



Erma H. Jirinec

September 4, 1917 - April 27, 2021

Erma, a second pandemic survivor, went to her "Great Reward" on April 27, 2021. She was born on September 4, 1917, to Louie and Zoe Hooker in New Washington, Indiana. She was the fourth child in the family, born two weeks after the death of her sister Elsie, who died of tetanus. Erma was raised on a small farm with a brother and three sisters. She graduated from New Washington High School in 1935 and from Bryant Stratton Business College in Louisville, Kentucky. While living in Louisville becoming an independent woman, she met Art Jirinec, a young service man stationed at Fort Knox. They met at a dance sponsored by the Y. Art was from Toledo, Ohio. After a long distance engagement, they married Dec. 18, 1943. Art was serving his country in the Battle of the Bulge as a body guard for the Captain. Erma worked as an ammunitions inspector for the government. After WWII, Art came back to southern Indiana to bring his bride to their home in Toledo. They moved into their house on Walbridge Avenue Dec. 12, 1945. Later, they would have two daughters, Linda and Sally. Erma was a stay at home mom who loved being a wife, mother, and homemaker. Their home was surrounded by Art's family and she took care of everyone. She was very active at Peace Lutheran Church for her entire married life and raised the girls to be children of God. Art died at the age of 63 in 1979. Erma transferred her church membership to St. John's Lutheran Church after Peace closed. She lived for her family, enjoying trips to Las Vegas to visit Linda, Jack and Jessie. Always loved her visit home to see her siblings in Indiana.

Erma was a widow for nearly 42 years, enjoying every day baking her popular pies, cookies and cakes for family and reading to grandchildren.

She lived on Walbridge Ave. for 70 years. After a fall, she moved to her daughter and son-in-law's home near Waterville until 2018 when she was admitted to the hospital and then to Bowling Green Manor. Erma was in quarantine for a year before Sally was able to come into her room due to the covid outbreak. She survived covid.

Erma was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Joe Hooker; sisters, Violet Armand, Elsie Hooker, Crystal Wilson, Doris Neal; husband, Arthur Jirinec; son-in-law, Jack Fink and daughter, Linda Fink.

She is survived by daughter, Sally (David) Bennett; grandchildren, David (Emily) Bennett II, Julie Bennett Lowry, Jessica Fink, Michael (Katherine) Bennett, and Andrew (Katherine) Bennett; nine great grandchildren, Katie and Ally Lowry, Clare, Raquel and Daniel Bennett, Violet and Lianna Bennett and Charlie and Samuel Bennett, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Thanks and appreciation goes to the staff of Bowling Green Manor and Hospice of NW Ohio, for their love, care and concern for Erma and her family. Too many wonderful people to mention. Also, many thanks to Pastor Daniel Mohr and Pastor Daryl Hanson for their visits and prayers.

Visitation will be Saturday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. Funeral services will follow at noon. Burial will be at Toledo Memorial Park. Memorials would be welcomed at St. John's Lutheran Church, 708 S. Erie St. Toledo, Ohio or Disabled American Veterans. Please leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Rd.
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

MAY 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Sally,

How saddened I was to read of your wonderful mother's passing. She was always one of my favorite patients to see when I worked at Dr Forche's office. The younger photo of her bears such a striking resemblance to you! I will say a prayer for your family and will always smile when I think of Erma. She was one of the good ones! God Bless!

Debbie Drago

Debbie Drago - May 18, 2021 at 12:03 AM

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“ Dear Sally, Dave, and family -

I am with you in Spirit today, praying for you, shedding some tears, and sending hugs from afar. Thank you for this video tribute. So many beautiful faces in the photos! What a joy to see Erma's strong and loving presence in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

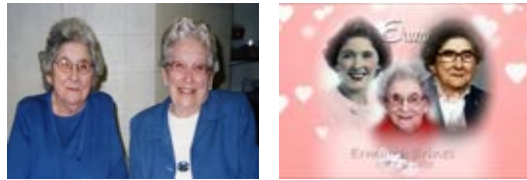
It's tough to let go of someone who's been there your entire life, praying for you and caring for you. But as we all know, there's no swaying Erma when she sets her mind to something. Her mind has been set on our good Lord since before I knew her. She helped shape my love for Him and for those around me. I hope God lets me be her neighbor again, in eternity.

With much love, Cecelia

Cecelia Notess - May 08, 2021 at 10:54 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - May 06, 2021 at 06:56 PM

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“ Clearly one of our favorites. She was always so good to our family, sending \$5 to our boys on their birthdays long after the time we left Toledo. A fiercely independent woman, she gave much to her community, her family, and her church. Resistant to change sometimes, she still adapted to the change that came her way, at least in the church. What a great gift she was!

Bill Uetrict - May 06, 2021 at 09:47 AM

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Erma was my next door neighbor during the years I was raising my family. She always set a good example of kindness & Christian values. She shared the bounty of her garden ,baking, & common sense. I still have not tasted a rhubarb pie as good as Erma's. God Bless.

Pat Dunlap - May 07, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Signature Heritage Pail was purchased for the family of Erma H. Jirinec.



May 01, 2021 at 04:41 PM