



Gena Irene Marvin

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Gena Irene Overlien Marvin, age 97, passed away peacefully on January 5 in Tallahassee, FL.

She and her twin sister Emma Eileen were born on April 26, 1925, to Gena (Hortum) and Olaus

Overlien. The twins' mother died giving birth to them so they and their other three siblings were

raised by their father and his sister Caroline in Black River Falls, WI.

Gena graduated from Milwaukee County General Hospital School of Nursing on November 4, 1946, and received a certificate in anesthesia from Wayne State University, Grace Hospital, Detroit, MI, in January of 1952. She loved practicing as a nurse anesthetist in Michigan during her 40-year career and treasured the friends she made at work. Gena lived her Christian faith daily in her actions, prayers, and words. She loved worshipping God by singing, playing the piano and organ, teaching Sunday school, holding women's association events in her role as a Presbyterian pastor's wife, and attending First Presbyterian Church once she and John moved to Tallahassee from Michigan in 1992. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, avidly watching the news, sewing, quilting, listening to music, and traveling with her husband.

Gena is fondly remembered for her gifts of hospitality, kindness, love, and her keen intelligence. She is predeceased by her husband Rev. John Marvin and her siblings and their spouses.

Gena is survived by her children: Jay Marvin (Sigrid Brudie), grandsons Carter and Eric Marvin of Anchorage, Alaska; Susan Marvin (former husband Allan Stodghill), grandchildren Claire Stodghill Forjet (Jason Forjet), Jay Logan Stodghill, great grandson Aiden Forjet of Tallahassee; and Rev. Martha Louise Marvin Harkness (Rev. David Harkness), grandsons John and Andrew Harkness of Ossining, New York, Dr. Peter Harkness (Brenda), great grandsons Dylan and Weston of Denver, CO.

The family thanks all of Gena's friends for their kindness and prayers and the staff of Westminster Oaks who loved and cared for her. Gena's Service of Witness to the Resurrection



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will be held on Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 110 N. Adams St., Tallahassee, FL 32301. Lifesong Funerals and Cremations is providing services to the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Presbyterian Mission,

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700,

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/E132192/> ; Habitat for Humanity, 322 West Lamar

Street Americus, Georgia 31709-3543 USA, <https://www.habitat.org>; or Bread for the World,

Attn: Membership Services P.O. Box 96416, Washington, DC 20090-6416,

<https://www.bread.org/>



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PW

Pearle Wood posted:

We're thankful for Gena's terrific life!

January 17 at 5:55 PM

MC

Michael And Carol Cole posted:

Such a kind and gentle soul. She live a Christian life to the fullest. Definately a hard act to follow. It is a great loss to this world. God Blessed Her. T his earth mourns her loss. Heaven is leaping with joy when she arrived. Miss You !!!

January 17 at 10:56 AM



Katrina Carter posted:

I enjoyed having conversations with Gena towards the end of her life. Gena looks like the spitting image of her cousin, Leona. Sending love and hugs to my Marvin cousins.

January 17 at 8:24 AM

KA

Kari Acker posted:

Best hugger and red lipstick wearer ever. The way I will forever remember her. So glad Gabi and I made the trip last month to see my favorite Aunt. My love goes out to my Marvin cousins. Sorry for the loss of your mom, grandma and great grandma too.

January 16 at 1:12 PM

DO

Dennis Overlien January 16 at 4:32 PM

Aunt Irene was indeed a great hugger!!! I will miss our many wonderful phone conversations and laughs that we had together. It will be a very special day when we see her again someday!!! I can only imagine how wonderful her home going must have been with loved ones and friends and Jesus!!!

PJ

Patricia Johnson posted:

My deepest sympathy Martha and family.Pat Johnson

January 15 at 8:52 AM



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Phyllis J McCarthy posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was a sweet lady and one of my favorite patients. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Phyllis McCarthy, RDH

January 13 at 6:25 AM



John Menge lit a candle in honor of Gena.

Susan and family know yall are in my thoughts and prayers.

January 12 at 4:55 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gena by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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