



## Irene Verlee Washburn

April 1, 1940 - December 29, 2016

Irene Verlee Washburn of St. James, Missouri passed away Thursday, December 29, 2016 peacefully at home surrounded by her family at the age of 76. Irene was born April 1, 1940 in St. Louis, Missouri, beloved daughter of Wayman and Blanche (Spurlin) Feeler.

Miss Irene Feeler married the one and only love of her life, Mr. Robert Washburn, this union was blessed with three children. Irene worked for California Manufacturing for many years as a sewing machine operator; after the factories all moved out she went to work as a cashier in the gas station and convenience stores; Irene enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and gardening. She always set out a big garden in the spring, getting out weeding and hoeing was never a job, she enjoyed the work that she put into the garden, most importantly she enjoyed reaping the harvest which she readily shared with family, friends, and neighbors; she worked endless hours freezing and canning what she could, she made jams, jellies, and applesauce for use in the winter months; she was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to all and will greatly missed.

Irene is survived by her children, Dawn Hawkins and husband Rob, of St. James, MO, and Recardo Washburn, of St. James, MO; sisters, Virginia Tucker and husband Richard, of St. James, MO, and Lorraine, of Texas; granddaughter, Brooke Hawkins, of Springfield, MO. In addition to her parents Irene was preceded in death by her husband Robert Washburn in 2008, and daughter Mitzie Cruse.

Funeral services for Irene Verlee Washburn will be Sunday, January 1, 2017 at 2:00PM at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel prior to the service form 1:00PM until service time.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**      01:00PM - 02:00PM

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James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James  
117 Seymour St., St. James, MO, US, 65559

**JAN**   **Service**                      02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I have such wonderful memories of Irene from the time I was little! I know how much she will be missed! I will be forever grateful to Irene and Ginny as well for how they took care of Grandma, such a blessing to our lives, we will always have Irene in our hearts! I know Mother and Uncle Elzie would be so proud of their Sisters! Our thoughts, prayers and blessings to Irene's family! Love to all!  
Linda Kay

Linda Kay Davisson - December 31, 2016 at 04:58 PM

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“ Aunt Irene taught me how to crochet. I would go to her house in St. James and the first thing she taught me was to crochet a border around a handkerchief. I never forgot what she taught me. Sallee Tucker Bonham

Sallee Bonham - December 31, 2016 at 03:04 PM

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“ Your Big Whiskey's Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Irene Verlee Washburn.



Your Big Whiskey's Family - December 30, 2016 at 01:00 PM