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Irene Finley Brecht, 88

Irene Finley Brecht, 88, of Cedar Rapids, died Sunday evening, Oct. 21, 2012, at Living Center East. Funeral mass was held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, at Saint Ludmila Catholic Church by Father Dennis Juhl. Burial was at Saint Patrick's Cemetery, Fairfax. Irene's wishes were to be cremated.

Irene is survived by her son, Mike Brecht and wife, Judy, Cedar Rapids; two stepchildren, Ray Brecht and wife, Bonnie, Cedar Rapids, and Betty Vondracek and husband, Larry, Fairfax; one very special grandson, Scott Timothy Brecht; six special step grandchildren, Kevin (Joan) Vondracek, Keely (Dan) Nemecek, Kyle Vondracek, Sharon (Pat) Stepanek, Sandra (Mark) Lafferty and Susan (Kevin) Rigdon; and thirteen step great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; her parents; sisters, Betty Jean Finley and Margaret Pawlak; and a brother, Bob Finley.

Irene was born May 24, 1924 in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Jess and Odessa (Ellerman) Finley. She lived her early years in Brooklyn, and graduated from high school in 1942. Irene moved to Cedar Rapids in 1942 and married Harold Brecht on April 16, 1955. He died on March 8, 1984. Irene had worked at McKesson Robbins, Cryovac and prior to her retirement in 2000, she had worked at Pratt Audio Visual for 34 years.

Irene's family was her most important joy and she would thank them all for the love she received from them. Especially the joy her grandson, Scott gave to her.

Memorial contributions may be given to Saint Ludmila Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.papich-kubafs.com under "obituaries."