



Irene Mary Kruger

November 30, 1930 - June 6, 2018

Irene Mary Kruger, 87, crossed the finish line and entered eternal peace on Wednesday, June 6th at the Riverside Convalescent Center in West Point, Virginia where she resided for the last 10 years. Irene will always be remembered for her love of horse racing, bingo, scratching lottery tickets, and animals. Rev. Oscar Parasaio will preside at the Memorial Mass to celebrate her life on Tuesday, June 12th at 4:30pm at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in West Point, Virginia. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, her children: Charlene (Michael Yackanich) and John (Greta Kruger), her grandchildren: Alison (Frank Pariso), Austin Yackanich, Tyler Kruger, Madelyn Kruger, and Noelle Kruger, and her great-grandchild: Eliana Pariso, will lovingly remember her sheer will and determination to beat the odds all of her life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to The Women's Auxiliary of Riverside Convalescent Center,

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 12. 4:30 PM (ET)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
3570 King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

GK

“ *What I will always remember about Mom are her smile and her laugh. She would smile like she knew something I didn't know and her laugh was almost a giggle. I'll miss you, Mom!* ”

Greta Kruger - June 12, 2018 at 02:01 PM

AP

“ *Frank and I are glad that Grandma was able to meet her great granddaughter, Eliana. I remember taking Eliana to visit Grandma and her lighting up when Eliana would show her the horse shaped stroller and the other toys she would bring along.* ”

Alison Pariso - June 12, 2018 at 08:50 AM

NK

“ *There were many times that Grandma made me laugh. My favorite of those times was the first time I heard her say a bad word. We were visiting her and playing poker, and she had dropped one of her cards while picking up her hand. She looked down at it and simply said, "Oh, shit". I don't know why, but hearing her say that had me laughing my head off; it was just so weird to hear my grandma say that, and the way she said it was like it was a normal phrase. She could always make me smile, and I will always remember that about her.* ”

Noelle Kruger - June 11, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ *Charlene Yackanich lit a candle in memory of Irene Mary Kruger*



Charlene Yackanich - June 11, 2018 at 11:40 AM

FF

*Thinking of you and your family.
Much love and peace to all of you.*

Francyne Foxman - June 11, 2018 at 03:18 PM

CD

“ *I remember fondly playing cards and parcessi with Dutch and Irene on Georgia Ave.*



Carol Dimuro - June 11, 2018 at 09:54 AM



Charlene Yackanich - June 11, 2018 at 11:31 AM

SS

“ I've known Irene for 43 years, and then all the conversations I've had with her over those 43 years, men would be complete without hearing her say, "Meanwhile, back at the ranch..." ”



I can, and will always hear her voice saying that.

Being like brothers with her son John, Irene treated me above and beyond with kindness and love. She in turn is also very loved and will be greatly missed.

Steve S - June 11, 2018 at 06:00 AM



Thanks Steve for sharing that beautiful memory.

Charlene Yackanich - June 11, 2018 at 11:31 AM

MK

“ Grandma was known for many things, but one day when I went to visit her, I had just finished a chemistry test. We sat for a few minutes and talked together about what I was learning in chemistry. ”

Madelyn Kruger - June 11, 2018 at 05:31 AM



🥰 *Grandma graduated from Notre Dame with a Chemistry Degree.*

Charlene Yackanich - June 11, 2018 at 11:33 AM

CD

“ Our friend Irene for over 30 years. We went to Belmont and many other racetracks with her and Dutch. They were loved. Carol and Vito Dimurp ”

Carol Dimuro - June 10, 2018 at 11:22 AM



I think it was well over 50 years... Since I'm 54 years old. Time flies!!!

Charlene Yackanich - June 11, 2018 at 11:34 AM

CB

“ When I think of Irene it brings back so many good memories of Manchester North. We were neighbors for ten years. Irene was a good neighbor and friend. I think of her every time I watch a horse race or pass a bingo hall. Rest in peace Irene, it was a pleasure to know you. Carol Bernstein

Carol Bernstein - June 10, 2018 at 10:07 AM



Thanks for sharing, Carol! Mom and Dutch were surely instrumental in Justify's Triple Crown.

Charlene Yackanich - June 10, 2018 at 11:23 AM

SS

“ Irene was an icon at Manchester and a proud woman. Her love of horses, the track, casino, Charlene, John and Dutch was always evident in some way. As Michael said when she wanted either Charlene or John she just went in the terrace and gave her “call” and just want someone to get her cigarettes. And we’d all happily walk up to 7-11 to get them as a group. May Irene Rest In Peace now. Love and blessings to family. ❤️

Sharon Spencer-Hegarty - June 10, 2018 at 08:40 AM



Hilarious! That's a good one, Sharon!

Charlene Yackanich - June 10, 2018 at 11:22 AM

LY

“ I remember that whenever I saw Irene, she had a positive outlook on life.

Lisa Yackanich - June 10, 2018 at 08:35 AM



Thanks Lisa for the beautiful sentiment!

Charlene Yackanich - June 10, 2018 at 11:24 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Loves Me
You Are Special



Thomas & Libby Widgeon - June 10, 2018 at 07:19 AM



Thank you.

Charlene Yackanich - June 11, 2018 at 11:35 AM

NA

“ Remembering Irene.
Hearty hello from the balcony.
Joyful at Charlene and Michael's wedding.
Her love of the horses 🐎
Thank you for the memories Irene
and blessing us with Charlene and John.
P.S. please tell Dutch hello ❤️

Nancy - June 09, 2018 at 08:54 PM



Thanks Nancy! You are spot on!

Charlene Yackanich - June 11, 2018 at 11:36 AM

DF

“ *Donna Fudala lit a candle in memory of Irene Mary Kruger*



Donna Fudala - June 09, 2018 at 07:34 PM



Thanks Donna!

Charlene Yackanich - June 11, 2018 at 11:36 AM

MY

“ *I recall attending a wedding where Irene was a bridesmaid. Well, she wasn't actually a bridesmaid, but she left with one of the bridesmaid bouquets! It was only after getting in the car to leave did I realize why she was rushing us to "Hurry, get to the car!". Also, some may not know that Irene graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in Chemistry.*

Michael Yackanich - June 09, 2018 at 06:47 PM



Charlene Yackanich - June 11, 2018 at 11:37 AM

MB

“ I fondly remember when we're we kids in the 1970s playing in Victory Park and it was time to come home. You could hear Irene's voice echo across 169th street throughout the tennis courts and playground. She would loudly say one word, "JOHN".
Peace and Blessings to the Kruger Family.

Mike Bernstein - June 09, 2018 at 03:39 PM



Love it! It was even better when the parrot across the street imitated my mom and John wouldn't know who was calling him!

Charlene Yackanich - June 09, 2018 at 06:08 PM

NY

I remember the first time I met Irene was when Charlene & Mike were getting married. Also, all the Thanksgiving family gatherings at Mahogany Bay and Alden Ridge. Eternal memory - RIP Irene.

Nick Yackanich - June 10, 2018 at 07:23 AM

LW

MRS.KRUGER ALL WAYS GREED ME WITH A SMILE WENT I CAME TO CLEAN HER ROOM ,I WILL MISS THAT SMILE LAURIE WASHINGTON.

Laurie Washington - June 12, 2018 at 06:07 PM