



Irene Plantenberg

November 21, 1930 - November 29, 2025

Irene Plantenberg, a wonderful wife, mother, sister and friend, celebrated a lovely Thanksgiving with family. She passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 29, 2025. She was 95 years old.

Irene was born November 21, 1930, near Farming, MN to Albert and Elizabeth (Egerman) Backes. She married Ed Plantenberg, Jr. on September 6, 1950, at St. Catherine's Church in Farming. They had three children and were happily married for 62 years.

While raising her children she worked at the family business. Irene was active in Christian Women, Catholic Aid, St. Therese's Mission, Golden Smiles and she did a lot of volunteer work, especially for Meals on Wheels. Golf was her first love, along with bowling, trap shooting and snowmobiling.

Irene is survived by her children, Thomas (Cathy), Pam, Gene (Ute); sisters, Rosalie Thomes and Joan Gerber; brother, James Backes (Carol); sister-in-law, Viola Backes; grandchildren, Megan (Rob), Emily (Scott), Brian (Phoney), Jennifer (Aaron) and 10 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ed; siblings, Ester, George, Florence, Mildred, Carl, Eugene, Imelda, and Marie.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Richmond, MN. The visitation will be from 9:00-11:15 a.m. in the church gathering space. Inurnment will be in the parish cemetery. The service will be live streamed at www.christcatholic.com.

Cemetery Details

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Cemetery

Richmond, MN 56368

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Sts. Peter & Paul Gathering Space
110 Central Ave.
Richmond, MN 56368

Mass

DEC 9. 11:30 AM (CT)

Sts Peter & Paul Catholic church
110 central ave n
richmond, mn 56368

Tribute Wall

YV

“ Tom, Gene and Pam, I was so sorry o hear of your mother's passing. She was always a kind and thoughtful aunt. She truly will be missed. Yvonne (Bonnie Backes) Rowe. Take and God loves you!!!

Yvonne - December 14, 2025 at 01:34 PM

FU

“ From Pastor Tyler & Northeast UMC purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Irene Plantenberg.



From Pastor Tyler & Northeast UMC - December 08, 2025 at 11:57 AM

GG

“ Pam and family, cherish all the good memories you have of your mother as she joins your father in eternity. We were blessed to have known them as friends. Blessings to you. Gene and Sally Gerhart, Brownsdale, Mn.

Gene Gerhart - December 08, 2025 at 09:53 AM