



## Irene Karcic

August 17, 1914 - February 23, 2012

Irene Marie Karcic-Gifford passed away, Heaven bound, peacefully in her sleep on February 23, 2012, with her family by her side. Born August 17, 1914 in Dorchester, WI, the family relocated to up state New York where she grew up on a farm with brothers Hubert and Ted. She completed a nursing program from Syracuse University in 1935 and began her adventures out west in hospitals in Hawaii, AZ & WA. She met Tony Karcic in St Johns, AZ and both worked in the ship yards of Berkley, Ca. As Tony's family was from Prescott, they made their way back to sunny AZ, marrying in 1945. Their first child, Tony Jr. was born in 1951; a daughter, Lisa, followed a year later. With two small children, Irene retired from the hospital as supervisor in obstetrics to take care of her family and help Tony with his many different endeavors. In the late 40's Tony was selling autos when they opened their own sales lot on S. Montezuma which grew into selling autos and mobile homes, Tony's Trailer Sales. As a side line, they moved houses from Jerome to Prescott, operated several cafés, a motel, a taxi co and both received their real estate sales licenses in the mid 1950's. In 1960, they developed the Lazy K Mobile Home Park moving the sales lot to Willow Creek Rd. After Tony's death in 1975, Irene slowly started selling the various businesses but remained active in real estate to the time of her passing. She traveled the world with her church group to numerous countries, until marrying Ike Gifford in 1984. They spent many pleasant years traveling by motor home through the states, salmon fishing in Alaska, visiting the Grand Ole Opry and boating on Lake Powell. Through the

years, Irene enjoyed being in the Prescott Junior Women's Club, the Hill Aid's Club, The Ladies' Aid at her Church, and The Prescott Rod & Rifle Club with her favorite pastime, FISHING! At 97, Irene was preceded in death by her brothers, husbands, and grandson, Tony S Karcic. Survivors include son, Tony (Debbie) Karcic; daughter Lisa (Ron) Bauer; granddaughters, Lisa (Daniel) Riccio, Stacy (Mark) Porcher, Ashley (Israel) Evartt, Vanessa Manley, Anna (Johnny) Braden and Tonya Williams, and nine Great Grandchildren. Other survivors include nephews, Don Karcie, Ron Karcie, Ron Weddle, niece Michelle (Jim) Pelzer and many great nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank Granite Gate Senior Living Community for the EXCELLENT care and sensitivity to make Irene's last months comfortable. Services will be held at the First Lutheran Church, 231 W Smoke Tree Ln, Prescott, at 11:00 AM Saturday, March 10. A celebration of her life & lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Irene was always so pleasant to visit with. We talked of upstate New York where I was born, we played cards and Bingo and she never had an unkind word to say no matter what. I will miss her company and her smile.

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**John Crisfield** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ I was saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Karcic....She was a very special lady & an amazing Mom! I always enjoyed visits with her, when Lisa & I were home from the U of A for long weekends, & holidays. You are all in my thoughts & prayers, during the difficult days ahead. She will be missed. Prescott has lost a dear friend.

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**Carol Hurt Unangst** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ Irene was a lovely person and a fine example of a Christian, dedicated to the work of the Lord's Kingdom, cherished as a friend by many of all ages. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord..."

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**Freddy Krieger** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ As long-time neighbors of Lisa and Ron Bauer we wish to relay our sympathy and blessings to them and their family.

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**Erholtz, Bill and Penny** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Lisa and I went all the way through school together and many a night was spent at the Karcic home. Irene and Tony were very special people. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Pam (Hammond) Cooley - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Lisa & Tony & families: Such fond memories of your beloved mother. A kind spirit, whom I remember fondly. God bless you all in your time of loss. She is with her Lord and Tony. Remembering her always.  
Connie Grove

Connie (Williams) Grove - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Irene,

*I'll miss our talks of the Ole Days and those times in history you witnessed. Your sense of adventure and curiosity about the world at large fueled many of Lisa and my trips.*

*I am truly sorry that I cannot attend the celebration of life that has given me so much in this life: my wife and thereby my children and grandchildren, an example of graciousness long now gone, and surrogate "Mom" after the passing of my mother.*

*You will be missed here and now....we will see you again a little later! God has blessed all of us through you.*

Ronald D Bauer - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Irene was one of the nicest people to visit with or work on projects with. Sorry for your loss she was a great lady. Judy and James

Judy Contreras - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM