



## Irene Louise Kalnbach

November 24, 1929 - June 10, 2026

Irene Louise Kalnbach went to be with her Lord and Savior on June 10, 2026, at the age of 96. Irene was born to Rev. Irvin Marshall and Vesta Lorine (Emmons) Reed on November 24, 1929, in Adrian, Michigan.

She graduated from Lyons High School (Lyons, OH) in 1947 and then attended Bob Jones University and Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music.

Throughout her life she worked in the medical field and retired from Emma L. Bixby Hospital, Adrian, Michigan in 1994.

She married Herbert Kalnbach on July 21, 1950. They were married for 54 years until his death in 2004.

She attended Jasper Bible Church in Jasper, Michigan and Lakefield Community Chapel in McMillan, Michigan. Her current residence was with her daughter and son-in-law in Sand Creek, Michigan.

Her summer home was in the Upper Peninsula, McMillan, Michigan. Family and friends enjoyed gathering there where she shared her delicious and famous cinnamon rolls. Irene often passed down to her family the gifts of her talents in sewing and crocheting.

Along with her parents and husband, Irene was preceded in death by her seven siblings: Rex (Lynn) Reed, Rev. Howard (Shirley) Reed, James (Nancy) Reed, Eleanor (Jay) Walsh, Rev. Charles Reed, Maxine Carlson, and Harold (Erenia "Tetin") Reed. She is survived by her sister-in-law Ruth Reed and her brother-in-law Fred Carlson.

Irene is also survived by her children: Elaine Kalnbach, Nancy (Chuck) Cole, Steve (Judy) Kalnbach, Susie (Andy) Bill, Charlie (Vicky) Kalnbach, Andy (Natalie) Kalnbach, and Kathy Kalnbach.

She is also survived by 26 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren (all of whose names she lovingly kept on an ever-expanding list in a notebook) and numerous beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Irene will be sorely missed.

Her faithfulness, loyalty, and generosity were anchored in the Lord. He saved her through His death on the cross and glorious resurrection. He was her strength here in this life, and now He is her eternal home.

Irene's funeral will take place June 29, 2026, at Jasper Bible Church. There will be a visitation from 10 AM to 11 AM, with the funeral service starting at 11 AM. Pastor Greg Carlson will officiate. Inurnment will take place at East Lakefield Cemetery in McMillan, Michigan on July 1, 2026, at 10:30 AM with Rev. Randy Reed officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to Jasper Bible Church.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).



# Cemetery Details

## East Lakefield Cemetery

McMillan, MI

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jasper Bible Church  
8230 S. Adrian Highway  
Jasper, MI

## Funeral Service

JUN 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

JUL 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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