



Verna Irene Gross

April 11, 1927 - March 8, 2025

Verna Irene (Czapf) Gross, age 97, passed away on Saturday, March 8, 2025 peacefully in Saline, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her soul mate and husband of nearly 60 years, Dorwin E. Gross, whom she met as a teenager at Hope Lutheran Church. Born April 11, 1927 in Dearborn, Michigan, Verna graduated from Fordson High School, and then worked as a model and fashion show commentator at the J. L. Hudson Department Store in Detroit, as well as a tour guide at Greenfield Village (The Henry Ford). She married Dorwin in 1955 and continued to live and raise her family in Dearborn. During retirement, she and Dorwin moved to Ann Arbor, spent winters in much loved Marco Island, Florida, and traveled the world extensively together. She enjoyed singing in choirs at church and Ford Motor Company, reading, gardening, and crafts including needlework. She lived a life of kindness, generosity, and volunteer service.

Survivors include her children John Gross of Saline, Michigan, Nancy (Ronald Fergle) Gross of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Paul (Rose) Gross of Westminster, Colorado; grandchildren Tyler (Meghan) Gross, Elliot, Sarah, Mallory (Alexander), Ian, Rhiannon (Eli), and Olivia; great-grandchildren Alexis, Grayson and Stephen; niece Jane Cameron, and cousins.

In addition to her husband Dorwin, she was preceded in death by her father Louis Czapf, mother Verna (Medos) Czapf, sister Ruth Cameron, daughter-in-law Lisa (Mailloux) Gross, and grandson Alexander.

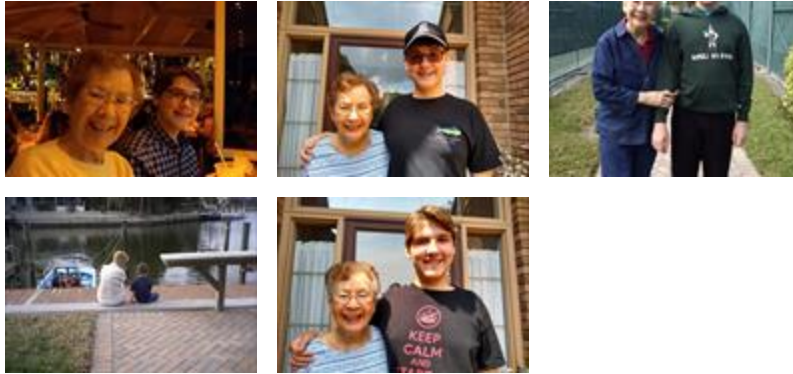
She will be remembered for her positive outlook, outgoing personality, caring

nature, and as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend. Per her wishes, no funeral or service will be held. To leave a memory you have of Verna or to sign her online guestbook please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

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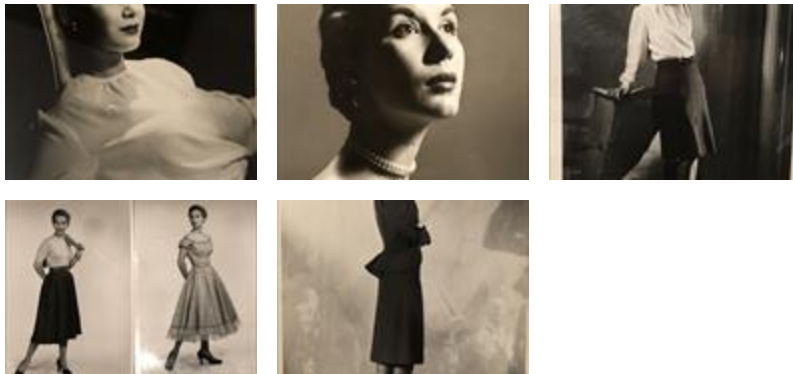
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“ When someone you love becomes just a memory, that memory becomes a treasure. As one of the last of "Irene's" cousins I have memories of her that go back over eighty years. What a HOOT! FYI, Verna Irene was always just "Irene" to all of us cousins, due to the fact that there were two Verna's in her home and calling out to one you sometimes got a reply from the other. It could get confusing, especially for us younger ones. And now my sister Lois Wheeler, nee Medos, and myself are all that's left of the cousins. Irene was always easy to love and admire, outgoing and pleasant to be around. Always smiling and seeming to be happy, a real joy to behold.

Just lately I enjoyed visiting with her at Story Point where we sometimes could call up old happenstances within the family lives. And sometimes we couldn't. But I'll really miss our chats anyway. May God bless her and love her, as we do.

"Cousin" Ross

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