



Irene Wesa Lewis

March 19, 2010

Irene Wesa Lewis, 88, died Friday, March 19, 2010, at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau. Mrs. Lewis was born Oct. 4, 1921, in Menahga, Minn., the daughter of William and Hilma Hilton Wesa. She grew up in the Finnish community of Hibbing, Minn., and attended the Finnish Lutheran Church. She graduated from Hibbing High School in 1939. After graduation from Hibbing Junior College, she moved to Washington, D.C., to work in the Pentagon for three years as a secretary in the War Department. While there she met her future husband, Coxswain Frank M. Lewis, whom she married Feb. 1, 1944, in Ventura, Calif. After the war ended, the couple lived in Conneaut, Ohio. In 1948, Irene and Frank Lewis with their daughter, Lynette, came to Cape Girardeau to join the family business of Wimpy's Inc. at 800 N. Kingshighway. Only one year later their newly-built house at 902 N. West End Blvd. was destroyed by the May 1949 tornado. Mrs. Lewis was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She was an active square dancer, swimmer and duplicate bridge player. Irene is survived by two daughters, Lynette Williamson of St. Louis, Kathleen Fishel of Gainesville, Fla.; a son, Duane Lewis of Southaven, Miss.; a sister, Frances Arndt of Hibbing; four grandchildren, Bryant Williamson of St. Louis, Alayna Nordstrom of West Kilbride, Scotland, Jenny Lane and Derrick Wesa Lewis, both of Southaven; four great-grandsons, Andrew and Cooper Lewis of Southaven, Eric Nordstrom of West Kilbride, Scotland, Charles Taylor Lane of Southaven. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Friends may call from

9 to 11 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2010 at Westminster Presbyterian Church.
The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2010 at the church, with the
Rev. Karen Dumey officiating. Burial will be in Cape Girardeau County
Memorial Park. Memorials to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Cape
Girardeau, are preferred.

Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Lynette, Kathy, Duane and families: May the wonderful memories you carry give you smiles in the days ahead. I always remember your mother with that great Finlander smile. Lynn, I am glad your prayers were answered that you could be by her side. I know that will always mean a great deal to you. Know that we are thinking of you and our prayers are with you. In this season may you keep in mind the blessings in store as we hear: "I know that my Redeemer lives what comfort this sweet message gives!" Jim, Phyllis, Jeff and Susan Hansen*

Phyllis Crites Hansen - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Sorry to hear of Irene's passing. We have fond memories when we were members of Westminster.*

Ron & Ann Poe Grebing - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *We so sorry for the loss of your mother. She is rejoicing in heaven.*

William and Phyllis Burkett - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My sympathy to all the Lewis family. Frank and Irene were dear friends of mine through the years and I am so lucky to have known both of them. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jane Cooper Stacy - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ I played bridge with Irene up until this last stay at the Lutheran Home, She was a lovely, intelligent woman, I am blessed to have known Irene and her husband who loved to be called Mr, wimpy at the Mo Veterans Home where I am the accountant, God bless the family. You were raised by strong parents that I assume is the reason for your interesting lives, I am sorry I will miss the service, but not as much as I will miss Irene, Lori Launhardt

Lori Launhardt - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ I played bridge with Irene up until this last stay at the Lutheran Home, She was a lovely, intelligent woman, I am blessed to have known Irene and her husband who loved to be called Mr, wimpy at the Mo Veterans Home where I am the accountant, God bless the family. You were raised by strong parents that I assume is the reason for your interesting lives, I am sorry I will miss the service, but not as much as I will miss Irene, Lori Launhardt

Lori - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Dear Lynette and family, I was glad I was able to talk with you last night. What a blessing to be able to be with your mother as she passed from this life into the next and into the arms of God. Please know I will be praying for you and your family as you celebrate your mother's life tomorrow and in the days to come. Love, Ellen

Ellen Busch - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Lewis family. Sorry that we are out of town and not able to spend time with you. My sympathy goes to each of you at the death of your mother. I have many good memories involving your family. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in knowing that your mother rests peacefully in the arms of our Lord and savior.

daphna fiehler - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Lynette and Family, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. We were just together in St. Charles on Tuesday and talked about my going to visit your mom on my June visit to Cape. Please know that I'll be thinking about you on Monday as you celebrate your mother's life. God bless you. With love and sympathy, Sheryl Buss

Sheryl Buss - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM