

IRENE (ANDERSON) OLIX

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Irene M. Olix, 97, passed away on January 3, 2018 while residing at Oak Creek Terrace Assisted Living in Kettering, Ohio.

She was born on August 25, 1920 in Osnabrock, North Dakota to Carl and Mary (Torrance) Anderson.

Irene grew up in Grand Forks, North Dakota. She was only 2 years old, and her sister, LaVerne, 5, when their mother, Mary, tragically died as a result of a house fire. Her father, Carl, later married Grace Norton, with whom he had a son, Clarence (Casey) Anderson. The young sisters became very close with Grace and their new brother. As a young girl, Irene spent many summers at her grandparents farm where she developed a love of nature and animals, particularly horses. Irene's love of horses was lifelong and at age 50 she finally got a horse of her own. She continued to ride and care for her horses until she was 80.

Irene also loved baseball. She and friends would head to a nearby ballpark to watch the minor league teams play. This led to her meeting a young man named Don Olix, who played for the Grand Forks Chiefs. Don was from Fairport Harbor, Ohio, so it became a long distance romance for a while. Irene was engaged to Don for over three years while Don served overseas in the U.S. Army during WW II. They were married on March 27, 1945 in Painesville, Ohio and raised their family in Fairport Harbor, Ohio. They were happily married for 44 years until Don passed away in 1989.

Irene's family and friends will miss her dearly - she was always there to welcome people into her home for a cup of coffee and some goodies she had recently baked. If you were lucky, you might even enjoy a day with her teaching you how to make cabbage rolls, balish, or Santa Claus cookies.

Irene is survived by her three children; daughter Dianne Olix, Kettering, OH; son, Gary (Nancy) Olix, Chardon, OH; and daughter, Jodi (Jeff) Long, Sinking Spring, PA; brother, Casey Anderson, Nashville, TN; grandchildren, Justin (Terri) Olix, Lindsay Olix, Ashleigh (Carrie) Olix, Kevin Long, Ryan Long; great-grandchildren, Janelle and Devin Olix.

A memorial service to celebrate Irene's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be done online at lakehumane.org or sent to Lake Humane Society, 7564 Tyler Blvd., Bldg E, Mentor, OH 44060.

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