



## Irene Birnie

January 12, 2023

Birnie, Irene (nee Grey), of Cresskill, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2023. Beloved wife of the late John F. (2013). Devoted mother of Virginia Misa and her husband Steven of Harrington Park, Kathleen Ruiz and her husband Richard of Cresskill, and John Birnie Jr. and his wife Kristine of Harrington Park. Cherished grandmother of Sean, Gabrielle, Christopher, Nicholas, Garrett, and John.

The youngest of 9 children, Irene was born to Helen and Gabriel Grey on June 6, 1934, in the Inwood Section of New York. After attending Sacred Heart High School and New York University, Irene worked as Premium Manager for SSC&B Advertising Agency. It was during a summer of fun with friends at the Jersey Shore that she met her future husband John at The Parker House in Sea Girt. They married, settled down in Cresskill, and had 3 children.

Irene's world revolved around her children and grandchildren. She attended every sporting event, music recital, and school function and was always known for her easy smile, playful sense of humor, and infectious laugh. Enrolled in NYU at 16 years old, Irene also had a brilliant mind and kept up on the latest technology, followed the stock market, and could discuss just about any topic. Her presence will be greatly missed.

Along with her immediate family, Irene is survived by in-laws Pat Grey, Nancy O'Neill, Jean Louf, Tom and Claudia Birnie, numerous nieces and nephews, and her heartbroken Shih Tzu, Daisy.

A Memorial Mass will be announced in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation in Irene's name be made to Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *i am very sorry to just find out now in July 2023 , that Irene passed. Many friends and myself are quite sad that one of us were not notified. A Lipton Friend*

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