

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired
When a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered "Come to Me".

You didn't deserve what you went
through,
And so He gave you rest,
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.

And when we saw you sleeping
So peaceful and free from pain
We could not wish you back
To suffer that again.



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Lovingly Remembering



Irene Gugala

July 14, 1930 — November 6, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of IRENA GUGALA (née Wiaderny), of Lethbridge, beloved wife of the late Rudolf "Rudy" Gugala, and cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, at St. Therese Villa on November 6, 2023 at the age of 93 years.

Irene is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Steve) Lea; grandchildren: Angela (Jeff) Mitchell and James Lea; and great-grandchildren: Hayden and Harry Mitchell.

Besides her beloved husband Rudy, she was predeceased by her son, Tom Gugala and her granddaughter, Madeline Gugala.

Irene was born July 14, 1930 in Pilichowici, Poland, to the late Josef and Tekla Wiaderny.

Her formative years were spent in Poland till up to the age of nine. With the outbreak of WW II, her family was forced to Germany to do free labour till the end of the war. After two and a half years in a refugee camp, she, along with her three brothers, immigrated to Raymond, Alberta in 1948. She met and married the love of her life, Rudy, in 1950.

She worked in Raymond Municipal Hospital as a nursing aid until 1969, when the family moved to Lethbridge. She was employed at Lethbridge Auxillary Hospital, where she worked until her retirement. She had the patience, love and virtue in helping people.

She loved spending time with her family, and formed a special bond with her grandchildren, Angela and James. She especially enjoyed looking after her great-grandchildren, Hayden and Harry, when they were babies.

She will be remembered for her delicious baked goods and polish dishes. Her beautiful garden was appreciated by all, especially her roses. Her faith, along with the music, was very important to her and singing remained part of her life right till the end.

Irene will be remembered for her kindness, positivity and unwavering love of her family. She will be greatly missed, but now is resting in peace.

Funeral Mass

Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church
2405-12 Avenue, South Lethbridge, Alberta
Monday, November 27, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.

Celebrant — Father Kevin Tumback
Muscian — Lisa Mulgrew

Readings

Wisdom 3: 1-9

Psalm 23

2 Timothy 4: 6-8

Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46

Musical Selections

Prelude — Cry of the Poor

Processional — On Eagles Wings

Offertory — Shepard Me, O God

Communion — I Am The Bread of Life

Meditation — Ave Maria

Recessional — How Great Thou Art

Graveside Service

Following the Funeral Mass,
Irene will be interred during a Private Graveside
Service at Mountain View Cemetery.

Reception

Following the Graveside Service,
family and friends are invited to further share
this day at Our Lady of Assumption Church Hall.