



## Irene Agnes Rosaaen

March 20, 1920 - December 28, 2015

Irene Agnes Rosaaen, 95, passed away on Monday, December 28, 2015, at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse, WI.

The daughter of Albert and Sophia Morken, Irene was born March 20, 1920, in Black Hammer Township. Irene was baptized and confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church in Black Hammer, MN, and was a lifelong resident of Black Hammer and Spring Grove. She was currently a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring Grove.

As a young child attending the Black Hammer School, Irene was friends with the neighbor boy, Arnold G. Rosaaen, enjoying a friendship for many years. When he went off to war several years later, they exchanged many letters. When he came home on October 15, 1945, they quickly arranged to be married and were married in Black Hammer on November 15, 1945. They lived in Spring Grove where Arnold was a local businessman. Irene enjoyed helping Arnold in his business and was a vital link to its success. Irene enjoyed being a homemaker and participating in raising six children. Irene and Arnold enjoyed 60 years of marriage.

Irene loved people and had a special place in her heart for each of her nephews and nieces and appreciated having them as a vital part of her life. Irene also held her friends and her children's friends dear to her, enjoying

each one of them; in her later years, she enjoyed her telephone friends. Irene enjoyed playing cards, especially with her grandkids and great grandkids and took great delight in beating them.

Irene is survived by five children: David (Linda Ekern - Hamel, MN), Donald (Patricia Ryan - Plano, TX), Judith (John Graf - La Crescent, MN), Rita (Jeff Hillman – La Crosse, WI), and Brian (Minneapolis, MN); 8 grand-children: Nathan (Kelly) Rosaaen, Robin (Jon) Gaffaney, Andrew (Emily) Rosaaen, Kimberly (Mike) Stowe, Kirsten (Shaun) Dugan, Jeff (MaryAnn) Graf, Tammy (Tom) Kolen, Joseph Hillman, and 12 great-grand-children (Molly, Toby, Katelin, Mary, Boden, Griffin, Kaylie, Lily, Ryan, Jocelyn, Alyssa, Jordan; sisters-in-law Dorothy Rosaaen and Beverly Rosaaen as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband Arnold, her parents Albert and Sophia, a son Rodney, a grandson Michael Hillman, granddaughters Laurie and Lisa Hillman, siblings and their spouses Eno (Laura) Morken, Tilford (Hilda) Morken, Alma (Grant) Ellingson, Clarence (Amy) Morken, Arnold (Helen) Morken, Edna (Peter) Hegge, Genora (Julius) Gulbranson, Edwin (Margaret) Morken.

The family of Irene Rosaaen thanks you sincerely for your acts of kindness, and for words of comfort and prayers. Irene will be remembered for her compassion for others, her strength of character, and devotion to family and was a blessing to her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Trinity Lutheran Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44  
Spring Grove, MN 55974

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Roble Funeral Home  
225 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 368  
Spring Grove, MN 55974  
(507) 498-3875  
mor4law@springgrove.coop  
<https://roblefuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
203 E. Main St.  
Spring Grove, MN 55974  
trinity@springgrove.coop

# Tribute Wall

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“ *David, Donald, Judy, Rita, Brian & family,*

*It's 1:45 A.M., Saturday, January 2, and the 1st thing I want to do is express my condolences to you. I am not at a loss for words normally but I struggle to express my real feelings right now. I have been trying to compose this tribute to your Mother and to you since Tuesday when I was informed of her passing.*

*There are so many good memories that come to mind when I think back to our childhood days, including her playing cards with us. If we were short a player we did not have to ask her twice if she would join us. I often felt that my name should have been Mark (Rosaaen) Thorson considering how much time I spent at your home. I do recall her saying that I was one of her kids.*

*Holly and I will be seeing you in a few hours to honor and pay tribute to your Mother as well as to you.*

*God Bless...*

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**Mark Thorson (& Holly)** - January 02, 2016 at 02:28 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Irene was so good to my mom. She was a neat lady.*

*Carol Kjome Williams (Ione Kjome's daughter.*

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**Carol Williams** - December 31, 2015 at 04:48 PM