



Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber

July 16, 1936 - October 29, 2025

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Irene was born in Anita, Pennsylvania on July 16, 1936. She is the daughter of Michael Krucelyak and Mary Pongrance Kruceylak. She is predeceased by her beloved husband of sixty-seven years, John L. Ferber and her son John Louis Ferber, Jr.

Mrs. Ferber was raised in Southeast Washington, DC and resided in College Park, Maryland from 1962 until moving to Centreville, Maryland in 2006. She also spent many happy days at their home in Valley Lee, Maryland.

Irene graduated from Anacostia High School in 1954 where she was the class Treasurer. She worked briefly for the Navy before she chose to make a full-time career devoted to parenting her four children, who were the center of her universe throughout her life. She was a member of the Woman's Club of College Park and a Brownie Troop leader.

She returned to work at NASA Goddard in Greenbelt, Maryland where she provided administrative support for the Hubble Space Telescope program. Mrs. Ferber was also an Avon sales representative for over fifty years, making and maintaining friendships with many of her clients.

Irene loved to travel and was an avid card player. She was very devoted to a special group of friends with whom she played bridge and “May I” for many years. She liked to win and often did! Irene was also an amazing cook, loved to entertain and was a gracious hostess. She especially enjoyed gathering with family and friends for crab feasts and holiday meals.

She was a quiet force whose fierce love for her family is a loss that will be felt by many.

She is survived by her daughter Kathy Magruder Beauchamp (husband Jim), son Ken Ferber (wife Dolores), daughter Julie Walker (husband David), son Mark Ferber (wife Shanti), nine grandchildren including: Grace Magruder, Mack Magruder (wife Krystle), Jon O’Neill (wife Maggie), Donny Bayse, Ashley Neimiller (husband Jeremy), Nick Ferber, Lily Walker, Ella and Luc Ferber; along with seven great grandchildren including: Hudson, Camden, Hunter and Callie O’Neill as well as Colson Golanoski, Rip and Truett Neimiller. She was “Aunt Irene” to numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory/honor to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617 <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E354255&id=2>

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Funeral Mass

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
301 Homewood Avenue
Centreville, MD 21617

Graveside Service

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. George's Cemetery
19199 St. George's Church Road
Valley Lee, MD 20692

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 06, 2025 at 08:15 AM

VS

A beautiful tribute to two of my high school classmates and dear friends.

Virginia (Curran) Saalman - January 12 at 12:40 AM

HI

“ *Home I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.*

Home I. - November 10, 2025 at 02:13 PM

CI

“ *Cynthia I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.*

Cynthia I. - November 06, 2025 at 03:02 PM

AB

“ Angie and Chuck Buellis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.

Angie and Chuck Buellis - November 05, 2025 at 06:59 PM

AB

“ Angie and Chuck Buellis purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.



Angie and Chuck Buellis - November 05, 2025 at 06:59 PM

YF

“ Your IRS Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.



Your IRS Family - November 04, 2025 at 02:39 PM

LT

“ Linh Tang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.

Linh Tang - November 03, 2025 at 05:35 PM

LT

“ *Linh Tang purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.*



Linh Tang - November 03, 2025 at 05:35 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 03, 2025 at 10:05 AM

GP

Kathy: so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She and your dad are together again. Prayers and blessings to your family at this time. God bless. Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 03, 2025 at 10:07 AM

JY

“ *Jan Yockey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.*



Jan Yockey - November 03, 2025 at 09:07 AM

JY

“ Jan Yockey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.

Jan Yockey - November 03, 2025 at 09:07 AM

TF

“ The Luc Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.



The Luc Family - November 02, 2025 at 04:55 PM

GS

“ Irene and Jay and I were classmates at Anacostia and both dear friends. My sincere sympathies to the family,

Ginny Curran Saalman - October 31, 2025 at 07:54 PM

BF

“ Blesson, Shyni and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Irene Martha Krucelyak Ferber.



Blesson, Shyni and Family - October 31, 2025 at 05:12 PM