



Carey Irene Spencer

May 23, 1931 - March 10, 2023

Carey Irene Spencer, one of seven children born to the union of the late Carl O. Anderson and Lucy Emmaline (Manes) Anderson, was born May 23, 1931, in Waynesville, Missouri where she attended school and graduated from Waynesville High School.

She went on to further her education by attending one year at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, MO, and one year at Pittsburg State Teachers College in Pittsburg, Kansas.

On August 11, 1951, Irene, as she was known to her family and friends, was united in marriage to Rev. Richard A Blix in Waynesville. They shared over 43 years of marriage together before he preceded her in death on November 16, 1994.

In 1965, Irene began working as a secretary for the Missouri Baptist Convention in Jefferson City, Missouri and served in this capacity for 28 years before retiring in May 1993. She enjoyed her job with the convention and visiting with all the pastors and visitors that would come in.

After Richard passed away, Irene met John C. Spencer. They were united in marriage on November 9, 1995, and shared 20 years of marriage together before he preceded her in death on May 23, 2016.

Irene had made a profession of faith as a child and her faith was very important to her. She was a member of the Mt. Gibson Baptist Church of Waynesville for several years and was very active as long as her health would allow her. Irene loved her church family dearly and enjoyed using her gift of playing the piano for worship services whenever she was needed.

In her spare time, Irene enjoyed rock collecting, making quilts and spending time with her friends and family. Her main passion was music and playing the piano and you would often find her playing when you visited her home.

Irene went home to be with the Lord Friday, March 10, 2023, in the Life Care Center of Waynesville, Missouri having attained the age of 91 years. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

She leaves to cherish her memory four nephews: Tom Tinsley of Waynesville, MO, H.R. Tinsley (Rita) of Richland, MO, Carl Bartlett (Kay) of Springfield, MO, and Richard Brown of Camdenton, MO; one niece: Kathy Cantrell (Bob) of Springfield, MO; stepchildren: Eugene Spencer (Mary) of Jefferson City, MO, Judy Bogatzke (Todd) of St. James, MO, and Ernie Spencer (Liz) of Jefferson City, MO; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; several other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Irene was preceded in death by her siblings: Esther Tinsley, Victoria Brown, Sophia Bartlett, Herman Anderson, Melvin Anderson, Vernon Anderson; brothers-in-law: Walter Bartlett, Harold Tinsley, and Arlo Brown; niece: Beth Tinsley; nephews: Tim Bartlett, Roger Brown, and Don Anderson; sister-in-law: Mae Anderson; and stepdaughter: Lora Spencer.

Even though she is gone from our sight, Irene's love of music and her Lord will

live on in our hearts forever.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Irene Spencer to the Mt. Gibson Baptist Church and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 9:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Funeral Service

MAR 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ I was Irene's nurse for a period of time, she would always play the piano for me when I would ask. Condolences to her family, what a lovely lady.

Jodi L Whittlesey - March 15, 2023 at 03:44 PM

DM

“ Dawn Robert McKee lit a candle in memory of Carey Spencer



Dawn and Robert McKee - March 15, 2023 at 01:31 PM

PG

“ Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Carey Spencer



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - March 14, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ Debby Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Carey Spencer



Debby Myers - March 14, 2023 at 10:25 AM

LR

“ I was lucky to have met, known and be a friend of Irene. We spent many hours talking about our families and I was surprised to find out that she and my dad have known each other since they were 10 years old. My dad and Irene visited almost everyday since Irene went to live there. She was loved by me and a good friend of my dad's.

Linda RENNO - March 13, 2023 at 06:11 PM

MW

Irene was my Aunt by marriage. I was in Waynesville last year and was fortunate to visit with her. She was a dear and very sweet.

Marcia Tinsley Wright - March 14, 2023 at 09:40 AM



I was lucky enough to have had her in my life. She was the kindest, sweetest, Godly woman I have ever known. I will miss her smile and her warmth. She loved hugs and sharing a meal with loved ones. One of her favorite sayings when doing so was, "that's good stuff, Mainard!" Which was always said with a laugh and a smile. I am lucky to have called you, "Grandma."

Joshua Cahill - March 15, 2023 at 09:38 AM

KC

My very loved aunt, Irene Spencer, was my Mom's youngest sister. Irene was the youngest in the family of 7 children of Carl and Lucy Anderson. Carrie Irene (Anderson) Spencer never had children of her own, so all of her nieces and nephews were special to her. My Mom, Sophia Bartlett, was 15 when Irene was born so she thought Irene was her baby. In a large family, the older ones take care of the younger ones. So Irene and my Mom always had a special bond. Irene's 1st husband was Richard Blix. Irene and Richard spent their time serving the Lord. When Richard passed, she married John Spencer, who also predeceased her. Irene was a good, faithful Christian woman. She used her musical talents playing piano and organ for many churches she attended over the years, but most recently, Mt. Gibson Baptist church in Waynesville, MO.

Kathleen Cantrell - March 15, 2023 at 09:58 AM