



Mrs. Ilene Wallace

July 26, 1925 - June 26, 2020

Ilene Kennedy Wallace passed from this world into the next peacefully in her sleep early Friday morning June 26, 2020 one month before her 95th birthday. She was born July 26, 1925 in Waldo, Kansas. Her family lived in Hunter, Kansas where her father owned a general store. When she was in jr. high school her family moved to Abilene, Kansas. While she was in high school she became a cheerleader her senior year. After graduating high school she attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for a year. At the age of 20 she met Benjamin Wallace at their church in Manhattan, Kansas while he was stationed at Fort Riley military base. They fell in love and were married on August 2, 1946. After WW2 they moved to Wheaton, Illinois where Benjamin attended and graduated from Wheaton College. From Wheaton they moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Between the years of 1947 and 1953 they had their four children, Carol Ann, Dana Elaine, Jonathan Neil, and Lance Stephen. In 1957 they moved from Minnesota to Moline, Illinois where they lived for ten years. Following this they lived in Naperville, Illinois for about 12 years before moving to Murfreesboro, Tennessee where they lived for over 25 years. After Benjamin retired in 2014 they moved to Cocoa, Florida to live with their daughter and son-in-law Dana and Peter Costello. Benjamin passed away in 2017.

Ilene was a woman who loved and was dedicated to her Lord Jesus. Her next great love was her husband. She had many loves though; she loved people

and conversation. She loved and was deeply involved in every church they attended; she always made many close friendships. She enjoyed participating in and leading Bible studies. She also volunteered as a counselor at the Crisis Pregnancy Center for many years. She loved playing games with her family and friends. She loved being a hostess and having people visit and spend the night. She and Benjamin frequently had missionaries spend time at their house. Vacations were usually spent visiting with family. She and Benjamin had great hearts and once their own children were grown they took in older foster children and also unwed mothers.

Ilene is survived by three of her sisters, Ruth Norsworthy, Roma Lee Irby, and Ora Mae Irby and her four children, Carol Orman, Dana Costello, Jonathan Wallace, and Lance Wallace. Her grandchildren are Lisa Kilgour, Mitchell Orman, Aaron Orman, Kevin Orman, and Justin Orman; Christopher Costello and Timothy Costello; Heather Wade, Jon Jr. Wallace, Christina MacDonald, Melodie Mueller, and David Wallace; Nathaniel Wallace, Emily Wallace, Elissa Moon, Sarah Wallace, and Matthew Griffin. Her great-grandchildren: Ruthie, Abbie, Julie, Billy & Tiffany Kilgour; Carolyn, Joel, Raymond, Laura Orman, Eleanor Orman and Allison; Giana, Elena, Carolyn, Natalie, & Amy Costello; Brianna Costello Firebaugh, Matthew and Seth Costello; Laurel, Asher, Nina and Eden Wade; Elijah, Gideon, Roc, Zachery, and Xander Wallace; Dylan, Hannah and Jared Wiley; Greta and Blythe Mueller; Micah, Josiah, and Gabriel-Noah Wallace; Peter and Dorothy Hooper; Ainsley Webb and Frankie Moon; Ella and Lucy Griffin; and great-great granddaughter Lucy Firebaugh.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, June 30, 11 am at Trinity Community Church, Titusville Florida.

Cemetery Details

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1
Mims, FL 32754
(321) 383-2638

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Community Church
6750 S Washington Ave
Titusville , FL 32780
(321) 268-8004

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ilene Wallace*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear of Ilene's departure, but I would not wish her back, for I know she is in the arms of Jesus. I have many fond memories of visits in the Wallace homes over the years. They always welcomed us. I remember her as one who truly showed exuberantly and contagiously, that she had the joy of the Lord in her heart. It can be difficult for us who are still here on earth when someone we love has graduated to Heaven, but we can look forward to the time when we will be reunited with them. In relation to eternity, we really don't have long to wait. While my thoughts and prayers are with and for all in her family, I hope that each can take comfort in Psalm 116:15.*

With love in Him for all of you,
David Van Dam

David Van Dam - July 02, 2020 at 10:07 AM

DW

“ *She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.
She watches over the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call
her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her:
Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all...
all heaven rejoiced as you arrived, sweet Ilene, spiritual mother to
many and inspiration to all.*

*Deepest sympathies at the loss of your saintly mother. She was and
remains deeply loved . We look forward with joy to the day we will
see her, Ben and all who've gone before once more!*

Deb Waite - June 30, 2020 at 09:52 AM

CF

“ *Ilene was like a second Mom to me when she led my ladies Bible
study at Central Baptist in Naperville. She was the sweetest! My
condolences to all her family! 💕🙏*

Charlotte Fraley - June 29, 2020 at 04:57 PM

SS

“ *I am sending love and condolences to you all. Aunt Ilene was a
lovely mother, aunt, grandmother and friend to everyone. She was a
great leader for loving God and she shared it with you and
everyone. Love and peace to you all. Sara Irby Seller 💕*

Sara Seller - June 29, 2020 at 03:35 PM

“ My dear Aunt Ilene -

I will miss your presence on this earth, even as our paths did not cross often. The sound of your laughter with my father and mother are among my cherished childhood memories.

I shared the news of your passing with my mother, Lois, and she wept. But then she began recounting the wonderful loving parts of life shared with you. She spoke of how she met you when she was back in Manhattan, Kansas during a break from Moody Bible Institute and that she met you and your sisters at the Baptist church. She and you became close friends. She described how you and she would walk together after church and stand at a corner and talk and talk before you each went your separate ways. One such Sunday morning the two of you were standing on the corner and you shared your sadness with her of learning that your brother, Carroll, had been seriously injured during a blackout in England. You asked Lois if she might write to your brother in the English hospital. She did, of course, and that was the beginning of the 60 years of their shared love life. A few years later, your Ben and Ken were both attending Wheaton College and the four of you shared a 2-bedroom apartment. There was your Carol Ann and Lois' Kathleen and then came your Dana, and eventually I, too, was born and joined the happy household. Lois said there was never a moment of disharmony in that loving home and lots of Christian joy.

It was always special when you and your Wallace family joined in Kennedy reunions. My siblings, Kathleen, Peggy, & Patrick agree that you added so much to a festive family time. You added light and ebullience!

Lois exclaimed how joyous it must be for you now to be reunited with your Ben and your parents and brother Ken and sister Doris, as well as many others.

Dear Aunt Ilene, you had such a wonderful life on this earth, always

*such a strong witness, always loving and positive in your relations with everyone. With deep love always to you and your family.
~ Greg Kennedy ~*

Greg Kennedy - June 29, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ilene Wallace.*



June 29, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *Ilene was a special person. She showed love and concern for everyone. She will truly be missed but we know she is radiant as she is now with her Heavenly Father and with Ben.*

janice Williams - June 28, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ *“And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”
Daniel 12:3 ESV
I will never forget God’s Presence radiating from her and reflecting His Glory...
“on Earth, as it is in Heaven...” a pleasure just to be in the same room, an Inspiration to make it through senior years by His gracious Glorious Grace!*

Joe Milliken - June 28, 2020 at 12:39 AM

JR

“ I always felt a special bond to Aunt Ilene because we would celebrate our birthday together if we had a family gathering between July 26 her birthday and mine was July 28. Aunt Ilene's christian witness to everyone gave me a model for me to follow.

Janet (Irby) Reynolds - June 27, 2020 at 10:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ilene Wallace.



June 27, 2020 at 07:26 PM

LH

“ Lynn H. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Ilene Wallace.



Lynn H. - June 27, 2020 at 04:30 PM

TG

“ Aunt Ilene was the best! She was always ready to help anyone in need! She lived to help others! She loved Jesus and thought me the importance of putting Jesus first in everything I did! She truly showed me unconditional love! I will truly miss her! I know she is in that great cloud of witnesses cheering me on, saying - Keep your eyes on Jesus, Tina!
Much love, Tina Green

Tina Green - June 27, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ilene Wallace.*



June 27, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ilene Wallace.*



June 27, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ilene Wallace.*



June 27, 2020 at 02:38 PM

PT

“ Dearest Aunt Ilene,

Although we lived so far a part and really didn't get to see you very often, I will always remember you as one of the kindest, truly lovely person I know. You were always so serene and soft spoken. You made me feel so special each time I got to see you. I have no doubt you are with Uncle Ben singing hymn after hymn praising God. Rest In Peace good and faithful servant your work on earth is done. You will live forever in our hearts. Love you, Patty and Larry Thurlow

Patty Thurlow - June 27, 2020 at 10:45 AM