



## Irene J. Okel

May 25, 1933 - February 16, 2025

Irene J. Okel, age 91 formerly of Benwood, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2025 at Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Wheeling surrounded by her family.

She was born May 25, 1933 in Shadyside, OH daughter of the late Delmas and Irene Heyda Finnicum.

Irene was a retired LPN from Bell Nursing Home, Belmont, OH and a longtime member and a devoted member of the choir at St. John's Catholic Church, Benwood. She was a former 4-H leader and All-Star and a member of the Marshall County P.T.A.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband: Thomas Okel; twin sister: Mary Rosman and two brothers: Sonny & Gary Finnicum. Survivors include three daughters: Linda (Todd) Carnell of Keyser, WV, Ladean (Michael) Rodak of Benwood and Leslie (Patrick) Rodak of Valley Grove; six grandchildren: Zachary (Chelsea) Rodak, Samantha (Jordan Fuqua) Rodak, Michele Rodak, Jonah (Claudia Romano) Rodak, Daniel (Marina Rohbeck) Rodak and Clarissa (Tristan) Kimble; five great-grandchildren: Riley, Dane and Declan Rodak, Kyden Rainey and Eloise Kimble; three sisters: Delma (Richard) Garrett of Cleveland, OH, Shirley Clouse of Barnsville, OH and Carolee Miller of Beallsville, OH and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 20, 2025 from 2:00-6:00pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road,

Bethlehem/Wheeling. Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 21, 2025 at 11:00am at St. John's Catholic Church, 622 Main Street, Benwood, WV with Fr. Doney as celebrant.

Entombment in Halcyon Hills Memorial Park Mausoleum, Sherrard.

Sympathy expressions at [grisellfuneralhomes.com](http://grisellfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Halcyon Hills Memorial Park

Sherrard, WV 26003

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem  
1 Ridgecrest Road  
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 232-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Liturgy with Mass

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Catholic Church  
622 Main Street  
Benwood, WV 26031

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the family. Mrs Irene was a sweet lady who touched the lives of all she met. I had the privilege of getting to know her and caring for her for a bit. Love and prayers to the family*

*-Phyllis Green*

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**Phyllis Green** - February 21, 2025 at 02:52 PM

MS

“ *Irene was such a kind lady with a beautiful voice. I was in the choir with her for many years. I always looked forward to hearing Irene sing "O Holy Night" at the Christmas Midnight Mass. It was my favorite song. It still is. I can't think of the song without recalling Irene's beautiful voice singing it.*

*My condolences & prayers to her three beautiful daughters & her family. May you be comforted by loving memories of your Mother. Her spirit lives on in all of you.*

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**MarySue Szymialis** - February 20, 2025 at 01:42 AM



“ *Aunt Irene was always friendly and kind. As a kid I remember spending a week on the family farm in Ohio and seeing a calf just after it had been born.*

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**Bill Okel** - February 19, 2025 at 04:39 PM

BO

“ *Bill & Mary Okel purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Irene J. Okel.*



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**Bill & Mary Okel** - February 19, 2025 at 04:33 PM

CE

“ *Leslie, I am so very sorry to learn of your Mother passing. Please accept my deepest condolences for you and your family. God Bless.*  
*Carol Zemba Earlewine, LPN*

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**Carol Earlewine** - February 19, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Irene J. Okel.*



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February 19, 2025 at 12:46 PM

GR

“ *Greg Rosmon purchased the Country Basket Blo oms for the family of Irene J. Okel.*



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**Greg Rosmon** - February 19, 2025 at 10:31 AM

GR

“ Greg Rosmon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene J. Okel.

Greg Rosmon - February 19, 2025 at 10:31 AM

DM

“ Deepest sympathies to all of you. May your mother rest in peace and may her memory be eternal. Sending prayers. 🙏

Darla (Frazier) Matsakis - February 18, 2025 at 05:26 PM

RS

“ Thoughts and Prayers for the all of the family during this difficult time.  
Irene was a wonderful person and a joy to be around. She will always be remembered as the Camp Nurse. Our time in this life is limited but the memories are everlasting.

Robert Silvester - February 18, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Irene J. Okel.

February 18, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene J. Okel.



February 18, 2025 at 10:25 AM

JF

“ Jeff Rosmon and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Irene J. Okel.



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**Jeff Rosmon and family** - February 17, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LC

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the family. ❤️



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**Larry and Lori Clouse** - February 17, 2025 at 06:07 PM

MB

“ Mary Homjak, Lindsay and Kyle Bowers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene J. Okel.

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**Mary Homjak, Lindsay and Kyle Bowers** - February 17, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MB

“ Mary Homjak, Lindsay and Kyle Bowers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Irene J. Okel.



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**Mary Homjak, Lindsay and Kyle Bowers** - February 17, 2025 at 01:15 PM

LR

“ Leon, Tammy, Mallorie, & Fisher Rodak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene J. Okel.

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**Leon, Tammy, Mallorie, & Fisher Rodak** - February 17, 2025 at 12:55 PM

LR

“ Leon, Tammy, Mallorie, & Fisher Rodak purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of Irene J. Okel.



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**Leon, Tammy, Mallorie, & Fisher Rodak** - February 17, 2025 at 12:55 PM