



## Irene M. Detwiler

February 23, 1928 - March 13, 2021

Irene Marie Detwiler, 93 of Goshen, died Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Greencroft Healthcare, Goshen. She was born February 23, 1928 in Elkhart to Ervin D. and Laura D. (Long) Kenaga. On November 28, 1945 she married John R. Detwiler.

Surviving are 4 children David (Linda) Detwiler of Nappanee, Mark (Susan) Detwiler of Wilmington, DE, Lori (Peter) Novachenko of Osceola, Kathy (Doug) Harris of Elkhart, sister Claudine Gluckert of Elkhart, 7 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchildren

Preceding her in death was her parents, husband John, son Tim Detwiler and 4 siblings Paul Kenaga, Ruth Fields, Devon Kenaga and Maxine Buckley.

Irene was a homemaker and piano teacher for 35 years and approximately 100 students. She volunteered with ADEC and was part of the Tuesday Ladies Group. She was a former member for the board of directors for the American Counsel for the Blind. Lifetime member of Elkhart Valley Church of the Brethren.

Visitation will be Friday, March 19, 2021 from 11:30 am -1:30 pm followed by a service at 1:30 pm at Rieth Rohrer Ehret Funeral Home, 311 S. Main St. Goshen, IN 46526. The service will be streamed on the funeral home website [www.rrefh.com](http://www.rrefh.com). Go to Irene's tribute page, click on the photo's/video tab. The webcast will appear before the service. Pastor Frank Ramirez will officiate. Burial will follow at West Goshen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be given to Elkhart Valley Church of the Brethren.

# Cemetery Details

## West Goshen Cemetery

Goshen, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes  
311 S Main Street  
Goshen, IN 46526  
rrefh@rrefh.com

## Funeral Service

MAR 19. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Irene M. Detwiler*



Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes - March 19, 2021 at 09:31 AM

SH

*What a beautiful service. Irene lives on in our hearts.*

Sherrie (Oman) Huang - March 19, 2021 at 02:23 PM

WG

*Absolute beautiful Service. Thanks Cathy for your part. Mom would have loved it . Wayne & Noella. Also Thanks Dave Oh that's right .....LOL*

Wayne Gorrell - March 19, 2021 at 04:59 PM

DD

*Thanks, Little Buddy!!!*

Dave Detwiler - March 19, 2021 at 05:53 PM

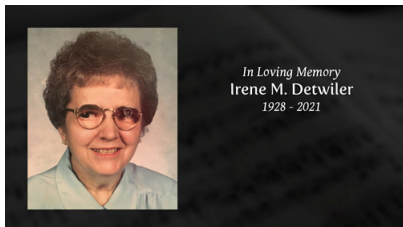
KH

*Thank you Wayne and Noella*

Kathy Harris - March 20, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ *Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Irene M. Detwiler*



Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Homes - March 19, 2021 at 08:15 AM

C(

*What a beautiful tribute to your Mom. I could honestly feel her in those photos. She will be dearly missed.*

Cathy Schaefer (ADEC) - March 19, 2021 at 01:47 PM

KH

*Thank you Cathy*

**Kathy Harris** - March 20, 2021 at 01:51 PM

JR

“ *Kathy, Dave, Lori and Mark-- The Reverend was right. Aunt Irene would have wanted the children's noises, in any situation, including this one with Lori's great grandson doing the honors. Smiled every time I heard him. You shared some great memories, and brought back even more. We'll miss Irene and Uncle John, but we have many stories to remember them by. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Cousin Jerry, and Karen*

**Jerry Roderick** - March 19, 2021 at 02:24 PM

DD

*Thanks, Jerry!!*

**Dave Detwiler** - March 19, 2021 at 05:46 PM

KH

*Thank you Jerry*

**Kathy Harris** - March 20, 2021 at 01:52 PM

SH

“ *This beautiful video is a wonderful tribute to Irene and the love that she had for her family.*

**Sherrie (Oman) Huang** - March 19, 2021 at 01:10 PM

DD

*Thank you, Sherrie!!*

**Dave Detwiler** - March 19, 2021 at 05:55 PM

KN

“ *Sending loving thoughts and prayers to the Detwiler family.*  
*Kris and Landy Roepke*

**Kristin Nelson** - March 16, 2021 at 01:10 PM

DD

*Thank you, Kris and Landy!!*

**Dave Detwiler** - March 19, 2021 at 05:56 PM

KH

*Thank you Kris and Landy!*

**Kathy Harris** - March 20, 2021 at 01:52 PM

PS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Irene’s death. I am so very happy to have known her through her work with ADEC and the Wednesday Ladies. She was always kind and so very funny. She was a great asset to the Elkhart County community. Paula Shively, former CEO of ADEC*

**paula shively** - March 16, 2021 at 12:28 PM

DD

*Thank you, Paula!*

**Dave Detwiler** - March 19, 2021 at 05:48 PM

KH

*Thank you Paula!*

**Kathy Harris** - March 20, 2021 at 01:53 PM

CD

“ *Colette and Dave purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Irene M. Detwiler.*



**Colette and Dave** - March 16, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Irene M. Detwiler.*



March 16, 2021 at 08:43 AM

BL

“ Aunt Irene was a very special lady. Even with her handicap she was able to raise 5 children, have our grandma live with them and care for her, have time to give piano lessons. She and uncle Johnny worked well with each other and gave of their time to others and despite going through the loss of a child remained positive and witnessed to others who faced grief situations. She has earned a special place in heaven!

Barb Kenaga Leedy - March 15, 2021 at 07:09 PM

DD

Thanks, Barb!?

Dave Detwiler - March 19, 2021 at 05:50 PM

KH

Thank you Barb!

Kathy Harris - March 20, 2021 at 01:55 PM

JT

“ We are so sorry for your family's loss she must've been a very special lady to have children like Dave and his family.

Janet Templeton - March 15, 2021 at 06:29 PM

DD

Thank you, Janet!!!

Dave Detwiler - March 19, 2021 at 06:14 PM

KH

Thank you Janet!

Kathy Harris - March 20, 2021 at 01:56 PM

MK

“ "May the love of friends give you comfort and the love of God bring you peace." I learned to know Irene in the pre-Covid days when I visited and read the Bible to her every Thursday afternoon. Margaret Kauffman

Margaret Kauffman - March 15, 2021 at 09:59 AM

CS

*To the Detwiler Family - My deepest condolences to each of you. Irene (and Johnny) were very dear to me and to many others at ADEC as well as the Tuesday Ladies and members of ACB.. A kind, sweet and caring child of God who delighted in helping in a multitude of ways. She will always be remembered lovingly.*

*Cathy Schaefers  
former Admin. Asst. for Dept. of Visually Impaired*

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**Cathy Schaefers** - March 16, 2021 at 06:33 PM

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*Thank you, Cathy!!*

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**Dave Detwiler** - March 19, 2021 at 05:51 PM

KH

*Thank you Cathy!*

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**Kathy Harris** - March 20, 2021 at 01:57 PM