



## Irene Joanna Koc Speas

July 5, 1930 - June 2, 2018

### Obituary for Irene Speas

Irene Joanna Koc Speas, 87, of Greensboro, MD passed away on Saturday, June 02, 2018 at UMSMC at Easton. She was born on July 05, 1930 in Baltimore to the late John and Mary Steck Koc. Irene was a homemaker for your husband and children. She was preceded in death by her husband William H. Speas, Sr and son John Speas. She is survived by her daughter Shirley Marie Smith and husband William, son William H. Speas, Jr. and wife Annette both of Greensboro, sisters Jean Shepke of Rivera Beach and Helen Kowalewski of Rhodesdale, grandchildren Clara Lituski, Rene Wright, Joseph Wright, III, John Speas, Jr., Kyle Speas, and Emily Speas and great grandchildren Justin Jr., Cheyanne, Robert and Lilah. The visitation for Irene will be held 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursday, June 7th, 2018 at Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home, 106 W. Sunset Ave., Greensboro. A funeral Mass services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, June 8th, 2018 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 408 Central Avenue, Ridgely. Interment will follow at Greensboro Cemetery. Suggested donations in Irene's memory are to St. Jude Children's Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). To share memories or for more information visit [www.fleegleandhelfenbein.com](http://www.fleegleandhelfenbein.com)

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Greensboro Cemetery JUN**

311 N. Main Street

Greensboro, MD, 21639

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**Visitation**

06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home

106 W. Sunset Ave., Greensboro, MD, US, 21639

**JUN**

**8**

**Funeral Mass**

11:00AM

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St. Benedicts Catholic Church

408 Central Avenue/ PO Box 459, Ridgely, MD, US, 21660

# Comments

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“ Margaret Hall lit a candle in memory of Irene Joanna Koc Speas



Margaret Hall - June 08, 2018 at 12:08 AM

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“ Shirley, Billy and families, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dan Towers - June 07, 2018 at 05:01 PM

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“ Thanks to My Dear, Favorite, Precious, Aunt, my childhood was enchanting, whimsical and showered with so much love. My time with you and Uncle Bill at your water-front homes are what happy dreams are made of. My first memory was how my Aunt made learning fun by letting me learn my letters and numbers by using her rotary-phone. I still remember climbing up on the sofa to reach the phone to dial 844-1212 for time and WE6-1212 for the weather. I can also remember that I was so happy to find out that my Wonderful Aunt was also the Tooth-Fairy. When I was staying with my Aunt and my tooth fell out, she carefully helped me to wrap my tooth in a Kleenex tissue and put it under my pillow. I was determined to stay awake, at all, cost to catch the Tooth-Fairy in action. Later that night through my squinting eyes, I watched as my beautiful, Tooth-Fairy, Aunt slowly removed my wrapped tooth and replaced the tooth with a quarter which was a lot of money. I remember the first time she made my favorite breakfast, Golden-Rods. I loved to hear her sing, "How much is that doggie in the window". I remember her holding my hand as we walked to church on the old stone streets in the tropical paradise of Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. I enjoyed watching as my Aunt and Uncle showered the same love on their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Emily Dickinson wrote, "Who has not found heaven below Will fail from it above". Thank you My, Dear, Favorite, Precious, Aunt, for making my time on Earth a Heaven. I will always remember you with a happy-smile and so much Love in my heart. Bonnie

Bonnie - June 07, 2018 at 08:26 AM

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“ Sharon Dennis lit a candle in memory of Irene Joanna Koc Speas



**Sharon Dennis** - June 07, 2018 at 06:34 AM

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“ Aunt Porky wasn't only my Aunt but a second mom growing up. Many a time me and my brothers and sisters had spent with her and Uncle Bill. Springtime, wintertime anytime. Laurel Acres Lake Shore, Puerto Rico. Meals that were always homemade and served like at a restaurant, grace said at the table always and don't forget to be asked if you can be excused when leaving the table, manners were a big thing but love was everything with Aunt Porky always ready with the hugs and kisses. Her and Uncle Bill door was always open. They treated everyone that came like family. My youth was great do to the time that I had spent with them. My summers swimming in the creek and winters skating on the creek were the best. Stories read at night before bed. Never a television but who needed it. Even babysitting at times Shirley, Billy, or Johnny when they had an engagement to go to was a pleasure. Aunt Porky will be greatly missed along with Uncle Bill but they are together were they need to be in each other arms.

**Barbara Shepke Barnes** - June 07, 2018 at 05:10 AM

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“ I have so many memories of my Aunt Porky. It all began when I was a little girl. Uncle Bill would go away with the Military and I would stay with Aunt Porky. I loved staying with her because she would give me all the attention she had. My Mom was her big sister and had many of us children. So, when I wanted it to be just me, I would stay with Aunt Porky. She was the GREATEST in the World. She was like my Mini Mom. Aunt Porky would do so much for me. She knew I loved her homemade biscuits and would make them for me. I would watch her and she made it look so easy. She would make Golden Rods, homemade raisin bread, chocolate cookies, crab soup (my favorite). I would help her cook but eat more then I did helping her. Before Uncle Bill would leave we would go to the Commissary. I would sit in the front of the cart and they would fill up 2 baskets of food. Aunt Porky would buy 10 half gallons of milk. She would freeze most, but when she would take one out of the freezer she would put chocolate in it and make a chocolate milk slushy. Those where the best days for me. I can remember being little and she would pick me up and we would dance around the room. We would listen to the radio all day and sing all the songs. She would take me for little walks in Lake Shore. She would make me laugh because she would tickle me all the time, specially on my feet. I would sit on her little front steps and wait for the milk man. Aunt Porky would stand in the door way, when she saw him; she would tell me to run up and tell him to give me an ice cream sandwich. He would give me the ice cream sandwich and bring Aunt Porky the milk. I always thought I got the better deal. When Aunt Porky and Uncle Bill had Shirley, Little Bill and John Boy. I was the lucky one because now, I had a little sister and 2 little brothers, Life was good. Even though they were my cousins I thought of them like my little sister and little brothers. I always wanted to take after her. I even learned to drink my coffee with just cream in it just like she did. It was always nice to visit her because she always talked about old times. I could listen to her for hours. The last time I visited her I had asked her if she ever danced with Uncle Bill. She said "YES". When he was being shipped out; the song they danced to was "Fair Well My Soldier Until We Meet Again". She even sang the song to me. Aunt Porky was always there for me, and now my heart is broken because I miss her so. Love You Aunt Porky  
Your  
Roser (Wee)

Roser - June 07, 2018 at 01:02 AM

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“ 73 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home - June 06, 2018 at 10:37 AM

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“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Irene Joanna Koc Speas.



June 06, 2018 at 09:57 AM

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“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Irene Joanna Koc Speas.



June 05, 2018 at 10:29 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Irene Joanna Koc Speas.



June 05, 2018 at 09:32 PM

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“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene Joanna Koc Speas.



June 05, 2018 at 06:38 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Irene Joanna Koc Speas.



June 05, 2018 at 09:09 AM

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“ GES Kindergarten Teachers purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Irene Joanna Koc Speas.



**GES Kindergarten Teachers** - June 04, 2018 at 10:14 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irene Joanna Koc Speas.



June 04, 2018 at 07:36 AM

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“ God bless the family. Will always have fond memories of you, Aunt Porky. Love you.

**Michael Shepke** - June 03, 2018 at 01:51 PM