



Irene Valentine

May 4, 1944 - March 11, 2020

Elizabeth Irene Valentine, 75, of Cross City passed away surrounded by her loving husband and children March 11, 2020.

Mrs. Valentine was born May 4, 1944 in Branford, Florida to the late Adel and Elizabeth Holtzclaw. She retired after 40 years with the Dixie County School Board, as a bookkeeper. While there she always tried to get perfect audits, and helped form the first Parent Teacher Association and later the Dixie County Union. She was instrumental in getting girls softball at Dixie County High School and Volunteered as the Grey Lady at Dixie County School District in the 60's. Mrs. Valentine will always be remembered as trying to be a positive influence to everyone she encountered and that she did her best to help them. She was an active member at Lydia Baptist Church, where she served as a Sunday School Teacher and helped with Women's Missions until her health prohibited it. She had been a member of the Cross City Women's Club for several years. In her spare time, Mrs. Valentine enjoyed yardwork, gardening, scrapbooking, listening to gospel music, and spending time and meals with her family.

Mrs. Valentine is survived by the one and only love of her life for 62 years, her husband James Valentine, her sons Kevin James Valentine and Gregory William Valentine (Dawn) both of Cross City, her daughters Elizabeth Ann Palmer (Donald), Kimberly Sue Tucker (Omer), and Karen Jean Bannister

(Danny) all of Cross City, her brothers J.M. Holtzclaw of O'Brien, FL and Roger Holtzclaw of Brnaford, FL, her sister Jo Allie Downing of Cross City, 18 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her sisters Helen Matthews and Lorine Johnson, her grandson Kevin James Valentine, Jr., and her granddaughter Danille Bannister.

Funeral services for Mrs. Valentine will be held 3:00 PM Sunday, March 15, 2020 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with Rev. Cole Downing, Rev. Jarrett Thomas, and George Land officiating. Interment will follow in Cross City Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City, Florida 352-498-5400 and Chiefland, Florida 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Cross City Cemetery

127 SE 289 St
Cross City, FL 32628

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City
16984 SE Hwy 19
Cross City, FL 32628
(352) 498-5400

Service

MAR 15. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Irene Valentine

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Irene Valentine

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ Miss Irene, you are the glue the holds the family together and I know you children and hurting so much but your legacy is one to be proud of. You were my mother-in-law for 10 years and I love you very much!! You always knew what to say to make it all better good advice. You were funny, Kind, but mess with your children or God help them if they messed with the grandbabies! You will be greatly missed your like the Jackie Kennedy of Cross City! Take care of Kevin jr. till I get there!!

Susie Underwood - March 23, 2020 at 03:25 AM



“ Susie Underwood lit a candle in memory of Irene Valentine



Susie Underwood - March 23, 2020 at 03:16 AM

CP

“ *Cora Partin lit a candle in memory of Irene Valentine*



Cora partin - March 19, 2020 at 08:35 PM

SR

“ *Sonja Reed lit a candle in memory of Irene Valentine*



Sonja Reed - March 15, 2020 at 09:44 PM

PC

“ *So sad to hear this. Such a sweet lady. I remember after I came back to work after my first cancer, I saw her in the hallway at school and she stop me and ask how I was doing, as we were talking she told me about her coming back after her cancer, she told me she fell, said she slid one way and her wig went flying another way. LOL. Said she got up fast before some one could see her, she said unless the cameras were working then somebody got a good laugh. 💜*



Patty Cassidy - March 15, 2020 at 01:00 PM

CP

She was one of a kind .There will never another like her

Cora partin - March 19, 2020 at 08:39 PM