



## Irma Mildred Kucera

February 9, 1930 - March 23, 2021

Irma Mildred Kucera, 91, of Marion, quietly passed away at her home on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids with inurnment at a later date at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Tama, Iowa.

Irma was born on February 9, 1930, in Tama, Iowa, the daughter of Louis W. and Lottie R. (Kupka) Zeman. She graduated from Tama High School and then attended Iowa State Teacher's College, Loras College and graduated from Mercy College of Nursing. On August 25, 1952, Irma was united in marriage to Robert Charles Kucera. He passed away on August 24, 2015. She was employed as an industrial nurse at Duane Arnold Nuclear Center, Wilson's Packing Plant, and Farmstead Foods. Irma was a member of the St. Matthew Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

She is survived by her children, Roxanne (Roger) Dunyon of Anamosa, Lorna (Tom) Perkins of Tama, William (Brenda) Kucera of Kansas City, Kansas, Natalie (Al) Mass of Amana, Brenda (Phil) Akers of Holt, Missouri, and L. Louis Kucera of Marion; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Irma was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert C.; infant daughter, Jacqueline Anne; and sister in infancy, Gwendolyn.

### Mom's Legacy

Irma loved her 6 kids, engineering her time to be available to all. She was God's secret angel in times when others needed extra help through a tough time. Irma had a lively spirit and spunky responses to everyone even during her own time of pain and changing of seasons. Her legacy is one of smiles and courage, and a listening ear. She was "Mother K" to many throughout the years. Irma would tell us even now to "Keep smiling and praying for everyone, everywhere, friend and foe alike". Amen Irma

# Comments

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“ To the Kucera family.  
I'm sorry for your loss. She will be deeply missed. I always remember her saying 'Smile, God loves you.' I also know that once in a while she would say 'keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you're up to'. I'll miss that fun sense of humor most of all.  
With deepest sympathy Vikki Novak

**Vikki Lynn Novak** - April 16, 2021 at 06:29 PM

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“ Brenda and family,  
  
I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom, Irma. I remember her kindness and smiles. I remember when Brenda would bring me to her house after school - I believe we were walking home after play practice - and the Kucera home was a waypoint to my house. It was often cold outside. Going into Mrs. Kucera's kitchen was like walking into a room of sunshine. Her warmth just radiated through everything.  
  
Please accept my deepest sympathy. and may God bless you all.  
Barbara Hames-Bryant

**Barbara Hames-Bryant** - April 03, 2021 at 01:14 PM

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“ Dear Kucera cousins,  
Your mom was a faithful and true link to my Kupka heritage. She faithfully kept in touch with my dad all of his life, calling him every year on his birthday. After he passed, Irma kept in touch with me and my family, and her mind was so sharp! I called her a couple of times for questions on family genealogy. She would amaze me with her quick answers! One memory I will always have of your mom--her Christmas Letters! Filled with information on each and every one of you kids! She was ahead of her time in that department! May the angels watch over all of you as you mourn your loss of your beloved mom. She is now in heaven, reunited with your dad. May that bring you comfort.  
Love, Patty (Kupka) & Kevin Cole

**Patty Kupka Cole** - April 01, 2021 at 04:44 PM

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“ Roxie and family - I was sorry to read of your mom's passing. We have fond memories of her and your dad when we lived in their apartments next to them on Fifth Ave. They weren't just our landlords - they were also our friends. And my mom and your mom shared a love of garage sales and Mom would often comment to me she had seen Irma at a sale and what fun they had chatting. It was a blessing to have the friendship of your family.

Mary Carr Westcott

**Mary Westcott** - March 31, 2021 at 10:07 PM

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“ Brenda,

I remember you and how down to earth and fun loving you were. I am guessing you may have gotten that from your mom. I also remember walking by your house on the way to the park or pool. It looked like a busy place.  
My thoughts are with you.

Jenny Hansen

**Jenny Hansen** - March 29, 2021 at 05:00 PM

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“ Lorna I was sorry to hear of your loss. I remember meeting both your parents I always loved conversations with them and always had fun at your house. you and the rest of your family will cherish those memories.

Nona Cummings

**Nona Cummings** - March 28, 2021 at 09:30 AM

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“ To the Kucera family,  
I was sorry to read of your Mom's passing. It was always fun visiting with your Mom and Dad (and i guess most of the Kucera kids) when they came into the paint store when Bill worked there. Hard working, intelligent and funny. Seeing her picture brought back memories of you guys when we all were younger. Wishing you all peace and comfort.

Kurt Carlson

**Kurt CARLSON** - March 28, 2021 at 08:56 AM

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“ Kucera family;  
I am so sorry for your loss, remembering many wonderful times with your family although a lifetime ago. As well as a few sit down at the table and listen moments. She always endeavored to talk with us as young adults not children. She will be missed by many.

**DiMar Barker** - March 25, 2021 at 08:51 PM

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“ Roxanne, Lorna, Billy, Natalie, Brenda, and Louie and family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I have fond memories of being on the farm as a youngster. Your Mom and Dad were always present at many family functions over the years. Then later, after your Dad passed, your Mom still showed up. Your parents were and are very special people, very accomplished, but humble....however your Dad was a character at times. Your Mom was a true angel in every sense of the word. I guess God decided it was time for them to come back together at their eternal home. May God Bless and Comfort all of you and the whole family in this time and always.  
Our Prayers are with you!!  
Sincerely,  
Robert & Holly Blayer and family

**Robert Blayer** - March 25, 2021 at 04:55 PM

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“ Was so sorry to see that your Mom had passed. (Your dad and mine, I believe, were first cousins.) RIP Irma.

Carol (Novak) Ireland

**Carol Ireland** - March 25, 2021 at 09:41 AM