



## Irene Carol Shimp

December 23, 1940 - June 28, 2023

Irene Carol Shimp age 82 of Gilbert, AZ, and newly of Kankakee, passed away June 28, 2023, at Riverside Miller Healthcare, Kankakee. Irene was born on December 23, 1940, in Great Falls, MT, the daughter of Archie W. and Leona (Campbell) Armstrong. She married Roger D. Shimp in Reno, NV on November 28, 1980.

Irene was a cosmetologist and owned her own Beauty Shop for many years. She enjoyed horseback riding and attending the Arizona Diamondbacks games . She competed in barrel racing at rodeos winning several awards . After retirement she boarded horses, dogs and cats at her home . Irene was a skilled operator of a scroll saw which she used making crafts. She enjoyed traveling the world. Irene was an adventurous woman and knew no stranger . Surviving is her husband, Roger of Gilbert, AZ, and Kankakee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark Alan (Belem) Shimp Sr. of Orlando, FL, Michael Dean (Jean) Shimp of Titusville, FL; one brother and sister-in-law, John (Patty) Armstrong of Helena, MT; four grandchildren, Brianne Leona (Justin) Clark, Joshua Cabe (Kelly) Smith, Mark Alan Shimp Jr., Iann Alexander Shimp, and three great grandchildren, Savannah and Jackson Clark, and Ronan Smith. Irene is preceded in death by her parents; one daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly Ann and Dominic Douglas Smith; and one brother, Archie D. Armstrong .

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Inurnment will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, at a

later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee.

# Cemetery Details

## **Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery**

20953 W. Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421  
(815) 423-9958  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ Roger, so sorry for your loss. Irene was a sweet lady. Your memories of all the good times will last forever and keep her alive in your heart.

*Pete & Camille Senese*

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**Pete Senese** - August 01, 2023 at 02:25 PM

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“ Roger,  
We have known you and Irene for over 40 years and are so deeply sorry for your loss. From Reno to Arizona we have enjoyed good times together. Elaine said that Irene had the ability to gaze at you and make you feel better. She was a strong, determined loving woman and will be missed. Tony and Elaine Stramaglia

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**Tony and Elaine Stramaglia** - July 24, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ A grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Irene Carol Shimp.

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July 04, 2023 at 11:22 AM

CS

“ Roger, I had missed you both for some time. Sending my warmers feelings for Irene, a very special person. Thanks for all you did for GCPAAA. Charlotte

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**Charlotte Sharp** - July 02, 2023 at 01:05 PM

MS

“ I Irene married our father when I was 15 years old. We spent many many years as mother and son, with all the good and bad that goes along with it. She was strong, feisty, and stubborn, in such a way that helped her live through many things that would have Overcome a weaker person.

One thing not mentioned was that in her early days she was a dancer, a Latin dancer. I have spent the past 33 years as a ballroom, Latin, swing dancer, myself, some thing we shared in common.

What was mentioned was her mastery of the scroll saw. Of the mini beautiful pieces of art that she made for me, this one is by far my favorite and currently hangs in our office in Florida.

RIP, Irene, and give them heck up there.



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**Michael Shimp** - June 30, 2023 at 11:13 AM

JL

I met Irene volunteering for the Gilbert Police Department. She was a very special person and will be missed ❤️

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**Janet Latour** - July 01, 2023 at 10:56 PM

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“ I will miss our little talks and card games we had every time you came to visit grandma. I know you two are having the best chats right now in heaven. I'll miss you but will hold you in my heart always 💕💕



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**Barbara Lancaster** - June 30, 2023 at 10:19 AM