



Irene Viebrock

October 1, 1934 - February 19, 2025

Irene Viebrock (nee Bauer) - 90, of Claverack and long-time resident of Columbia County, died peacefully at home Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Irene was the daughter of Helene (Milchert) and Adolf Bauer, who predeceased her. Irene was German born in Kaunas, Lithuania on October 1, 1934. Her childhood was disrupted as she and her family were victims of the Hitler regime, and constantly relocated at the regime's will. In the early 1940's, they were forced to flee Eastern Prussia due to the Russian invasion (her father was killed in the war and remains unaccounted for); their train could not stop and they would remain on the train until it's final stop in the Schleswig-Holstein region of Germany. There they found respite from the war; and while housing, food, drink, and clothing were scarce, they found refuge there until they were able to emigrate to the United States in 1951. They arrived in New York City on Veteran's Day, November 11, 1951.

Irene and her mother worked at the local fabric mills in Philmont. She married her soulmate, John H. Viebrock, September 11, 1954. She is predeceased by her husband, and her brother Reinhold Bauer.

Irene raised a family and was heavily involved in the daily operation of their family business, John H. Viebrock, Excavating. Volunteerism was very important to her. She was an active member of the Hospital Auxiliary and spent many years volunteering at The Second Show in Hudson. She was

'homeroom mother' at Ockawamick Central School for her children. Most important were the volunteer efforts at her church, St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hudson. This was her community of faith, participating in the 'Ladies Aide', women dedicated to the missions of the local church and beyond, as well as worship and Bible studies.

Irene is survived by her son Richard (daughter-in-law Cheryl) of Claverack, daughter Helen Viebrock Hamel of Claverack, grandchildren Adam (Alison) Viebrock of Holly Springs, GA; Nathan (Courtney) Viebrock of Charlotte, NC; Kate (Travis) O'Neal of Roswell, GA; Samuel Keram of Claverack, and seven great grandchildren; also, a sister-in-law Kay Bauer (Ron) of Fernandino Beach, FL, and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hudson, NY.

A Rite of Christian Burial service will be held Saturday, March 1, 2:00 p.m., at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hudson. A time of visitation will take place prior to the funeral from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. at the church. Burial will take place in the spring.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Hudson, NY

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Hudson, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to Irene's family on the passing of a wonderful lady. I have known the family since my first year in Sunday School at S. Marks in the late 1950s. Rick and Helen were blessed with parents who instilled faith and caring. May God's love and peace be with you. Becky Meicht Siegel and family*



Becky Siegel - February 23, 2025 at 11:41 AM

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“ *God has welcomed a bright and loving angel. Irene will be missed by her family and her St. Marks family prayers to all of you. Becky (Meicht) Siegel.*



Becky siegel - February 22, 2025 at 10:01 AM