



Irene Elizabeth Fordham

May 2, 1937 - October 31, 2022

Irene Elizabeth (Rosella) Fordham, 85, passed away on October 31, 2022, in her home in St. George, UT surrounded by family. Irene was born on May 2, 1937, in Grand Junction, CO to Pete Rosella and Florence Abeyta.

They were a loving family and proud of their Spanish nationality. She was also a devout Catholic and always had a rosary close by. Irene spent her childhood in Park City, East Carbon, and Price, Utah where she shared many fond memories with her two siblings.

In high school she was active in sports and voted homecoming queen. She attended Carbon College where she met and married John Kandaris and together they had 4 children. She was a devoted mother and very active in her kids' activities. Eventually she and John divorced and went their separate ways.

Irene loved serving the public as the sheriff's secretary and it was at this job that she met her forever prince, Rodger Fordham. They married in 1978 and together celebrated 45 blissful years of marriage. Through this marriage she was blessed with 2 more daughters, Kim and Tracy. While living in Manilla, UT they enjoyed their summers as "captain and first mate" on their boat in Flaming Gorge. They later moved to Mesquite, NV, then eventually to St. George, UT. They were also members of the Elks Lodge where Rodger

served as Previous Exalted Ruler.

Irene loved to dance, and her eyes would light up when reminiscing about dancing at the Elks with her loving husband. Once Irene became a grandma that seemed to take over her life; she adored all 12 of her grandchildren whom she spoiled endlessly. Irene was a selfless person and had the special ability to brighten people's day like only she could. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her husband, Rodger Fordham; sister, Rachael Johnson; children: John Jr., Nick (Stephanie), Julie (Craig) Morgan, Rob, Kim and Tracy (Chris); grandchildren: Matthew, Michele, Alex, Ross, Kirstie, Luke, Ryan, Alyssa, Olivia, Madeline, Lindsay and Gavin; and nieces and nephews: Eric, Pam, Tina, and Peter, all of whom she loved dearly. Preceded in death by her parents Pete & Florence, brother Bob, and son-in-law Jim Gillespie. We would like to thank the Intermountain Hospice of St. George and all the caregivers who looked after her. In lieu of flowers you may donate to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org/get-involved-now/donate.

Services will be held at the Notre Dame Catholic Church at 210 N Carbon Ave in Price, UT on November 12, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., followed by burial at Price City Cemetery. After services a luncheon will be held in the basement of the church beginning at noon.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 12. 10:30 AM (MT)

Notre Dame Catholic Church
210 North Carbon Ave
Price, UT

Burial

NOV 12. 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Price City Cemetery
595 East 400 North
Price, UT 84501

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Rodger and Irene’s children & families, I just found out today that Irene passed away. She was one of my best friends even though she was 19 years older than me. I first met her when she worked for the Sheriffs Office. She was like a big sister to me and a mentor. She took me under her wing and was such a wonderful person. We also shared the same birthday. We stayed in touch all these years and had so much in common. My love and condolences go out to each and everyone of you. No words can express my sincere sympathies for you. Rodger take care of yourself.
Terri (Goniotakis) Salas



Terri Salss - November 14, 2022 at 03:51 PM

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“ Lots of love and prayers to your family. So many memories over the years!



Ruth Wieland - November 04, 2022 at 10:00 AM

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“ I will miss you Irene. You were so fun to be around.

toni abbott - November 04, 2022 at 01:01 AM