



## Irene Elizabeth Degnen

October 30, 1920 - October 26, 2012

Irene E. Degnen, 91, of West Taghkanic, passed away Friday, October 26, 2012 after a short illness.

Born October 30, 1920 in Rockville Centre, New York, she was the daughter of the late Katherine (Smith) Reaves and Benjamin James Reaves.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Genevieve McClusky, formerly of Florida, her daughter-in-law, Nancy Degnen, and her brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Irma Degnen, formerly of Babylon, NY.

Irene is survived by her husband of 71 years, John R. Degnen, Sr. of West Taghkanic, four sons, John (Donna) R. Degnen, Jr. of West Coxsackie, Dennis (fiance, Lucy) Degnen of Ravena, Robert Degnen of Woodside, NY, and Gregory (Jodie) Degnen of Jupiter, Florida, and two daughters, Maureen (Wayne) Hiserodt of Ancramdale, NY, and Ann Marie Weber of Philmont, NY. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, her nephew, Charles McClusky of Gainesville, Florida, and his family, and wonderful caring neighbors and friends.

Irene loved being a wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker, whose home was always open to children for playing, meals, and overnite visits. Irene was proud of her heritage as a member of the Cherokee Mohegan Pequot Indian

Tribe. Irene enjoyed listening to the radio for current events and politics in the world.

Mostly Irene was grateful to God for the long and healthy life she was able to share with her husband and family.

Calling hours are 4-7 pm Sunday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 am Monday at St. Mary's Church in Hudson.

Burial will be in Cedar Park Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Irene. She was wonderful to talk to Got a few funny stories from her - always had a sense of humor! In Florida right now and couldn't make the calling hours but my thoughts are with all of you.

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**Pam fix** - October 30, 2012 at 03:54 PM

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“ Kathy Keyser lit a candle in memory of Irene  
*Elizabeth Degnen*



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**kathy keyser** - October 29, 2012 at 03:55 PM

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“ Maureen, My deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
*Jane Dwy*

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**Jane Dwy** - October 27, 2012 at 02:32 PM