



Irene Cook Pross

August 25, 2006 - September 2, 2005

Irene Cook Pross died Friday, September 1, 2005 in Palm Garden Nursing Home, Largo, Florida.

Irene was born in North Brookfield, New York and lived in Syracuse, New York where she retired from McKinley-Brighton School after teaching for many years in the Syracuse City School District. She moved to St. Petersburg, Florida in 1968.

Surviving are one sister, Ola Lunsford of Syracuse, New York; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Diane Cummings O'Dell in 1980.

Entombment will be in Memorial Park Mausoleum, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ I will never forget my Aunt Irene. When I see someone who is dressed to the max or I hear a comment that I know she would make, I think of her elegance and grace. She always treated everyone with respect, no matter who you were. When we first moved to Florida, she couldn't wait until we met her friends at PineCrest. She arranged a special lunch in a private room and we were told to dress up, which meant Ed had to wear a tie. She was a model hostess, making sure everyone was included in the conversation and we all had the the correct # of forks and spoons. I was so impressed with her grace in the way she treated people, even though one or two fell asleep at the table. Aunt Irene will always be the voice in my head reminding me of the importance of treating people with respect and dignity. I will miss her. Cheryl

September 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Irene will always be remembered for her dignity and grace. Se was a beautiful person inside and out. She loved her Grandchildren and was thankful to them for the connection they had in her life. Our family will always remember Irene as a person who loved life and found great enjoyment in her friends and family. We will miss her and are thankful especially for the Florida visits we were able to have with her these last few years. Your Oldest Niece, Barbara Lester

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“ I have enjoyed seeing childhood pictures of Irene & sisters & reading letters sent to my Grandmother, Stella, & my Mother, Doris. Cole Hill is still a beautiful spot -especially when the leaves change. I also remember what a great farm Uncle Clarence had there. My sympathies to you Ola & hope you are well. Darlene

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“ I have many memories of my Aunt Irene, among them that she was always very gracious when visiting with her in Syracuse or Florida. She was always interested in what we were doing and frequently wrote letters. The first Christmas card we got every year was from Aunt Irene. She was meticulous in her appearance at all times. I remember when Keith, Jaclyn and I went to visit her on our trip south in August, 2003, we went to lunch with her at Pinecrest where she was living. It was a Saturday and most people were dressed casually but Aunt Irene was dressed as if she were going to a formal affair with a beautiful blue dress, makeup, jewelry and of course her hair done. That is how I will remember her. Aunt Irene kept in touch with everybody she knew in her lifetime so she had many friends and I think she outlived most of them. I still have recipes that Aunt Irene gave to me, namely for oatmeal cookies and a three-bean salad. I know she liked to cook and entertain. My father has told me of the card games, etc. she would organize after dinner. I always enjoyed hearing about her many travels so in the past few years I have been sending her post cards from our travels as I knew she would enjoy hearing about our trips. Finally, I will always be grateful to Aunt Irene as she was the first person who alerted me that there was something wrong with my mother's handwriting and that I should prompt my mother to go to the doctor. My mother knew there was something wrong but did not go to the doctor until Aunt Irene's letter prompted her and then she found out she had Parkinson's Disease. The past five years have been sad in having lost three of the Cook sisters. Now they are together. Sandy, Keith and Jaclyn 9/3/05

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