



Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington

August 9, 1931 - April 20, 2023

Irene S. Sommer, nee Szabo, 91, of South Barrington, Illinois.

Loving wife of the late Frank Sommer; beloved mother of George (Annette) Sommer, Mark (Sarah) Sommer, John Sommer and Tammy (Jimmy Komp) Sommer; dear grandmother of Kristen (Adam) Britt, Kimberly (Richard) Paterala, Nicholas (Nicole) Sommer, Chloe (Andrew) Dalbis, Michelle (Nick) Hall, Alexis Sommer and the late Michael Sommer; great grandmother of Preston, Lorelai, Jaxon, Kylie and Marco; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169.

Family and friends will meet Friday, April 28, 2023, at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, for a Visitation that will be from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. time of funeral service. Entombment will follow at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery, Palatine, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers donations to The Buddy Foundation (<https://www.thebuddyfoundation.org/donate/>) would be greatly appreciated.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences please click on the "Share A Memory" link above and you can leave a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o the Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery in Palatine

1185 West Algonquin Road
Palatine, IL 60067
(847) 397-3284
<http://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations.php?cem=38>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials
2550 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 752-6444
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com
<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com>

Visitation

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Funeral Service

APR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Cemetery / Graveside Service

APR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington.*



April 27, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Grandma's are a gift and I am lucky you were mine for 39 years. Thank you for all the amazing memories I have with you and my cousins from all the sleepovers, Marco trips and celebrations at your house. I hope you are sassing everyone up there, dressed in your favorite bejeweled teal top, watching your 'stories'. What a beautiful day to celebrate you* ☐



Kim - April 27, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington.*



April 27, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *Great Grandma, you will be greatly missed - XOXO*



Kristen Britt - April 27, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington.*



April 27, 2023 at 07:41 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington.*



April 26, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington.



April 26, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington.



April 26, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington.



April 26, 2023 at 12:59 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington.



April 25, 2023 at 08:24 PM



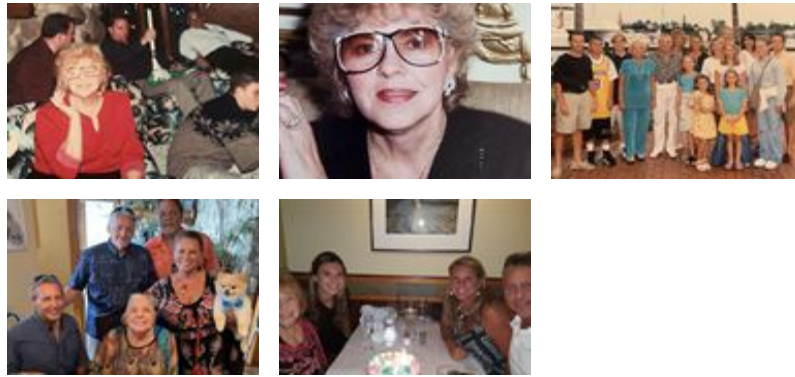
“ Tante Lena, Rita,John,Anita purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington.



Tante Lena, Rita,John,Anita - April 25, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ 130 files added to the album Life Tributes



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 25, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene S. Sommer of South Barrington.



April 24, 2023 at 04:02 PM

AS

“ I’ll love you forever, my buddy, my grandma.

Growing up going to my grandparents house on the weekend was paradise. And still as a 29 year old, visiting my grandma on Saturdays was my favorite thing to do. My earliest childhood memory is my grandma pushing me around in a stroller in her kitchen singing to me to go “hiya-hiya”. In fact, most of my childhood memories were all at my grandparents’ house. My grandpa, grandma, sister, and cousins gave me a lifetime of happiness and laughs. Looking back, my grandma put up with a lot from us grandkids; from telling her to reserve her car out of the garage when the back seat door was still open, us yelling “gram cracker, where are you??” up and down the aisles of Jewel every time we got separated, trying to change the radio to FM when she would only play AM, listening to us fight over who got to sleep on the floor directly next to her bed (because that was the best spot), her yelling “you’re too far out!!” to us every time we tried to swim to the middle of the lake. I could go on and on with the memories. Even enough we were annoying she would do anything for us. She invested so much in our Pokémon card, hot wheel, and beanie baby collection. She created the best mini furniture for our dolls and beds for my stuff animal dogs. She was the best cook (made the greatest dumplings) and kept all us girls stylish. I remember walking in your closet as a little girl and always being amazed.

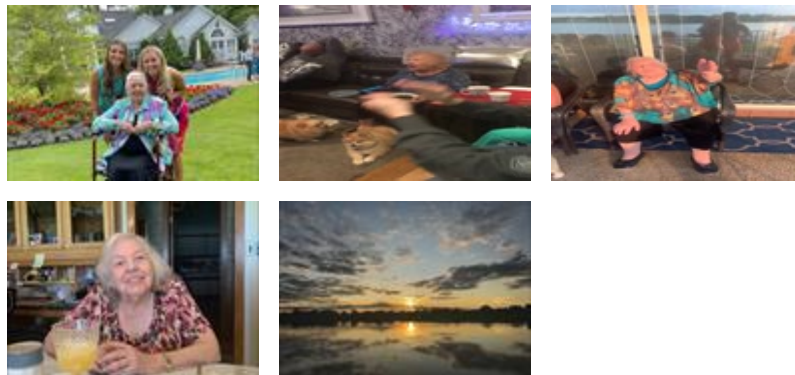
Even over the past years the memories with my grandma have grown. Our drunk Uber ride back to her house after Chloe and Drew’s wedding, being roommates on our Marco Island family vacation, watching 97% of Lifetime movies together, eating Chick-fil-A, wine/margarita nights, watching The Voice (NOT American Idol because that’s “terrible”), having deep discussions about the weather/wind direction, watching Bears games, painting, creating flower arrangements, and my favorite...watching the sunsets over the lake together.

I loved her sassiness, eyes rolls, witty one liners, and laugh. I

remember this past Thanksgiving when we watched “Trains, Planes, and Automobiles” together. She was laughing so hard she was snorting and had tears rolling down her face. We had fun to the very end and I’m so proud of how strong she was this year. From the hospital, to her house, we spent almost every day together.

Grandma, you are one of my biggest blessings. I will never forget you. I love you and thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything. I know you are with Grandpa now, probably visiting Marco Island. We will see each other again, but for now I will see you in all the sunsets.

And I still laugh every time that Amazon commercial comes on with the girl dancing that has a mustache. Can’t believe you said that was me dancing in my condo hahaha.



Alexis Sommer - April 23, 2023 at 11:48 PM

AL

*Sounds like you had a pretty special Grandma. So sorry for your loss.
xoxoxo*

Amy Lethert - April 24, 2023 at 02:01 PM

LS

“ When I think of Irene I remember fun family gatherings at my cousins' house. She always had the most warm and loving smile. To this day, I cannot stop myself from smiling when I think of her. Sending lots of love to all who are missing Irene.
Leslie Schuh and the Schuh Family

Leslie Schuh - April 23, 2023 at 03:14 PM



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April 22, 2023 at 07:35 PM

BM

“ As my best friend's grandma, Grandma Irene has always been a bonus grandma for me. I've known and loved her for many years now. I'll never forget the fun times at her amazing 90th birthday party, our dog visits, the hilarious 'Napoleon' night, my first time trying pineapple pizza, braiding her hair, Lifetime movies, and so much more. I will miss her so much. The Sommer family has been so blessed to have such a loving matriarch of the family. Thank you for including me and for all of the memories. My heart goes out to all of you during this difficult time.



Bridget McInerney - April 22, 2023 at 12:10 PM

CD

“ Gramma,

Even though we knew this day was coming, it sure doesn't make it easier. You're the reason why I love onion and bacon on my pizza, my affinity for teal, why I love watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy! You and Grandpa gave your grandkids the best childhood of spending weekends at your house. I remember wrapping myself around your leg when my Dad came to pick me up because I didn't want to leave. You took us to shopping at Spring Hill Mall, bringing us to different Jewels to pick up Pokémon cards, frequent trips to Hobby Lobby for building and creating houses and settings for our Beanie Boppers. Bringing us to Blockbuster. Letting us ruin your kitchen by making smoothies and re creating dance scenes from Bring It On and Nick throwing a grape and the perfect moment into the VCR. Poor you, Nick hid your cigarettes and also pranked you when you let us eat raw cookie dough and said he threw up blood but it was really ketchup. You got us the best ice cream; the notorious vanilla ice cream with fudge swirl cups. Going to Chili's and Peterson's bakery too. I'm so happy I have these great memories with you and my cousins. I'm so happy that Marco was able to meet you and always put a smile on your face when we came over. I wish I could have been there yesterday and we just missed you. I wish I could call you one more time to talk. You've told me so many times how to make your cucumber salad and amazing pork chops, but they are never as good as yours. Thanks for letting me open "Chloe's Spa Salon", letting us be Vana White and allowing 4 of your grandkids to sleep on the floor next to your bed and deal with us giggling and being dumb during Jay Leno and Saturday Night Live. I did dread watching Days of Our Lives and General Hospital sometimes but I'm so happy we did watch it all together.

We love you so much and will miss you so much.

I'll have an amaretto stone sour for you ❤️

Chloe Dalbis - April 21, 2023 at 10:33 PM

MI

- “ Some of my favorite memories with my Grandma Irene:
- Our shopping trips to Hobby Lobby, Homegoods, Spring Hill Mall, Target, Goebberts, Peterson's Bakery
 - Lunches at Chilis, dinners at Yu's
 - Doing crafts together, Ikea trips to decorate my new room when my family moved, creating floral arrangements together, our beanie baby/ Ty era
 - Setting her table for Xmas Eve, cooking dumplings together, decorating her Xmas tree (and her critiquing the placement of every ornament :)
 - Sleepovers, and just basically living at her house growing up
 - Her 90th birthday party

Things that will always remind me of my Gram:

Crossword puzzles, star/globe magazines, beanie babies, days of our lives, general hospital, lifetime movies, HSN, bird of paradise flowers, peacocks, marco island, pomeranians, the color turquoise

I'm so lucky to have had you as my grandma. You were one of a kind. I love you and will miss you everyday.

<3 Michelle

Michelle - April 21, 2023 at 10:00 PM