola, Sandy (Stan) Mayernik, and Becky Kukkola (Dirk Fulton); and siblings Bill Surmi and June Duncan. Dennis Kukkola, her beloved eldest son, preceded her in death. She was the proud and perfect grandmother to Brian & Kara Mayernik; Chloe, Melody, and Chase Fulton; and Suska and Kasha Kukkola who both gave her the pleasure of great grandchildren.

Irene was a devout Catholic who gathered much strength and joy from her faith in God her entire life. She enjoyed the St. Dominic's Church Community. She had been very happy living in Benicia the past 25 years among so many who felt to know her is to love her.

Her great generosity and compassion for others will be remembered along

with her outgoing and fun personality. Irene had a very upbeat, positive attitude that was catching and kept her going strong. She was profoundly kind to and thoughtful of others right to the end. She truly lived a fulfilled life as the matriarch of a large, close-knit family who adored her.

Vigil services will be held 7:00 p.m. Thursday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:30 a.m. Friday at St. Dominic's Church followed by burial in St. Dominic's Cemetery. Family prefers donations to St. Dominic's Church or the Benicia Community Action Council.

Tribute Wall



“ Irene D. Kukkola

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ Becky, I pray that you and your entire family find comfort in all of your beautiful memories. I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing and will miss seeing her at mass. She loved all of you so very much.
Peggy

Peggy Fulton - January 11, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ Becky, I am truly sorry for your family's loss. What a wonderful lady, you can see her reflection in the way you have modeled your life. You have been her guardian angel throughout the years, what a blessing you were for one another. Please hold on to the wonderful memories you have shared. It is so important to remember the loving times shared. May God help you all through this very difficult time.
Loving thoughts & prayers,
Nannette



Nannette Hardy - January 07, 2016 at 11:17 PM



“ such a sweet sweet and beautiful lady, a true inspiration to us younger folks <3

Matt & Angie Dos Reis - January 07, 2016 at 12:12 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Irene D. Kukkola.



January 06, 2016 at 08:32 PM



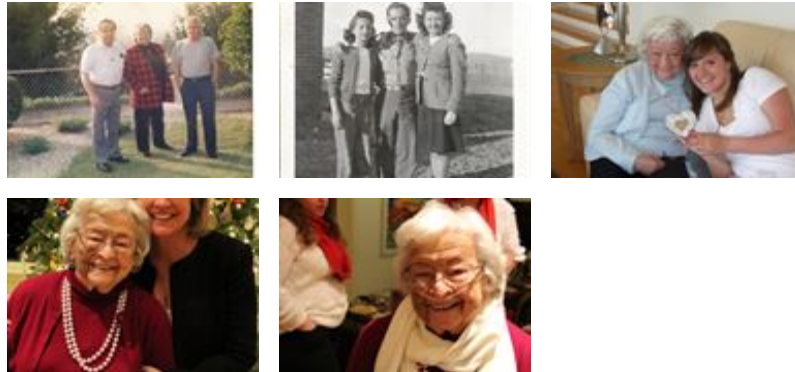
“ Greg & Greg, your beloved gardeners & Kristi purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Irene D. Kukkola.



Greg & Greg, your beloved gardeners & Kristi - January 06, 2016 at 07:57 PM



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Jennifer Cerri - January 06, 2016 at 02:15 PM

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“ *With Love; Barry and Debi purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Irene D. Kukkola.*



With Love; Barry and Debi - January 05, 2016 at 04:36 PM