



## Irene Gurka

September 8, 1923 - December 16, 2023

Irene Gurka, nee Myshak, died December 16, at Hospice House in Easton, MD. Her husband, Samuel Gurka, preceded her in death.

Born and raised in Jermyn, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Antosh Pash Myshak. She was a member of St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Jermyn, as well as a founding member of St. Thekla Orthodox Church, Easton, Maryland.

Irene celebrated her 100th birthday in September where she was surrounded by family and friends. Baking and quilting were two of her passions. Up until the last few weeks she was still baking cookies.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia and husband, Kenneth Rogers, Easton; and Sandra and husband, Mark Cassoni, Deerfield Beach, Florida; three grandsons, Paul and wife, Allison Rogers; Michael Cassoni and Matthew Cassoni; four great-grandchildren, Samuel and David Rogers, Lydia and Matthew Periconi.

She is also survived by her brother, Stephen Myshak, Jermyn, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Irene was also preceded in death by her grandson, Edward Rogers; two brothers, John and Paul Myshak; four sisters, Mary Myshak, Anna Mikowich, Dorothy Petorak, and Fanny Gazella.

The family would like to thank Talbot Hospice and the care givers at Hospice House for the comfort and care they provided to Irene and our entire family. Friends may call at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam funeral home in Easton on Wednesday 5 to 7 PM. A memorial service will be held at 6:30. The funeral service will be Thursday, December 21 at 10:00 AM at St. Thekla Orthodox Church, Easton, with the Very Rev. John Monto officiating. A panikhida will be held on Thursday, December 28 at 11:00 AM at St. Tikhon's Monastery Church, Waymart, PA, with the Rev. John Black officiating. Interment will follow at St. Tikhon's Monastery Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Irene's memory to St. Thekla Orthodox Church, PO Box 624, Easton, MD 21061.

# Cemetery Details

## The Monastery of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk

175 St. Tikhons Road  
Waymart, PA 18472

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home  
200 S. Harrison Street  
EASTON  
EASTON, MD 21601

## Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thekla Orthodox Church  
6099 Ocean Gateway  
Easton, MD 21601  
easternshoreorthodoxy@gmail.com  
[http:// StThekla.org](http://StThekla.org)

## Graveside Service

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DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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175 St. Tikhons Road  
Waymart, PA 18472

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Irene Gurka.*



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December 20, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ *The Myshak Family (Justin, Atsuko, Shou) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Gurka.*

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**The Myshak Family (Justin, Atsuko, Shou)** - December 20, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Irene Gurka.*



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December 19, 2023 at 09:02 AM