



## Irene Hazel Gum

August 17, 1915 - June 18, 2020

Irene Hazel Gum, 104, of Petersburg, formerly of Tallula, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at Sunny Acres Nursing Home. She was born August 17, 1915, the daughter of J.D. and Anna (Taapken) Dierks in Tallula. She married Harold Gum in 1940 in St. Louis, Missouri. He preceded her in death on May 31, 1978.

Irene was a member of the Tallula Christian Church. She worked at the New Salem State Park for over 30 years. She loved gardening, sewing, fishing and spending time in nature. Many of her family members have tried, to no avail, to match her talent of baking pies. Irene had a warm heart, a clever tongue and a smile that knew no stranger. Most of all, Irene loved her family.

Irene is survived by her son, Arthur "Art" (wife Sandy) Gum of Tallula; seven grandchildren, Sheryl (husband Robin) Smith, Jennifer (husband David) Drulard, Angela (wife Susan) Gum-Miller, Randall (wife Jennifer) Gum, Jeffrey (wife Tori) Gum, Kevin Gum and Michael (wife Jill) Gum; thirteen great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Verna Kaye (husband Robert) Nelson; a grandson, Greg Nelson; one brother and one sister.

The family will be hosting a private family viewing with a private graveside service immediately following at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg. Pastor David Poeschel will be the officiant.

Memorial contributions in Irene's name may be made to Sunny Acres Nursing Home for the activities fund, 19130 Sunny Acres Rd, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is serving Irene's family. Please visit [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com) to leave online condolences and share memories.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Hazel Gum*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Such good memories of miss Irene at countryside when miss cora was there. We will all miss her. Our deepest sympathy to the family. Most sincerely Ann & Albert Stier*

**Ann Stier** - June 23, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Our sympathies to all the family of Irene. We will all miss her. I remember during the 60's of times spent wth a group of people when we lived in the Tallula area. There was always a lot of stories, card games, and the Gums hosting a fish fry. Such good memories of good clean fun.*

**Kathie Blair** - June 23, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Family. I will miss her a lot! I remember when we went on picnics she was so happy to have a beer! 😂 she laughed! And she always loved my apple fritters! She would eat and eat them! Aw! My little Irene! ❤️❤️❤️❤️*

**carole Mohn** - June 22, 2020 at 08:59 PM

BA

“ My sympathy to the Gum family. My family spent many good times with Irene as she was like a member of our immediate family, more than just cousins She will be kindly remembered and loved by all of Robertas remaining family.

*Betty Ames*

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**Betty M Ames** - June 21, 2020 at 05:26 PM

KC

*Irene was one of the kindest most genuine people I have ever met. She was never without that smile that could light up any room. Thoughts to her family. She will be missed.*

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**Kristin Curry** - June 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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“ One of my fondest memories of Grandma Gum was seeing her at the New Salem gift shop and getting ice cream from her after my walks with Angie. I'm sure going to miss her sweet smile. Thinking of all the Gums. ❤️

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**Lisa Howard** - June 20, 2020 at 06:35 PM