



## Irene Dorothy Thurman

December 26, 1922 - April 1, 2013

Irene Thurman, née Anthony, born December 26, 1922 in Cook, Minnesota, left her earthly home on April 1, 2013 to spend eternity with her Lord and Savior. She was the last survivor of 15 children born to Russian immigrants. Irene moved to Detroit in 1942, met Archie, and they married in 1944. They shared their life for 68 years. Irene is survived by her husband and 3 children they raised in Detroit: Sally (Rick) Goodfellow, Donald (Renee) Thurman, and Eugene (Yolande) Thurman, and 7 grandchildren-- Jeff and Brian Greene, Jason, Jeremy, Michelle, David, and Matthew (Stefanie) Thurman. She was a devout Christian and dedicated her life to the Lord's work; beginning with the First Reform Church of Detroit, and then with the King of Kings Lutheran Church in Shelby Township. Irene volunteered in many capacities at her churches, including taking care of and visiting the sick and shut-ins, until her health no longer permitted. Her hands were never idle. Irene's busy fingers worked constantly, with love and joy to create her crafts, which she shared with so many. Her loss will be felt deeply by many, but especially by her husband and family. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to The American Heart Association or Hospice of Michigan.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
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### Memorial Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear family, I am sorry about the loss of your loved one Irene Dorothy Thurman, and I want to extend my deepest sympathy. After the death of a loved one we sometimes wonder what will become of me now that they're gone. I have found comfort in Matthew 6:25-34, which tells us never, be anxious about the next day, for the next day will have its own anxieties. Please find comfort in these additional bible scriptures Luke 23:43 and John 5:28, 29.

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**K.Higgins** - April 09, 2013 at 08:55 PM

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“ I knew Mrs. Irene Thurman practically my whole life. Her family lived three doors down from my family on State Fair Avenue in Detroit. Her sons, Donald and Eugene, were two of my best friends. Irene Thurman was one of the kindest, sweetest, and most generous people that I have ever known. The friendship and generosity that she showed to me and my family was truly amazing.

When I think of Mrs. Thurman there is one event that always stands out in my mind. In 1972, Donald and I were taking a special trip to France to visit Yolande's family. At the time, my father was not working and my mother was seriously ill. Irene knew that I did not have much extra money to spend on my trip. On the way to the airport, she quietly and discreetly pulled me aside, took my hand, and placed some bills in my palm. I cannot remember the exact amount, but I know that it was a considerable amount for that time. I was overwhelmed by her generosity, but not surprised. That was the kind of person that she was.

She truly lived the life of a real, honest to goodness, Christian. There is a special place in Heaven reserved for her.

Terry Pesta  
San Diego, California

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Terry Pesta - April 02, 2013 at 06:08 PM

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You sent comforting words and memories when my sister Danielle passed and again you touched me with your memory of my mother-in-law. That is how she was and It brought her joy to give to others with no strings attached.

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Yolande Thurman - April 04, 2013 at 11:15 AM