



Irene Marilyn Witherspoon

May 22, 1948 - March 19, 2015

Irene Marilyn Witherspoon, 66, from San Marcos, Texas went to her heavenly home on March 19, 2015, after struggling with many health issues. Her love of family and life kept her going to the end. Family will receive friends at Pennington Funeral Home in San Marcos from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., Sunday, March 22, 2015. There will also be a visitation at Phillips & Lucky Funeral Home on Monday, March 23, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., with a Rosary at 7:00 P.M. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 24, 2015. Interment will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Rockdale.

Irene was born to the late Ben and Margaret (Mock) Hoffart in Conroe, Texas on May 22, 1948.

She graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1969, with a degree in education. On February 27, 1970, she was united in marriage to Edward Ray Witherspoon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Conroe. During their time together, she and her husband were blessed with two children, Jake and Chrissy. During their time in Tanglewood, Irene, unfortunately, became a widow at the young age of 38, but persevered through her faith in the Lord, a loving devotion to her children and her strong, independent nature. Her career in education spanned 37 years as a dedicated junior high and high school math teacher at public schools in north and central Texas.

She enjoyed life to the fullest, loved to socialize, and will be remembered as the “party planner.” She was a loving mother, grandmother, daughter, aunt, cousin, and friend. Her hobbies included collecting antiques, fishing, and going to the beach. In retirement, she loved spending time with her family and friends and eagerly anticipated the next opportunity to spend time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Ray Witherspoon; father, Ben Hoffart; mother, Margaret Hoffart; brother, Bernard Hoffart; sister, Margie Stubbs; and brother-in-law, Hugh Scarborough.

She is survived by her son, William “Jake” Witherspoon and wife Megan; daughter, Christene “Chrissy” Fischer and husband Jason; grandchildren Lyndon Fischer, Anna Fischer, and Ella Witherspoon; sister, Rose Scarborough; brother, Willie Hoffart and wife Theresa; sister, Janice Leck and husband Kenneth; sister-in-law, Mary Hoffart-Brooks; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pallbearers; Jim Butz, Mike Hoffart, Paul Hoffart, Tommy Meadows, Trent McNamara, Allen Murray, Arthur Scarborough, Mike Scarborough, Keith Stubbs and honorary pallbearer, Andy Hoffart.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Irene's name to your charity of choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Rosary

MAR 23. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Church Service

MAR 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
234 San Gabriel St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

JH

“ When I was a senior at Milano HE 1994. My father had past away and I could afford clothes for my Senior pictures and her and another teacher Mrs.Browder got together and took me shoppin. She was a very thoughtful woman.

Jolene Hill - October 08, 2015 at 11:44 PM

TW

“ Mrs. Witherspoon was such a great lady, and a wonderful teacher. I will always remember my 1st day of her math class. She literally came bouncing into the room as she shut the door. I thought, "This lady's crazy." But she was one of the most kind, compassionate ladies I've ever known. Math terrified me.... she told me, "Just show me your willing to try your best... I won't let you fail. You can do this." She was a terrific roll model. I'm so glad, and lucky, to have known her.

Tammi Williams - March 24, 2015 at 08:45 PM

KB

“ She was an amazing teacher and a friend. She was always kind and patient with everyone, especially this exhausted teenager who fell asleep often. I know this world will miss her smile but her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Kristi Bode - March 24, 2015 at 08:11 PM

CB

“ Miss Irene had such a big heart and loved her family so very much, The love she had in her soul, shined through her actions and that beautiful smile. The love she especially had for her children and her grandchildren, will stay in their hearts for forever and her smile will be in our thoughts as well. When you think of Miss Irene, you will automatically smile, as you will feel her smiling at you from Heaven. Prayers to everyone who knew her as she was one of a kind and will be truly missed.

Christina Butz - March 24, 2015 at 07:36 PM

SS

“ Irene was a wonderful mother, wife, teacher, friend and a selfless community member. If someone needed help she was there. I know she touched the lives of many people including mine. She will be missed.

Sallie Spivey

Sallie Spivey - March 23, 2015 at 02:45 PM

FM

“ She was such a wonderful person. always made me feel welcome whenever i was at her home. i'm better for having known her. I will always be grateful to her in that when she needed help on some legal matter, she had enough confidence in me that she called me for help.

Fred A. medina - March 23, 2015 at 01:26 PM

MD

“ Mrs Witherspoon was such an amazing teacher who tried everyday to inspire a love of math in her students. She never tired of explaining a concept or teaching even her most trying students (myself being one.) She had a heart of gold and always a mothers soul to we her students. I grew to know her outside of school after I graduated and learned to admire her even more. I will truly miss her smiles of friendship and when needed her looks of reprimand, making me want to be a better person. I'm praying for all of you, her dear family and want you to know she was truly a blessing to us all and we mourn along side you.

Marisa Ditto-Wilson - March 22, 2015 at 10:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene Marilyn Witherspoon.



March 22, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Irene Marilyn Witherspoon.



March 21, 2015 at 09:33 PM

PS

“ Polly, Peggy, Annabelle, Tracey, Lorraine & Shellie purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Irene Marilyn Witherspoon.



Polly, Peggy, Annabelle, Tracey, Lorraine & Shellie - March 21, 2015 at 09:06 PM

JM

“ Remembering the wonderful times of walking on the beach, talking for hours, watching our kids playing in the Lexington band, and performing or competing in their chosen sports and academic activities, and the antiquing trips, and how can I forget, plucking chickens at your brothers!?! Visiting your sweet mother. So many wonderful old memories. Too few recent ones. Cherish you always, dear Irene. Prayers and love, Jeanie and David



Jeanie Mundine - March 21, 2015 at 06:11 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Irene Marilyn Witherspoon.



March 20, 2015 at 09:24 PM