



## Irene Ann Turner

August 3, 1932 - January 4, 2022

Irene Ann Tuner, age 89, a devoted mother, loving grandmother, and a proud great grandmother (favorably known as Mi-Mi), passed away peacefully on January 4, 2022. She is survived by her children, Joseph (Waco, TX) and Doreen Turner (Boca Raton, FL), her granddaughter and great-grandson, Michelle and Jackson Davis (Tallahassee, FL), and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends.

Irene's story starts in 1932 in New York, born to John and Lina Sullivan. She was raised by her wonderful grandmother and aunts in Europe, though born in America. As a little girl and during the war, you would find Irene attending school and playing on the farm. She became close friends with the sheep and donkeys; she had nothing but beautiful childhood memories.

Irene moved back to New York and started a family in 1954. She was known to be faithful, independent, hard-working, and self-sufficient. These top traits were most definitely passed down to her children and granddaughter. As a wife, mother, and full-time employee at Heller Financial, she always found the time to support her children, and she expected their best efforts at school, work, and in life. Both Joseph and Doreen attended St. Mary's Catholic School, and she raised her children to know and love Jesus. She was also a charitable woman and donated to various organizations, such as the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Disabled Veterans, Memorial Sloan Kettering, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

In 2000, at age 67, Irene retired and lived an adventurous life. Every year, with

her children and granddaughter, they would pick a random state and plan a road trip (in a 1997 Ford F-350). She sure did love a good ole' road trip, sightseeing, taking photos (polaroid, of course), purchasing postcards, and learning about our great country's history. Irene always made sure her passport was renewed, and she took countless trips to Europe to visit family and friends. Traveling, laughing, and spending time with loved ones was an absolute priority to Irene. She indeed was a happy and blessed woman. In 2017, Irene decided it was time to sell her city flat in Flushing, New York, and settle down, close to her daughter in Boca Raton, Florida. While residing in Florida, you would find Irene taking the bus to go shopping, making friends with her neighbors, writing hand-written letters to her loved ones, watering her plants, or taking a walk to the lake to feed "her" ducks. Irene loved nothing more than to have her granddaughter and great-grandson visit her; she was so proud of them; they are her enduring legacy.

An intimate memorial service celebrating Irene's life will be held at Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee on Saturday, January 15th at 10 am EST, followed by the burial at Roselawn Cemetery, also located in Tallahassee. The service will stream live for those unable to join us <https://www.bevisfh.com/obituaries/Irene-Turner-2/#!/PhotosVideos> . In lieu of flowers, please donate to one of the following organizations: Susan G. Komen Foundation, Disabled Veterans, Memorial Sloan Kettering, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) ) is assisting the Turner family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Irene Ann Turner*



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - January 15, 2022 at 09:01 AM

BS

*May Our Lord Jesus and his Blessed Mother accompany Irene to her eternal reward ! Bro. John Sullivan*

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**Bo. John Sullivan** - January 15, 2022 at 10:10 AM

MC

*R.I.P. my lovely sweet cousin Friend Irene I miss you so much. You were the joy in my life always so kind and beautiful. My deepest condolences to Your Family Doreen, Joseph Michelle and her family. I watched the Church service and she would have been very proud of you all. Rest In Peace sweet Angel until we meet again .*

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**Mary Cronin** - January 15, 2022 at 01:25 PM

AM

“ On behalf of our family in Ireland and especially my mother Agatha, may we express our sadness at Irene's passing.

*The frequent letters from Cousin Irene were always welcome with fresh news and stories. Her get up and go attitude and the warmth of her company marked her as a genuine and inspiring lady.*

*She will be missed but will forever remain in our hearts.*

*Regards*

*The Murphy family,*

*Birdhill,*

*Tipperary,*

*Ireland*

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**Andrew Murphy** - January 16, 2022 at 04:03 PM

FH

“ Our sincerest sympathies to all Ina's loved ones during this sad time. Her loss to us is devastating but we take comfort from memories of all the great times we spent with her. She was a huge presence in our lives, from the eagerly awaited “parcels from America” when we were children (many of these treasured items still live in our parent's house in Omagh), to her visits to Ireland over the years and our visits to her in the States when we were old enough. We will miss her glamour (she was never seen without her hair and nails impeccably done), her fun-loving nature, generosity of spirit and her wonderful sense of humour as well as her regular letters updating us on all the goings on. We regret that we cannot be with you today to mark the passing of such a great and much-loved character. She will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

*Sending our love to you all across the water, Fionnuala and Anna (Belfast, Ireland).*

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**Fionnuala and Anna Hinds** - January 15, 2022 at 09:35 AM

OH

“ God love & bless Irene always. As her first cousin, she introduced Mary to her American family as well as giving her a warm and loving 'home from home' in the late 60s. All of us-Mary's father, Ed, our son, Michael and daughters, Anna and Fionnuala stayed with Irene in her homes in Norgate Rd and Union St. She was like Mary's big sister and Mary remembers her telephone call on the night before our wedding. It was so memorable especially as she telephoned on a late June evening Eastern Time NYC but middle of the night our time! Everything said previously, we would like to endorse and can only say that she will be greatly missed here in Omagh and in Belfast. Thinking of Joseph, Doreen and Michelle today. Ollie and Mary.

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**Oliver & Mary Hinds** - January 15, 2022 at 09:35 AM

AD

“ Dear Doreen, Michelle, & Joseph,

*I am a 1st cousin once removed to Irene. Joseph may remember visiting us in Texas during our days in the Air Force many years ago. I live in Virginia with my husband and two boys. I was Irish born to her 1st cousin Michael (& Carole) Murphy, and raised in America. Irene and I shared many similarities. It was only a matter of 38 years that separated us! A fond memory that remains with me is sharing a NYE celebration at Irene's flat in 1995. My husband (John) and I had just been married and were taking a road trip honeymoon from Illinois to New York to Canada. We spent a wonderful evening with Irene, followed by a unique breakfast at a Korean restaurant the next day. Irene introduced us to the Korean brunch experience of dim sum. She was such a warm and hospitable host. Over the years, we have corresponded during the holidays each year...and I have enjoyed receiving her beautifully handwritten letters with photos and news of her family. Always sincere, kind, and incredibly thoughtful. Irene made everyone feel special, loved, and very welcome. I will cherish our recent chat on the phone a few months ago. She will be missed by so many-- especially me! Erin go bragh Irene!*

*Love from Angela (Murphy) Dereix, age 51, born in Dublin, living in Virginia, Irish soulmate to Irene*

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**Angela Dereix** - January 13, 2022 at 10:14 PM

SD

“ Sincere sympathy to Doreen, Joseph, Michelle and family on Irene's passing, love to you all. A light has gone out of your lives. We have fond memories of Irene's visits to Ireland and ours to New York. We will sorely miss her letters, photos and phone calls.

*Rest in peace dear Irene, you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*From cousin Michael Duggan, Siobhan and family, Lauragh, Kerry, Ireland xx*

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**Siobhan Duggan** - January 13, 2022 at 02:58 PM

KM

*Kitty Mccarthy here .Irene's cousin in Lauragh in Kerry .We loved her dearly and enjoyed her visits here and also visiting her in New York .she made our holiday with her so enjoyable. She was so welcoming and loved to entertain visitors. Always in good humour and jolly .we looked forward to her many visits to Ireland which now we will miss and also chatting to her on the phone and her lovely letters. Condolences to Doreen Michel and Joseph and all the extended family.May she rest in peace. Love from Kitty and family .*

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**Kitty Mccarthy** - January 15, 2022 at 11:14 AM

MC

*Rest In Peace you sweet lovely Cousin Friend until we meet again. I miss you so much. My condolences to Joseph Doreen Michelle and her family.*

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**Mary Cronin** - January 15, 2022 at 10:41 PM

KO

“ Dear Doreen, Michelle, & Joseph  
My name is Kathkeen O'Dowd, a sister of Helen Foster and i'd like to express my sympathy on the sudden passing of my dearest Irene. We used talk on the phone reguarly, in fact every second month. I will miss her dearly. May she rest in peace.  
Kathkeen O'Dowd & Family  
Limerick, Ireland.

Kathleen O'Dowd - January 12, 2022 at 04:57 PM

PL

“ rest in peace dear irene...thinking of you all.lots of love...martin & philomena o leary eyeries ireland.xx



philomena & martin o leary - January 11, 2022 at 07:06 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene Ann Turner.



January 10, 2022 at 09:28 PM

MP

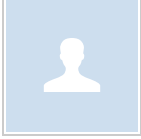
“ Doreen and Michelle ;So sad for your loss R I P dear Irene I have many fond Memories Mary C Pierre

Mary C Pierre - January 10, 2022 at 07:54 PM

DT

*Thank you Mary*

**Doreen Turner** - January 10, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Irene Ann Turner.*



January 10, 2022 at 06:56 PM

LD

“ *Doreen and Michelle, we are so sorry for your loss of this beautiful lady. While we only met her a few times, she was always smiling when we did. What a great life she had. We know you will miss her dearly. Our sincere condolences to your family. Sending prayers and lots of love.*

*Danny and Lisa*

**Lisa Davis** - January 10, 2022 at 05:35 PM

DO

*Thank you Lisa*

**Doreen** - January 10, 2022 at 08:37 PM

HF

*Doreen, Michelle & Joseph, Sincere sympathy on the loss of your mother, grandmother & g. grandmother. You will miss her incredible sense of humour & the love she had for all of you. Her great grandson was the light of her life. She was so proud to be a great grandmother! Even though I have met only Joseph, I feel I know you all. She kept us up to date with photos of all of you & important details of your lives. The love she had for all of her cousins shone through in all of her letters & there was never a phone call without a big hearty laugh! Cousin Irene, you will be so missed. What wonderful memories we have to console us. Rest in Heavenly peace.*

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**Helen & Richard Foster** - January 15, 2022 at 10:59 AM