



Imogene C Rettos

September 12, 1929 - October 10, 2023

Imogene C. Rettos passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 10, 2023, due to complications from pneumonia. Imogene was born and raised in Memphis, TN, by her parents Lucy and Chester Chapel. She graduated from Memphis State University in 3 years with a degree in languages. Imogene had a sense of adventure that she lived by her entire life, which led her to visit Cuba during college and a trip to San Francisco via Route 66 after graduation and many road trips to New Orleans to enjoy her love of jazz.

She moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she met her husband, Nick, at their place of employment, Rockwell International. They married and had 3 children, Nicholas, Diane, and Jeanne. In addition to having a family, she worked as a model, and eventually started a career as a Research Specialist in the Department of Preventive Medicine at The Ohio State University. Imogene worked on projects including cancer and heart research, and the development of an emergency medical system in Southern Ohio. She and Nick also had season tickets to the Ohio State Buckeyes football games and continued their passion for the team even after retiring.

Imogene was an accomplished cook, gardener, and avid reader, and she loved to entertain their friends. She also had a lifelong love for music and the arts. Imo and Nick had season tickets to the Columbus Symphony, where she volunteered for their fundraising committee. Imogene shared her love of the arts with her family, traveling with them to New York to visit her college friends

and attend Broadway shows. She loved to travel, which led her to explore Greece, Portugal, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, as well as many holidays spent in Marco Island, Florida with family.

After retiring she and Nick relocated to St. George, UT, in 1999 where they began their second act. She enjoyed the beautiful red rock desert environment and sharing their new home with family and friends.

She is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, Nick Rettos, and children Nicholas (Ann), Diane (John), Jeanne (Thomas), and grandchildren Maria (Nik), Manny (Beth), Michael, Kristina, Adam (Stephanie), and great grandchildren Silas, Luke, Abraham, Aiden, Elias, Lola, Hari, Alex and Finley. May the spirit of her passionate life live on through the memory of those who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

A Celebration of Life will be held on December 2, 2023, at 3:00 pm at the New Promise Lutheran Church, 244 S. Valley View Drive, Saint George, UT.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to New Promise Lutheran Church.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 2. 3:00 PM (MT)

New Promise Lutheran Church
244 S. Valley View Drive
St. George, UT 84770

Tribute Wall

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“ Imogene was truly unforgettable in so many ways. I met her in 1999 at a gathering after Christopher’s and my wedding. Christopher had always described his aunt as fun, generous, kind and really intelligent. Christopher and Imogene loved Ohio State football. It was football that kept them connected the last several years. Christopher would be texting in the middle of a football game. I figured he was texting a college friend but no, it was always “Imo”. When we visited St George some years ago I totally understood why Christopher referred so fondly of “Imo”. She was hospitable, intelligent, confident, full of life. For me she was energetic, sassy, interesting, confident, and so inviting. We will miss Imogene very much but I promise she is unforgettable to us. This fall while we watched OSU football Christopher and my eyes met and we knew without speaking that we were thinking of Imo. She will always be in our thoughts.-Chris and Jean Rettos

Chris Rettos - December 02, 2023 at 12:40 PM

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“ Imogene was sweet kind and loving. She always made everyone feel welcome and accepted
She was strong and beautiful. She was willing to share all that She had with anyone. I only regret that I did not keep more intouch with her and Nick over the years. Lovely people and lovely memories.

Jean Dickson - November 13, 2023 at 10:01 PM

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“ I’ll never forget the first time I had Imogene Rettos’ baklava. I had never tasted anything so heavenly. Years later she gave me the recipe, and I’ve been making it and sharing with the neighbors during the holidays ever since. This year’s batch won’t taste quite as sweet.

Amber Nile - November 01, 2023 at 06:57 PM