



## Irene June Marcum Wells

June 1, 1940 - January 27, 2026

Irene June Marcum Wells born 6/1/1940 and went home to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on 1/27/2026

She was preceded in death by sister Melda Ann Marcum Sturgill, her husband Glen Allen Wells and her parents Lester James Marcum and Thelma Jane Stidham Marcum.

Irene is survived by sisters Doris Marcum Still, Mary Jane Marcum Brickey, and Linda Marcum Cole; children Pamela Joy Wells Miles, Rebecca Renee Wells, David Allen Wells; grandchildren Jennifer Emmert, Karen Darnell, Hannah Grace Wells, Stephen Marcum Wells, Asher Roscoe Wells, and great grandchildren.

Irene was an extremely gifted wife and mother. She was well read, a master gardener in her own right, an avid birdwatcher, an excellent cook, thorough seamstress, cross stitcher, crocheter, a creative artist, an amazing singer with great taste for music, enjoyed cutting hair, a phenomenal homemaker, great listener and encourager but not afraid to bluntly speak the truth of a matter. She imparted words of wisdom.

Irene helped her parents when they ran Park Avenue Grill in Norton, Virginia. She worked at Geller's Department store in Norton in high school. She was a

crossing guard at an elementary school in Johnson City, Tennessee and also worked at the hospital in Johnson City in security. Irene also babysit various children over the years.

Irene particularly loved roses, trillium, cardinal flower, peonies, mountain laurel, rhododendron and marigolds to name a few. She made sure to celebrate everyone's important dates and served their favorite foods.

Irene attended Park Avenue Baptist in Norton, Virginia where she and the late Glen Allen Wells met, Fort Gibson United Methodist some while living in Castlewood, Virginia, Union Church near Stephens, Virginia and Ridgeview Baptist Church near Wise, Virginia when she lived up on Guest River on the Wells farm near Esserville, Virginia. Later in life, Irene attended First Baptist in Coeburn, Virginia and back to Park Avenue Baptist. She and her husband enjoyed watching Reverend Charles Stanley and David Jeremiah. Irene and her husband faithfully supported their son in his Young Life mission towards rural teenagers.

Irene was particularly fond of Joni Eareckson Tada's life mission.

If you would like to donate you may:<https://joniandfriends.org> You may also contribute to your local outdoors education area such as:<https://www.boxerwood.org/> Another possibility is this reading program:<https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/> Or go plant something, read a great book, write down a recipe, listen to a bird sweetly singing or crack a silly joke.

The family of Irene Wells will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February, 13 2026, at Holding Funeral Home, in Big Stone Gap, VA. (17 E. 3rd St. N. Big Stone Gap)

Funeral Services will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February, 13, 2026, in the chapel of Holding Funeral Home, in Big Stone Gap, VA. with David Allen

Wells officiating, Special Music will be provided by Rebecca Renee Wells.

Her burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 14, 2026, at the Wells Family Cemetery in Wise, VA. Family and friends will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Holding Funeral Home to follow in procession.

Pallbearers will be David Allen Wells, Stephen Marcum Wells, Asher Roscoe Wells, Shannon Brickey

Holding Funeral Home of Big Stone is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **13**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Pam and family I am so sorry for the loss. I know it has been a trying time for your family. My prayers be with you.



Lena Dean - April 01 at 06:49 AM

JM

“ My heart breaks again. The kindest, sweetest and most beautiful person. I hold so many beautiful memories dear to my heart and I know she is reunited with her beloved husband in heaven. I love you, until I see you again.

Justine Melnyk - February 12 at 07:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene June Marcum Wells.



February 12 at 06:59 PM

AW

“ Becky, I am so sorry for your recent losses. Remembering you and the family in prayer.

Angie Stone Ward



Angie Ward - February 03 at 07:03 AM

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“ *Don Wallace lit a candle in memory of Irene  
June Marcum Wells*



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**Don Wallace** - February 01 at 09:26 PM