



## Irene M. Shelcusky

August 14, 1928 - December 14, 2021

MANVILLE - Irene M. (Rusnak) Shelcusky died Tuesday December 14, 2021 peacefully at home surrounded by her children. She was born on August 14, 1928 in Wilkes Barre, PA. Daughter of the late Stephen Rusnak and Sophie Janov Rusnak. Irene had 5 siblings who preceeded her, Emily, Sophie, Stephen, Joseph, and Mary. She was a resident of Manville for the past 68 years.

Irene was a member of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church. Irene was a very kind woman who adored her family and enjoyed cooking home cooked meals for them, especially from her Slovak recipes. She canned every summer from her vegetable garden. She made delicious kirby pickles, she had been named the Pickle Queen by her family. Irene loved to read, complete crossword puzzles, and do plastic needle pointing. Those creations will be cherished by her family. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren as each one had a special place in her heart.

Irene was preceeded in 2013 by her loving husband of 58 years Augustus "Gus" Shelcusky. She is survived by her three children, David Shelcusky and his wife Diane of Lavalette, NJ, Richard Shelcusky and his wife Donna of Calabash, NC, and her daughter, Lisa Libonati and her fiance Christopher Britt of Surfside Beach, SC.

She is survived by 5 grandchildren, Jessica Shelcusky of Hillsborough NJ, Brady Shelcusky and his wife Melissa of South Brunswick, NJ, Derek Shelcusky and his girlfriend Hong of South Brunswick, NJ, Cody Shelcusky, and his wife Amanda of South Brunswick NJ, and Thomas Libonati of Little River, SC and 2 great granddaughters, Gianna Noel and Mia Rose.

Irene also leaves behind two cherished nieces, Mary "Tootsie" Shorts, of Wilkes-Barre, PA and Joan Gillroy of Brookfield CT., and Joseph Rebarchak, who preceeded her.

The viewing will be Friday, December 17, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Ketusky Funeral Home 1310 Brooks Blvd, Manville, NJ. The funeral will take place Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 8:00 am from the Ketusky Funeral Home, followed by a 9:00 am mass at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church (Christ The Redeemer Parish) , 98 South 2nd Avenue Manville NJ. Following the mass, she will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Hillsborough, NJ.

The family would like to thank RW Johnson VNA Hospice for making her final days comfortable.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to : Manville First Aide and Rescue Squad, 2 South Third Avenue, Manville NJ 08835 or to Christ the Redeemer Parish, P.O. Box 924, Manville, NJ 08835

Irene will be dearly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

1096 Millstone River Road  
Hillsborough, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home  
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747  
Manville, NJ 08835  
(908) 575-8512  
info@ketusky.com  
<https://www.ketusky.com>

## Mass

DEC 18. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church  
98 South Second Ave.  
Manville, NJ 08835

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ We wrote, both us Pennsylvanians....but, we never met. Her husband (GUS) & I were cousins.  
I knew she was not in the best of health. I thought it weird that I did not receive either a birthday card, nor a Christmas card...but that's the way of it.  
May she find peace now, though she will be missed by all who loved her.



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**Christine (Pauly) Caraher** - July 27, 2022 at 01:16 PM

RG

“ Sorry for your loss Lisa Tommy and Chris  
  
Renee Greenberg



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**Renee Greenberg** - December 16, 2021 at 10:09 PM

DS

“ We miss you and love you.  
Diane and Dave Shelcusky



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**David Shelcusky** - December 16, 2021 at 09:34 PM

CB

*Richard I am so sorry for your loss. You were what a son should be about caring for your mother.*

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**Carolyn Bennett** - December 17, 2021 at 12:27 PM

CB

“ Christopher Britt sent a virtual gift in memory of Irene M. Shelcusky



Christopher Britt - December 16, 2021 at 09:31 PM

CB

I'm glad I got the opportunity to get to know you. You are a very special lady. I wish I had more time with you. ❤️

Christopher Britt - December 16, 2021 at 09:44 PM

LL

“ Lisa Libonati sent a virtual gift in memory of Irene M. Shelcusky



Lisa Libonati - December 16, 2021 at 09:20 PM

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Lisa Libonati - December 16, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Irene M. Shelcusky.*



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December 16, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ *Mary Britt purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Irene M. Shelcusky.*



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**Mary Britt** - December 16, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Irene M. Shelcusky.*



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December 16, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *Mike, Lydia, Dave, Kate, Duke, Michelle purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Irene M. Shelcusky.*



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**Mike, Lydia, Dave, Kate, Duke, Michelle** - December 16, 2021 at 07:09 AM

KF

“ *Kathy Meagher And Family lit a candle in memory of Irene M. Shelcusky*



**Kathy Meagher and family** - December 15, 2021 at 09:41 PM

KF

*Sympathies and prayers to her family. God Bless them all.*

**Kathy Meagher and family** - December 15, 2021 at 09:47 PM

KM

*Irene was a kind and caring person in every way. The conversations we had were always very dear to me. She will truly be missed. Sincerely, Kathy Meagher*

**Kathy Meagher** - December 16, 2021 at 12:35 PM

LL

*Thank you Kathy, she appreciated you and always said it was so nice of you to call her and check on her..love you*

**Lisa Libonati** - December 16, 2021 at 10:13 PM

CP

*I never knew how funny Irene was until the day me her and Ricky went to the grocery store and a bald man got in her way and she called him an "" egghead "" I still crack up. She didn't remember it but it's funny how we all have different memories. I'm just glad that some remembered so I know I'm not going nuts.. it was so so encouraging to c and meet yous and ur kids for the first time. I will cherish the memory 4ever.*

**Cathie Shorts Prosser** - December 19, 2021 at 12:30 PM

LL

“ Lisa Libonati sent a virtual gift in memory of Irene M. Shelcusky



Lisa Libonati - December 15, 2021 at 09:35 PM

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Lisa Libonati - December 15, 2021 at 09:35 PM

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“ Lisa Libonati lit a candle in memory of Irene M. Shelcusky



Lisa Libonati - December 15, 2021 at 09:19 PM

LL

Mom, No words can express how much I'm going to miss you and how much you are loved. DEEP IN MY HEART YOU'LL ALWAYS STAY, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN IN HEAVEN. I LOVE YOU MOM ❤️

Lisa Libonati - December 15, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene M. Shelcusky.*



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December 15, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Irene M. Shelcusky.*



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December 15, 2021 at 10:34 AM