



Irene Catherine (nee Kolinski) Marx

August 17, 1923 - April 19, 2025

Irene Catherine Marx (nee Kolinski) age 101, died on Saturday, April 19, in Carroll County, Ohio. Irene was born in 1923 in Toledo, Ohio to Lawrence and Hedwig Kolinski. During her long life, Irene lived through 4 wars, the great depression, the Cold War, and the rise of the computer age and many other technological advancements. During WWII she met a very handsome GI named Arthur Marx, who swiped her umbrella on a rainy night and refused to return it until she surrendered her phone number. The ploy worked and they were happily married for 57 years. During their life's journey they raised a family of five children while moving close to 20 times because of Art's job with GE. They spent most of their married life in the Cleveland area, broken up by a stint in Van Wert, Ohio. While there, Irene finished her college degree and, after the family settled back in Cleveland she pursued a career teaching 6th grade at the Gesu Parish school in University Hts.

During their long marriage, Art and Irene relied heavily on their deep Catholic faith which they tried to impress upon their children. Irene was rarely idle. Besides working full-time, she was always busy with her children and grandchildren. Family came first and she loved being a mom, a grandmother, and great-grandmother. In her retirement she enjoyed playing bridge, golfing, gardening, sewing, knitting, quilting and baking. There was nothing better than one of Irene's holiday meals. Delish!!!!

As they approached retirement they made the decision to move one last time to Steubenville, Ohio to be closer to their daughters Martha and Jane and some of their many grandchildren. They loved their time in Steubenville. As Irene's health began to deteriorate Irene lived with Martha, and very near Jane. The family thanks them and her caregivers Ronda, Mary Lynn, Amy and Betty. A special thank you also to Golden Age Retreat and Ohio Hospice who led her and us along the last journey.

Besides her husband Arthur, she is preceded in death by her brother Bill Kolinski, sister, Jane Petee and daughter-in-law Mary Diessler Marx. Irene is survived by her sister Joan Rohen and her children Peter Marx (Patricia), Steven Marx (Stacey), Jane Evans (Robert), Martha Stan (William), Mary Donnelly (Kevin), and grandchildren Patrick Marx, Sarah Calabrese (Anthony), Cate Marx- Bodie, Brian Marx, Laura Marx-West (Richard), Julie Marx-Dunning (Nick), Irene Fitzgerald, Joshua Evans (Elaine), Emily Valot (Joshua), Michael Evans (Stefanie), Leslie Kungl (Fred), and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, April 25, 2025 at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Amsterdam with Fr. Athanasius Musajjakaawa officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Steubenville. Visitation will be Thursday from 5-7 p.m. in Dodds Funeral Home of Amsterdam.

Donations in her honor may be made to her favorite religious order who doted on her at first Saturday devotions and pot luck. <https://opusangelorum.org/>

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

94 Mount Calvary Lane
Steubenville, OH 43952

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dodds Funeral Home -Amsterdam
207 S Main Street
Amsterdam, OH 43903
(740) 543-3555
<https://www.doddsfuneralhomes.com/>

Service

APR 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
333 North Main Street
Amsterdam, OH 43903

Tribute Wall

CP

“ Dear Mary, Martha & Family,

Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. Mrs. Marx was more than a mentor to me-she was a steady influence for many years. Her compassion and support during difficult times are immeasurable! There are too many fun memories to count. However, attending her 100th birthday party is very memorable.
Caroline Poole



Caroline Poole - May 04, 2025 at 07:56 PM

HF

“ Heather & Chris Petee and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Catherine (nee Kolinski) Marx.

Heather & Chris Petee and Family - April 24, 2025 at 02:10 PM

ZZ

“ I remember her special love for me as a graduate student in Cleveland. I always felt I am part of her big family!

Zhutian Zhang - April 24, 2025 at 09:30 AM

TZ

“ Tian Zhang purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Irene Catherine (nee Kolinski) Marx.



Tian Zhang - April 24, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ I remember the amazing cherry pies Aunt Irene made from her own cherry trees in Wickliffe and the really cool house they had there .
Heather Petee

Elixir Americana - April 24, 2025 at 07:30 AM

CM

“ Chuck and Angela Meader purchased the *Shades of Purple* for the family of Irene Catherine (nee Kolinski) Marx.



Chuck and Angela Meader - April 23, 2025 at 09:01 PM

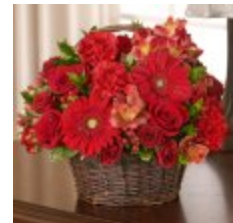
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Chuck and Angela Meader - April 23, 2025 at 09:01 PM

KS

“ Kerry & John Shovar purchased the *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red* for the family of Irene Catherine (nee Kolinski) Marx.



Kerry & John Shovar - April 23, 2025 at 06:00 PM

KW

“ Dear Mary & Family - I remember your Mom as a very special person. She was kind and strong, and every time I saw her, she always had a smile on her face. You are so fortunate you had her for so long, and I know you will miss her dearly. Sending warm hugs of comfort during this difficult time. God bless Irene. From Karen & Bill Wetzel

Karen Wetzel - April 23, 2025 at 01:50 PM

RG

“ Ralph G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Catherine (nee Kolinski) Marx.

Ralph G. - April 23, 2025 at 09:03 AM

RG

“ Ralph G. purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Irene Catherine (nee Kolinski) Marx.



Ralph G. - April 23, 2025 at 09:03 AM

LT

“ Love Lizzie, Ani, Maynard, and Trent purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White for the family of Irene Catherine (nee Kolinski) Marx.



Love Lizzie, Ani, Maynard, and Trent - April 22, 2025 at 04:25 PM

PS

“ In honor of Irene we have donated to her favorite charity. Pam and Tim Stan

Pamela Stan - April 22, 2025 at 02:34 PM

KR

“ Karl and Debbie Rohen purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Irene Catherine (nee Kolinski) Marx.



Karl and Debbie Rohen - April 22, 2025 at 02:17 PM

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Karl and Debbie Rohen - April 22, 2025 at 02:17 PM