



## Iva L Woyke

September 13, 1918 - November 4, 2020

Iva Ingrid Cecilia Woyke (maiden name, Lundgren) was born on Friday, September 13, 1918, in Östersund, Sweden. In 1932, she traveled by ship from Sweden to the Port of New York to be reunited with her mother Elna Lundgren (born Ohlsson). Upon her arrival at the age of 14, Iva lived in a boarding house with her mother and her stepfather Neils Norin in a small town in Sheepshead Bay. It was there that she met Elsy Woyke, who became a lifelong friend and later a sister-in-law. Elsy introduced Iva to her brother Charles Otto Woyke whom she later married.

As a young woman, Iva worked as a seamstress for Bloomingdale's in New York City, and Charles was a shipbuilder at the Naval Yard. Afterward, when Charles and Iva were married, they moved to Valley Stream, LI, where her children Glen and Gail were born. Iva, a devoted Christian, was very active in the church and remained so throughout her life.

Soon after, Charles and Iva started a business building houses, so the family moved somewhat regularly post-build. Their first move as a family was to Centerport, Long Island, where they began to build and sell homes. Iva was in charge of the sales, and Charles was the architect and builder. Throughout this, Iva remained very active in Centerport Methodist Church and still had time to be a girl scout leader. She continued to sew and craft and regularly gave lessons to others in the community. They remained in Centerport

until 1968, when they sold their house and moved to Smyrna, Delaware.

After the move, Iva started to play tennis in her 50's, which became a lifelong passion, both playing and spectating. In Smyrna, Iva opened a gift shop business with European delicacies on Rt. 13, Delaware's main highway. Also, she volunteered at the home and hospital for the chronically ill and was a member of Ewell St. Paul Church while a part of this community.

The family moved again, this time to Chestertown, MD. Iva continued to play tennis and added senior exercise, aerobic classes, and craft lessons to her activity list. Again she was very active in her church, the First Church of Chestertown. Iva made one final nearby move to Tolchester Heights. She continued to play tennis until she was 95 and enjoyed every moment of it. Her most recent church was Wesley Chapel in Rock Hall, MD.

Iva is survived by her son, Glen Woyke; her daughter, Gail Hill; five grandchildren, Brent Woyke, Eli Woyke, Samuel Hill, Adam Hill, Abigail Phillips; and five additional great-grandchildren Sage Hill, Ripley Hill, Alex Hill, Nathaniel Hill, and Samantha Hill.

In her later years, Iva got an itch for travel. Her first significant trip was with Elsy on a cross-continent trip to Canada and by train to Alaska. In Alaska, they toured by ship up the entire coast. This trip was one of her favorites. A few years later, she traveled with her son, Glen, to San Diego and was in awe of the zoo.

At the age of 90, she decided to return to her roots with her daughter Gail. She had put this trip off many times before for fear that her memories would be changed when she saw it again. This fear proved wrong; the only difference she could recall was that the country had somehow become all uphill. They traveled by train from Malmö to Stockholm. In her hometown of

Östersund, she found her grandfather's house and workplace still intact. Iva's father, Bengt Karl Lundgren, had died of the Spanish flu when she was very young, so she made a special visit to his gravesite in a beautiful park on the southern coast. It was a wonderful memory. From there, she went to Norway to see a glacier and travel the fjords.

At 92, she traveled to Hawaii, which was on her bucket list of places to see. Three islands were visited, O'ahu, Maui, and Kauai. At 95, she wanted another trip. This time, she traveled up the Mississippi from New Orleans to Memphis. She enjoyed the history of the area and the mint juleps. The next trip was back to Europe, where she traveled from Amsterdam to Budapest. There she saw castles, churches, monasteries, and many vineyards along the way. It was a beautiful trip.

Costa Rica was her final major travel destination. At 97, she experienced jungle cruises, the sky forest, where she wanted to do a zip line, witnessed volcanoes, and the beautiful Pacific Coast. Once again, at 100, she traveled back to Costa Rica for her granddaughter Abigail's wedding to Chris Phillips. Iva beheld many beautiful trips.

Iva's life was full of family, love, faith, and adventure. Her life was long, 102 years in total, and a blessed one. Those who knew her were unquestionably grateful for having known her.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam  
130 Speer Rd  
Chestertown , MD 21620

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Iva L Woyke*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 13, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ *Iva L Woyke*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Iva L Woyke*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Iva L Woyke*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I was fortunate to have met Mrs Iva when she moved to the Chestertown area and was always in awe of her energy and passion for life. I loved hearing about her adventures! My deepest sympathy to her family.*



**Kerry Nagle** - November 25, 2020 at 06:37 PM

LW

“ *Linda Waal lit a candle in memory of Iva L Woyke*



Linda Waal - November 13, 2020 at 09:47 AM

LW

“ *Iva lead a good full life. May she rest in peace. Michael & Linda Waal*

Linda Waal - November 13, 2020 at 09:46 AM

JB

“ *Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Iva in person, I often heard Gail talk about how proud she was of her mother and how she continued to play tennis so late in her life. What a beautiful person!*

Jackie Book - November 11, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Iva L Woyke.*



November 11, 2020 at 11:58 AM

PG

“ *You will be missed Mrs Iva!!!*

Pastor Gary - November 09, 2020 at 10:50 AM

MJ

“ *Mark & Sandy Joiner lit a candle in memory of Iva L Woyke*



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**Mark & Sandy Joiner** - November 07, 2020 at 11:04 AM

MA

*Sorry to hear of Miss Iva's passing. What a great lady she was*

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**Mark** - November 07, 2020 at 11:05 AM

DE

“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Iva L Woyke*



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**Donna Hubbard Edwards** - November 06, 2020 at 06:34 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Iva L Woyke*



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**Jeanette Stubbs** - November 06, 2020 at 05:12 PM

GG

“ *What wonderful memories I have of playing tennis with you so many ago. You were an inspiration and a force to be reckoned with on court! My sincere condolences to Iva's friends, family and loved ones.*



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**Geri Garvin** - November 06, 2020 at 10:41 AM