



Irene Leavitt Wengert

May 17, 1931 - December 26, 2023

With tender hearts we bid farewell to Irene Leavitt Wengert, our family matriarch, beloved and faithful wife of Frank Delano Wengert (deceased), mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend to multitudes. Having lived a rich and full life filled with love and service to others, she passed away peacefully at home on December 26, 2023 after a brief illness and age-related causes, and returned to her sweetheart's loving arms.

Irene was born on May 17, 1931 to Eldon Smith Leavitt and Grace Eveline Cooper Leavitt in Overton, Nevada. Her humble childhood beginnings included time in the pioneer town of Bunkerville, Nevada, living on a silver fox farm in Las Vegas, and later living in North Las Vegas.

In the summer prior to her freshman year at Las Vegas High School, at the tender age of 13, Irene met the love of her life, Frank Delano Wengert, who was entering his senior year. A mismatched love affair began, which then led to a 5-year courtship, then a nearly 75-year marriage into eternity, which began on July 16, 1949 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She and Frank proceeded to raise their family, moving dozens of times around the country. They managed to make the ugliest of houses and yards into beautiful and loving places of refuge for their family, and scores of other people and animals that were in need of a family.

Irene was an obsessive creator and dreamer, a scientific inventor who held several patents, a serious student of the scriptures, an accomplished gardener, a dedicated temple ordinance worker and church servant, a

constant missionary to anyone in her sphere of influence, an avid reader, a business owner and entrepreneur, a beloved teacher and speaker, a licensed real estate agent and cosmetologist, a model with a flair for fashion and good taste, a stickler for etiquette and elegance, a pianist with a beautiful singing voice, a student with an insatiable appetite for knowledge and personal growth, and farm girl at heart with a special love of her cows. Most notably, she was the epitome of a remarkable, loving, and caring mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was also a foster mother to countless babies, children, teens, and adults who entered her life. She left a legacy of service, faith, love, and a burning testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

During their decades together, they found joy and rejoicing in their vast posterity. She is survived by their only son, Dennis Delano Wengert (Maureen), five daughters, Shelley René Shelton (David), Jan Maree Wengert, Clare Lisa McCammon (David), Kathryn Elliott (Robert) and Cynthia Andrus (Randy), 28 grandchildren, 98 great grandchildren and growing, sisters Elda Anne Millett and Lynn Carey, brother-in-law Robert E. Wells, and her precious furry guardian dog, Parley. Irene and Frank's family remained the center of their existence and their highest priority. Their greatest desire in life was to see their posterity happy, anxiously engaged in the good pursuits of life, and to enjoy the blessings of exaltation.

There were three things Irene loved most – the Lord, her family, and beauty in all of its earthly forms. She longed for the day that all three would be together for eternity. In fact, she's probably already identified a few bare spots in heaven and is busy planting flowers and trees to fill the void and add to the beauty!

Special thanks to her marvelous Aspen Ridge Hospice care team headed by her nurse Heather Lyman. They weren't just care takers. They were compassionate and loving friends.

Funeral services for Irene will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024. Viewing from 9:00-10:30 a.m., services at 11:00 a.m., at the Snow Springs LDS Church building, 1801 West 700 South, Lehi, Utah, 84043. Interment will be at

Highland City Cemetery, 6300 West 11000 North, Highland, Utah, 84003.

Link to view the services: <https://www.youtube.com/@snowspringsbuilding2776/streams>

Cemetery Details

Highland City Cemetery

6200 W 11000 N,
Highland, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Lehi Chapel
1801 West 700 South
Lehi, UT 84043

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Lehi Chapel
1801 West 700 South
Lehi, UT 84043

Graveside Service

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Highland City Cemetery
6200 W 11000 N,
Highland, UT

Tribute Wall

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“ Loved that lady so much in 1964-65 in Hermiston. She was my Sunday school teacher when she went to the temple. Shared so much with us and we all loved her. So happy I finally found this to see where she ended up. One never forgets her ! Beautiful family.

vivian Edvalson - April 19, 2024 at 11:57 AM

JD

“ Speaking into my phone didn't work very well with regard to grammar and spelling. I'd like to apologize for that in my prior post. But I hope you got the jest of what I was trying to get across. I also like to say that Irene spoke so well of her family, and was proud of each of them. She even shared a CD with us of her grandson that was singing Christmas music. It was beautiful.

Jeffie Dickerson - January 02, 2024 at 01:16 PM

JD

“ I’m not as eloquent in writing, as Irene always was, but I can tell you how she came into my life and how much I loved her. Our 16 years ago Irene became my visiting teacher, which it was called at that time I was in active at that time in the church. We had just recently moved into our home and Lehi and it was Irene’s love and caring that got me active back in the church. I have been strong and active in the church again ever since. Her love and caring for everyone including me, was without judgment with open arms and love. She would visit me. I would visit her, and I would love hearing stories about her younger years and growing up on farm. I loved hearing about her family, all of her children and grandchildren who you could tell she loved so much. We visited with her and Frank a lot. It was great talking with both of them and hearing about their lives. Irene shared many books that she was reading, which I then bought for myself. She always made me feel so loved, and I started calling her, my earthly angel because I feel she saved mine in my husband’s lives by getting us to return to the church. I used to give her little angels because that’s what she meant to me. We moved down to St. George a year and a half ago and anytime we went to the Salt Lake area. We would always stop to visit with her . I’m going to miss her so very much we would always text back-and-forth and I loved how eloquently she would speak. If it in her text and how cute she was about using emojis to show her feelings she was really good at that she really was an earthly angel to me and I know look at her as my heavenly angel.

Jeffie Dickerson - January 02, 2024 at 01:09 PM